



ORDER OF SERVICE

23RD MARCH 2025

LENT 3

FIG TREE

WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ON THE TERRACE

Wherever you are on your faith journey, wherever you have come from and wherever you are going to, whatever you believe, whatever you do not believe, you are welcome here.

We recognise that being inclusive is an ongoing journey and we are continuing to learn. We are committed to challenging discrimination within the church and wider society.

Please join in the congregational responses printed in ***bold italics***.

Please stand if you are able, for the hymns and the offering prayer.

We usually sing the hymns without announcement.

Please note your nearest fire exit. The church and hall have been earthquake strengthened.

In an earthquake: drop, cover and hold.

Today's service is led by Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

PRELUDE

Christ, who is my life

Variations 9 & 7

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come one, come all on this Lenten Sunday,

Still us for a moment in time in this sacred place.

Open our hearts and minds to receive the fullness of God's spirit and love.

May this time continue to prepare us for the rest of the Lenten journey as we walk with Jesus towards the cross.

Amen.

SILENCE

OPENING RESPONSES

In Lent we are on this journey

To follow the Way of Jesus.

We move purposefully to accompany him

and follow the Way of Jesus.

We share stories and ask questions

as we follow the Way of Jesus.

With every story and every question

The Way of Jesus becomes clearer.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

AA113 'Our life has its seasons'

Words © Shirley Erena Murray Music © Colin Gibson

1. Our life has its seasons, and God has the reasons
why spring follows winter, and new leaves grow,
for there's a connection with our resurrection
that flowers will bud after frost and snow,
*so there's never a time to stop believing,
there's never a time for hope to die,
there's never a time to stop loving,
these three things go on.*
2. But there's a time to be planting, a time to be plucking,
a time to be laughing, a time to weep,
a time to be building, a time to be breaking,
a time to be waking, a time to sleep,
so there's never a time to stop believing.....
3. There's a time to be hurting, a time to be healing,
a time to be saving, a time to spend,
a time to be grieving, a time to be dancing,
a time for beginning, a time to end.
so there's never a time to stop believing.....

WELCOME

E te whānau a Te Karaiti,
ngā mihi aroha ki a tātou katoa.

Kia ora tātou.

Ou te faatalofa atu i le Suafa o Iesu Keriso

Talofa lava, we too greet you in the name of Jesus Christ

A special welcome to those who are visiting us. Please join us for morning tea in the Hall after church

OPENING PRAYER

We come with our abundance to share.

We also come with what little we have.

Still us in this time that we may reflect on a man who loves justice, has mercy
and walks humbly with his God,
wanting us to do the same. Amen.

JESUS' PRAYER

Jim Cotter paraphrase

Eternal Spirit

*Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Love-Maker,
source of all that is and that shall be,*

Father and Mother of us all,

loving God, in whom is heaven:

the hallowing of your name

echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed

by the peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done

by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom

sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test,

strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory

of the power that is love, now and forever.

Amen.

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW CANDLE

We light the rainbow candle as a sign of our inclusivity and for our children.

FAMILY TIME

Rosemary Lawrence

BLESSING THE CHILDREN

We send you to the Rainbow Room to hear stories, ask questions and have fun together. ***We bless you. Amen.***

PASSING THE PEACE

Our practice is to pass the peace, the rangimarie, with or without shaking hands, and say "Peace be with you."

Hebrew Bible

Isaiah 55:1-9

Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

Contemporary

from 'The Bell Jar' by Sylvia Plath

I saw my life branching out before me like the green fig tree in the story. From the tip of every branch, like a fat purple fig, a wonderful future beckoned and winked. One fig was a husband and a happy home and children, and another fig was a famous poet and another fig was a brilliant professor, and another fig was Ee Gee, the amazing editor, and another fig was Europe and Africa and South America, and another fig was Constantine and Socrates and Attila and a pack of other lovers with queer names and offbeat professions, and another fig was an Olympic lady crew champion, and beyond and above these figs were many more figs I couldn't quite make out. I saw myself sitting in the crotch of this fig tree, starving to death, just because I couldn't make up my mind which of the figs I would choose. I wanted each and every one of them, but choosing one meant losing all the rest, and, as I sat there, unable to decide, the figs began to wrinkle and go black, and, one by one, they plopped to the ground at my feet.

RESPONSE

For the Word in scripture and music,
for the Word among us,
for the Word within us,
we give thanks.

