



ORDER OF SERVICE

8th JANUARY 2023

Epiphany 1

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.

Please join in the congregational responses printed in ***bold italics***, and stand if you are able, for the hymns and the offering prayer. We usually sing the hymns without announcement. To use the ***loop system*** in the church, turn your hearing aids on to the appropriate setting.

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Each new day is a gift.

Each new phase of life brings generous possibilities.

Each new question brings learning and growth. (*F. Macnab*)

Let there be joy in our coming together this day.

Let there be truth heard in the words we speak
and the songs we sing.

Let there be help and healing for our disharmony and despair.

Let there be silence for the voice within us and beyond us.

(*C Seaburg*)

So let us celebrate the richness and diversity of life.

SILENCE

GATHERING

Our God is a God who longs to be with us

who reaches into our deepest places

who weeps within our tears.

Our God is a God who holds us in the womb space of compassion

labouring to bring us to birth in the new life of freedom,

tasting the blood of our pain.

Our God is like a rock

unmoved from love,

unshaken by the depth of our sorrow and lament,

firm beneath our feet when our world rocks beneath us.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

'The music is ringing'

13 (*Inclusive hymns for liberation peace and justice*)

Words: Jann Eldredge – Clanton and Larry E. Schultz Tune: Ashgrove.

- 1 The music is ringing and all nature singing
the wonderful works of the Spirit in all.
The rivers are flowing and winds gently blowing;
the trees in the forests grow healthy and tall.
As we join in caring our gifts gladly sharing,
the universe vibrates with wonders anew.
Our voices are sounding the beauty astounding
far deeper and wider than all we can view.
- 2 The music is growing and all nature's showing
the life giving Spirit who breaks down each wall.
The cattle are lowing, the wild flowers glowing
and we turn our hearts to the oneness of all.
The planets are dancing, their splendour enhancing
the universe sings with all creatures on earth.
As we join the chorus, our vision before us,
together we bring new creation to birth.

WELCOME

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

Kia ora tātou.

Talofa lava, ia manuia le tausaga fou.

Talofa lava, ia manuia le tausaga fou.

PRAYER

Be with us in our worship that we may continue to find expression of your love in the world in which we live and move and have our being. Equip us with the skills and action we need to be your presence amidst the sorrow and devastation as well as the joy and delight that surrounds us. ***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 for ever.
Amen.*

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW CANDLE

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

FAMILY TIME

Cam Smart

PASSING THE PEACE

Traditionally we shake hands to pass the peace and say "peace be with you." Now that COVID-19 is here we ask that you pass the peace without shaking hands.

THE WORD IN TEXTS

Anna Smith

Hebrew Bible

Isaiah 42:1-9

Gospel/New Testament

Matthew 3:13-17

Contemporary reading

'Forgive us for our Worship' by Duncan Tuck
Seeing Christ in Others, Anthology Ed. Geoffrey Duncan

God of every facet of our lives, forgive us for our worship. When you desire all of us, we bring you just a part. We come with a façade of expression and appearance, but not our real selves. We pigeon-hole worship, and so fail you.

You call us together for sharing, to explore our failing and weakness, and offer it all to you. You call us together for acceptance, understanding and love, to welcome those who are afraid of themselves.

Forgive us. We do not offer acceptance. We demand where you do not. We lay down conditions when you just open your arms. We accept only a part, and so withhold wholeness from our neighbour in need.

Thank you, that you accept us as we are; that you love us as we are. So may we love those around us. By your Spirit may we hold hands. May we rejoice with the rejoicing, weep with the weeping. And may we offer our all to you, together. Then we may be ourselves. Then we may be one.

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

CH4 528 'Make me a channel of your Peace'

Words and Tune Sebastian Temple from the Prayer of St Francis

- 1 Make me a channel of your peace:
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
Where there is injury, your healing pow'r,
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.
- 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.

- 3 O Spirit, 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.
- 4 Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

REFLECTION

Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

HYMN

AA26 'Come to our Land'

Words © Shirley Murray Tune © Colin Gibson

1. Come to our land, come to our hearts,
Spirit of peace, Spirit of truth,
bring in the spring, the hope and the green,
Spirit of growth and Spirit of youth.

Refrain:

*And all our people will sing together
Wairua Tapu, holy your name,
there's one great Spirit in all creation,
one great Spirit of God!*

2. Come to our land, come to our hearts,
Spirit of life, breath of new birth,
teach us to care for water and air,
nourish the seed and cherish the earth.

Refrain

3. Come to our land, come to our hearts,
Spirit of bush, Spirit of bird,
speak to the soul of Aotearoa
joy in your world and joy in your Word.

Refrain

OFFERTORY MUSIC

OFFERING HYMN

'Give thanks with a grateful heart'

Henry Smith *© Copyright 1978 Integrity's Hosanna! Music

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because He's given many gifts to us.
And now let the weak say I am strong,
let the poor say I am rich,
because of what our God has
done for us, give thanks.