HYMN FOR LENT

HIOS 8 “Autumn comes in all its fullness”

Words: & Music: © Bill Wallace arr. Barry Brinson

1. Autumn comes in all its fullness
harvesting both land and hearts.
Autumn has its birth in winter
in the stillness where life starts.

Refrain

*Every death brings hopes of birthing,
every birth enfolds life's end,
for the seasons of our living
mirror patterns nature penned.*

2. Autumn gives us time for choosing
seeds which bear the richest fruits,
fragile life which we can nurture
into vain or just pursuits.

Refrain

3. Buried in autumnal endings
lies the shoot that bursts the tomb,
for the letting go in autumn
sows the seed that births the bloom.

Refrain

REFLECTION

“Second Chances”

Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

Christ, who is my life
Variations 3, 4 & 5
Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

1. Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there is hatred let me bring your love;
where there is injury your pardon;
and where there's doubt true faith in you.

Refrain

*Please grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand
to be loved as to love with all my soul.*

2. Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there's despair in life let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

Refrain

*Please grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand
to be loved as to love with all my soul.*

3. Make me a channel of your peace.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Refrain

*Please grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand
to be loved as to love with all my soul.*

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Christ, who is my life
Variations 10 & 12
Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

OFFERING HYMN

AA 62 'Here we bring' verse 1

Words: © Shirley Murray Music: © Colin Gibson

Here we bring, small or great,
gifts to offer on this plate;
what we've earned, what we own,
tithe or token, bread or stone.
Jesus said, "Have a care -your hearts will always be
where your riches are, where your riches are".

OFFERING PRAYER

We give because we were first gifted with love and this world. We give
because this church needs to flourish. We give food because others have little.
May these gifts find their purposes. So may it be, Amen.

*We recognise and bless the gifts brought to the table, and those which wing their way
electronically from our banks to the church's account*

LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY OF ST ANDREW'S

People share notices and visitors are welcomed. If you have a notice, please
move to the front row, ready to speak briefly from the lectern.
For the benefit of newcomers, please introduce yourself before you begin.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Anna Smith

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of the Portugal and we pray for the Evangelical
Presbyterian Church of Portugal. We hold all refugees in our hearts - all those
who have had to flee their homes because of natural disaster, oppression,
violence or war. We give thanks that we in Aotearoa New Zealand are able to
offer a small number of refugees the opportunity to settle in our country. We
remember those in Parliament of this country and today we name Megan
Woods (Wigram) and Lawrence Xu-Nan (List). Here in the Central Presbytery we
pray for the leaders and people of Masterton - Crossway Church.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

*Bless your people, God,
and renew our life in this place.
Refresh us with a spirit of love and respect
for all who follow the Jesus Way,
for those whose pathways differ from our own,
and for care of the Earth and its creatures.*

*Bless the cities in which we live
that they may be places
where honest dealing,
good government,
the desire for beauty,
and the care for others flourish.*

*Bless this church
that what we know of your will
may become what we do,
and what we believe
the strong impulse
of our worship and work.
Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN

CH4 530 "One more step along the world I go"

Words: Sydney Carter Tune: SOUTHCOTE arr. by Lionel Dakers

1. One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go;
from the old things to the new
keep me travelling along with you:
*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.*
2. Round the corner of the world I turn,
more and more about the world I learn;
all the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me
And it's from the old.....

3. Give me courage when the world is rough,
keep me loving though the world is tough;
leap and sing in all I do,
keep me travelling along with you:
And it's from the old....

4. You are older than the world can be,
you are younger than the life in me;
ever old and ever new,
keep me travelling along with you:
And it's from the old....

BLESSING

We go now into God's world, with love

and we are sure the God of Love is already there!

E aroha me tumanako me te rangimarie tatou tatou e

May love, hope and peacefulness be with us all

Amen

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

**Dorian Toccata
Johann Jakob Froberger (1616-1667)**

THANK YOU

to our musician today
Bruce Cash

ST ANDREW'S ON THE TERRACE WELCOMES ALL VISITORS

Please sign the visitors' book at the back of the church.

We hope you enjoyed worshipping with us. At St Andrew's we want you to feel at home—to join in with the activities of our community of faith, or to come and find your own spiritual place in your own time. If you would like more information about St Andrew's or to explore becoming a member or associate member, please fill in one of the welcome leaflets (at the back of the church) and hand it to a minister or a welcoming team member.