OFFERING PRAYER

Faithful God, you ask us to be faithful people.

In this community, you ask us to be people of justice.

In this community, you ask us to be people of mercy.

In this community, you ask us to be people of peace.

Be with us as we try to be faithful

in large ways and in small ways

so your eternal community may come in every way.

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

Hamish Dick

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Paraguay and Uruguay and the Methodist Church in Uruguay. We hold all refugees in our hearts and pray in particular for those who are still detained in Nauru. We give thanks for recent progress and pray that their calls for justice might yet be answered with compassion. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Tama Potaka (Hamilton West) and the Hon James Shaw (List). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of St Timothy's Presbyterian Church, Titahi Bay.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

*Renew your people, God,
and renew our life in this place.
Give us a new spirit of unity
with all who follow the Way of Jesus
and new bonds of love
with people of other faiths.*

*Bless the city in which we live
that it may be a place
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*

HYMN

FFS 14 Faith has set us on a journey

Words© Shirley Murray Tune: Marching WOV 110

1. Faith has set us on a journey
past the landmarks that we know,
taking risks with no insurance
but the Word that tells us "Go!"
*Friend or job or home or lover
we may need to leave behind,
outworn truths and ways of thinking,
baggage to the past consigned.*
2. Some are swags of easy conscience
who with others hitch a ride,
some are tourist-package Christians,
dollar-safe, with Book and guide.
*There are others on this journey –
those who long and pray and search,*

*heave the stones to free the structures,
love the Christ and leave the Church.*

3. We are this unlikely people
in the Body, knit as one,
company of clowns and cripples—
some are wise and some can run.
*Prophets are our travel-agents,
gospel-makers lay this road:
to the place of peace and promise
faith will take us into God.*

BLESSING:

The Everywhere Christ

Through human lips

Christ is speaking.

Through human hands

Christ is healing.

Through our hearts

Christ is loving.

Through us all

Christ is working.

So behold the truth:

**God is living, loving,
speaking and healing**

through Christ our Saviour.

Richard Becher

SUNG BLESSING

John Murray

May the God of new beginnings start with you and me.

May the God of continuing story speak through you and me.

May the God of infinite wisdom shine through you and me.

May the God of safe homecomings welcome you and me.

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU

**Judy Dumbleton,
our musician today.**

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acknowledged.



AUDIO REFLECTIONS

Sunday reflections are usually available on our website.

<http://www.standrews.org.nz/category/sunday-gathering>

We welcome all visitors and invite you to stay for morning tea or coffee.

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

ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES**BID FOR A BACH 2022 - URGENT**

How about a Summer break away from Wellington?

'You need to book soon. The cottage in Greytown still has some nights free, (even including some weekends) between now and the end of January – it is not available in February. Be in to book your stay..

As a fundraiser for St Andrew's on the Terrace to help boost finances affected by Covid-19 cancellations for the St Andrew's Centre, we have 3 holiday homes on offer for a short holiday. The owners of these 3 holiday homes have generously agreed to donate all rent received to St Andrew's.

Bid for a date at:

1. A classic cottage in Greytown at \$90 per night;
2. A house in Whanganui, with a view over the city and all mod cons including Sky TV, for \$100 per night;
3. A holiday home at Whatamango Bay, nestled in native bush in the Marlborough Sounds, accessible by car with a 15 minute drive from Picton, for \$100 per night.

The Cottage in Greytown sleeps up to 4 people (2 bedrooms: one queen, two singles). A separate sleep-out has 2 single beds for a larger group.

The house in Whanganui and the house near Picton both sleep up to 6 people. You need to provide your own towels and sheets.

For the houses in Greytown and Whanganui, you are responsible to leave the property as you found it. For the holiday home at Whatamango Bay there is a \$50 end cleaning fee.

Send me an email to see if the property you would like to rent is available. Weekends tend to be at a premium so book early.

If your requested dates are available, you will be sent confirmation and detailed information about the holiday home and how to reach it, how to get

in, instructions about water and power, and you will be sent bank account details for you to pay for your stay.

Contact me, Andrew Matthews at: wa.matthews@gmail.com

RECYCLING OF HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES

As a result of a recent Congregational Conversation, Brian Burrell has provided a list of Wellington City locations where used household batteries can be dropped off for FREE. They are Karori Library, Kilbirnie Library, Manners Street near Willis (inward bus stop), Island Bay Community Centre, Newlands Community Centre, Tawa Community Centre, and the Southern Landfill Tip Shop. Thanks, Brian.

FINISHED A LOAF OF BREAD OR BOTTLE OF MILK?

Please save the bread bag and the clip (plastic only)/tie and milk bottle tops. The bags are used at the Compassion Soup Kitchen for “takeaway” lunches and the tags and milk bottle tops get recycled. Please fold the bags and pack separately. There is a collection box on the North Vestry table. Thanks—Kath, Trish and Brian.

SUPPORT FOR DCM (DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY MINISTRY)

We are grateful for the many services provided by the DCM and one way we can offer our support is to FILL the food baskets at the back of the church each Sunday. They are collected every week by a DCM worker.

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 tooth brushes.

(Please no fresh fruit/vegetables)

DCM has been working in the city of Wellington since 1969 with a mission to “focus on the needs of, and to help empower those marginalised in the city, with a current focus on people experiencing homelessness, or at risk of homelessness.”

For other ways to support the work of the DCM visit <https://www.dcm.org.nz>.

Brian Burrell

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

AWAKEN 17-19 MARCH 2023

Awaken is a gathering/conference for all queer/LGBT+ people of faith across Aotearoa. It is being held at Durham St Methodist Church in Christchurch.

All information is at diversechurch.co.nz/awaken2023/

Please make this known to anyone you think may be interested.

Tony Pears

JANUARY 2023 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME - NORTHLAND KIDZ CLUB

We'll be having a Puppet Workshop, treasure & scavenger hunts, a Wheels Day, a Music Day, and creating more unique art.

We'll be going to lots of play areas, exploring Tinakori/Te Ahu Mairangi Hill, splashing in the Albemarle Stream, and doing the Kids' Garden Trail at the Botanic Gardens. Our favourite Time Cinema will be putting together another selection of early films & cartoons, which we'll see after stopping at Lyall Bay Beach for morning tea. \$45 per child per day (third child onwards, \$20), 8.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. For details, check our website (www.nkc.org.nz) or contact Jan on cell phone (022-140-2612), e-mail (nkc.jan@gmail.com)

PEACE MOVEMENT AOTEAROA

Kia ora, this message is to wish you a happy solstice, Christmas, new year and summer break, to thank you for your support during the past year, to provide an update on the annual survey of our work, information on what we'll be working on over the holiday season, some funding opportunities in the new year, and Peace Movement Aotearoa's holiday arrangements.

But first, an important anniversary for Peace Movement Aotearoa! On 22 December, it will be 40 years since we registered as an Incorporated Society, and we will be having a celebration to mark this milestone next year.

Thank you for your support: Our thanks to everyone who has supported Peace Movement Aotearoa, and the national humanitarian disarmament campaigns we coordinate, during 2022 - whether through your gifts of time, energy or donations, and for sharing with us the issues of concern to you and your thoughts on them. We really appreciate your generosity and input, which has contributed to another busy and productive year, especially with so many of our meetings, briefings and consultations now held online.

Public survey of our work: Our output this year is reflected in the initial response to the 2022 annual public survey of our work - 96% of respondents so far have said the analysis and information Peace Movement Aotearoa provides is extremely or very useful. We haven't had a chance yet to fully analyse the results of the 2022 survey, so there is still an opportunity to contribute to it at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2022peace> if you wish.

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	Pat Booth, Jeni Bryant
Sound and laptop	Sue Hirst
Offering	Lynette Burrell, Kath Kerr
Coffee/tea	Vivienne Mountier, Simon Miller, Pam Fuller
Family Time	Cam Smart
Readings	Anna Smith
Prayers of the People	Hamish Dick
Library	TBC
Musician	Judy Dumbleton

On duty Sunday 15 January

Welcoming	Pauline & David Patchett
Sound	Simon Miller
Laptop	Hamish Dick
Offering	Jenn and Barrie Keenan
Coffee/tea	Richard Owen, Johan Van Der Merwe , Andre de Klerk
Family Time	Rosemary Lawrence
Readings	Pat Booth
Prayers of the People	Cam Smart
Library	Mike Wespel-Rose
Musician	Peter Franklin

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 8 January 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

Wednesday 11 January:

10.30am - Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre

Sunday 15 January 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

STANDARD MONTHLY SUNDAY CYCLE OF ACTIVITIES AFTER SERVICE

1st Sunday Communion service followed by Exploring Faith.

2nd Sunday Congregational Brunch on even months Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct, Dec
and Younger members' (Y) group meets after morning tea/brunch.

3rd Sunday Congregational Conversation

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, Lois Robertson
Church Music Coordinator	Mark Stamper
Theologian in Residence	Lloyd Geering
Presbytery Representative	Lois Robertson
Concert Coordinator	Kristina Zuelicke
Faith in Action Co-ordinator	Margaret Rushbrook
Rainbow Room Coordinator	Vacant
Centre Manager	Adelina Reis
Parish Administrator	Hayes Francis
Office Administrator	Amy de Bruin & Amy Harding
Roster Coordinator	Pam Fuller

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