GENEROUS GIVING

St Andrew's depends on the generous giving of members and friends. If you would like to make a donation or support our work through planned giving, please contact our Parish Office or Treasurer. Bank account for donations is: St Andrews on The Terrace, BNZ Lambton Qy, 02-0534-0004022-02

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ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES

SOCIAL JUSTICE EDUCATION GROUP

There will be no Social Justice Education group after the service today as Paul Barber is away.

FUNDRAISING FOR BOWEL CANCER NZ - A BIG THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all of you who supported my efforts to raise funds for Bowel Cancer NZ last month through donations and messages of support. I really appreciated it. I managed to raise \$753 and walked 120km. Collectively 9,544 people across the country took part raising over \$1.5 million - a wonderful effort.

SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

Welcome to this week's update on sustainability issues. There was a really useful discussion at last Sunday's Congregational Conversation about where you can take various household things for reuse or recycling. Here are the outlets people mentioned: [Free For All](#) takes all manner of household items at 18 Armidale Street, Petone, including opened containers of cleaners, etc. It also operates online. The [Blue Dragon Book Fair](#) will be held in the Ngaio Townhall on 17-18 May. They are taking donations of books from Saturday 19 April. There are also a number of secondhand book stores around Wellington. Just Google "secondhand bookshops Wellington". [Little Yellow Bird](#) is on a mission to reduce textile waste in Aotearoa. They take any sort of natural fibre for recycling including clothing, sheets and towels. You buy a Textile Takeback Bag from their website for \$25, fill it with your things (only natural fibres) and send it back to them by prepaid courier. Pam Fuller also recommended offering old towels to your local vet. Thanks for all your ideas. - Anna Smith, Sustainability Group

RECYCLING AT ST ANDREW'S

We are no longer collecting plastic bread bags and tags for reuse. But we *are* collecting all types of plastic lids, metal lids, Tetra Pak beverage cartons and used pens. There are containers for each sort of material in the North Vestry and a take-home information sheet about what we do and don't collect. Please make sure everything you drop off is clean and dry and follow the instructions for preparing Tetra Paks, in particular. Thanks for all your recycling efforts. It's really making a difference to what goes into landfill. - Anna Smith, Sustainability Group

RECYCLING OF HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES

Household batteries can be dropped off for FREE at Karori Library, Kilbirnie Library, Te Awe Library (Brandon St), Island Bay Community Centre, Newlands Community Centre, Tawa Community Centre, and the Southern Landfill Tip Shop. For Hutt Valley and other members, Bunnings' stores have recycling bins where used batteries can be left. Happy recycling!

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR RAINBOW ROOM

As we re-start the Rainbow Room programme, we need to be able to roster a second adult to be present with the children. If you would like to volunteer for this, please let the office know (office@standrews.org.nz), or talk to me on Sunday. Sue Hirst, Parish Council Convenor

SUPPORT FOR DCM (DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY MINISTRY)

We are grateful for the many services provided by the DCM since 1969 and one way we can offer our support is to FILL the food baskets in the church each Sunday. Suggested items: Tinned – soup, fish, baked beans, stews and fruit / pasta and curry sauces / Jam, honey Marmite/Vegemite and peanut butter / porridge, biscuits and muesli bars / instant coffee and tea bags / soap, toilet paper, toothpaste and toothbrushes. (Please no fresh fruit/vegetables) For other ways to support the work of the DCM visit <https://www.dcm.org.nz>.

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

PRESENTATION ON ENDURING POWERS OF ATTORNEY – EpoAs

The recent Pastoral Care meeting recommended to Parish Council that it would be advisable to ensure that our community understands the importance of all of us (young and old) arranging these legal papers for ourselves.

Ben Gray has agreed to speak on 30 March after church. Ben was instrumental in setting up the Wellington Welfare Guardian Trust to be able to get a bed in a rest home or other welfare facility.

Ben will talk about what an Enduring Power of Attorney is and why it is important to appoint one whilst you still have your marbles. He will also explain what a Welfare Guardian is (essentially a person who does the same job as an EPOA who is appointed after the patient has lost capacity.)

Ben will talk about what powers EPOA's and Welfare Guardians have and what role they perform.

Contact Pat Booth if you would like to discuss this before the meeting. 027 476 0427

ACTION: Community Meeting - Save the Living Wage in Government Contracts

We need you to join us to hear from impacted workers and community members, and to call on New Zealand First to honour their promise to keep the Living Wage in Government Contracts. Turnout is key to show the importance of this issue to decision makers!

When: Monday, 31st March

Where: Loaves and Fishes, [2 Hill Street, Thorndon, Wellington](#)

Arrival: 6:00 pm | Kick-off: 6:30 pm

PLEASE REGISTER [HERE](#).

NORTHLAND KIDZ CLUB APRIL 2025 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME (Apr 14-24)

We'll be making marshmallow Easter eggs for Easter, and ANZAC biscuits for ANZAC Day. We're also visiting the Makara Windmill Farm, having fusion bead fun and exploring more art techniques with Maria. Join us for Wheels Day, Movie Day and fish & chips !

\$45 per child per day (third child onwards, \$20), 8.30 am to 6 pm each day.

More info on www.nkc.org.nz or contact Jan - cell (022-140-2612), e-mail (nkc.jan@gmail.com).

CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE GAZA PALESTINE EMERGENCY APPEAL

Christian World Service has launched an **emergency appeal** to assist people who have been affected by the current conflict in the Middle East, particularly Gaza. Nearly 85% of the population – 1.9 million people have been displaced in Gaza. They are in urgent need of food, water, shelter and safety. “The people of Gaza are living in harrowing conditions with limited resources, and we cannot stand idly by while they suffer... Our collective efforts can make a significant difference in the lives of those trapped in this nightmarish situation,”

DSPR. Donations can be made through CWS

SUNDAY ROSTERS

A folder with an outline of each duty is now kept on the back table. If you are unable to do your rostered duty please arrange a swap/substitute and inform the office. Thank you.

Thanks to this week's volunteers

Welcoming	Pauline and David Patchett
Sound	Simon Miller
Laptop	Cam Smart
Offering	Katrina Harper and Lynette Burrell
Coffee/tea	Vivienne Mountier, Jim and Maxine Cunningham
Family Time	Rosemary Lawrence
Readings	Frank Hanson
Prayers of the People	Anna Smith (CG)
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Pauline Patchett
Musician	Bruce Cash
Service Leader	Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

On duty March 30th

Welcoming	Pam Fuller and Pat McGiven
Sound	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Laptop	Sandra Kirby
Offering	Kath Kerr and Tony Pears
Coffee/tea	Marilyn Wallace, Sally Gray and Janet Horncy
Family Time	Ellen Murray
Readings	Tony Kirby (CG)
Prayers of the People	Hamish Dick
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Closed
Musician	Ephraim Wilson
Service Leader	TBC

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday March 23rd: 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai.

Wednesday March 26th: 12:15pm Classical Voice Students of the NZSM.

Sunday March 30th: 10am Sunday Gathering led by TBC followed by a session by Ben Gray on the Enduring Power of Attorney and Welfare Guardianship.

STANDARD MONTHLY SUNDAY CYCLE OF ACTIVITIES AFTER SERVICE

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| 1st Sunday | Communion service followed by Community Brunch on even months
Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct, Dec. |
| 2nd Sunday | Congregational service followed by Exploring Faith |
| 3rd Sunday | Congregational Conversation and Younger members' (Y) group meets after morning tea/brunch |
| 4th Sunday | Social Justice Education Group |
| 5th Sunday | if there is one - nothing planned |

MISSION STATEMENT OF ST ANDREW'S ON THE TERRACE

To create a lively, open Christian faith community,
to act for a just and peaceful world, and to be catalysts for discovery,
compassion and celebration in the capital.

MINISTRY AT ST ANDREW'S – THE TEAM

Minister	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai
Parish Council Convenor	Sue Hirst
Treasurer	Paul Barber
Facilities Management Group	Sandra Kirby
Pastoral Care Team	Pat Booth, Brian Burrell, Maxine Cunningham, Katrina Harper
Theologian in Residence	Lloyd Geering
Presbytery Representative	David Douglas
Church Music Coordinator	Vacant
Eco Church Coordinator	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Faith in Action Coordinator	Paul Barber
Rainbow Room Coordinator	Caroline Korybut
Roster Coordinator	Pam Fuller
Concert Coordinator	Kristina Zuelicke
Centre Manager	Adelina Reis
Office Administrator	Jemma Ballantyne
Centre Assistant	Germaine Ambray
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