



ORDER OF SERVICE 29TH JUNE 2025

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THE BENGAL MERCHANT

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 Mervyn Aitken - Honorary Minister to St Andrews

PRELUDE

Farewell and adieu to you, fair Spanish ladies" (sea shanty – traditional)

CALL TO WORSHIP
In the quiet of this day,
in the safety of this place,
Holy Presence, hear us pray,
soothe our spirit with your peace.

SILENCE

GATHERING

We are the singers who celebrate Jesus.
We are the cast of a play to unfold.
We have a part at the heart of the Gospel, action that speaks as the Story is told.
We are God's people,
hopeful and joyful,
one open circle
round Jesus Christ.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Words and Music © Radha Wardrop arr. Ian Render

- Join hands in the Spirit,
 the one holy name,
 you are love and we your children,
 one and the same.
 All glory to the Spirit,
 all praise to your name,
 for your love unites us
 in peace once again.
- 2. Join minds in the Spirit, the one source of life, all are born in your image, sparks of your light.

 Oh joy that you call us to love and forgive, to trust beyond fear, that in death we may live.
- 3. Join hearts in the Spirit, the one holy peace, your love is our union, your touch our release.

 Oh great heart! embracing every creed, every race, in gratitude we cry at the gift of your grace

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

O God, as we set sail through this liturgy help us to watch the compass course.

Teach us how to "see" the wind and to "feel" the tide. Give us strength to hoist a sail, and discretion to know when to furl.

Let us coil our rope ends so that they are easy to deploy.

Teach us to use one hand for the ship and the other to complete our tasks.

May we arrive at our destination relieved and thankful. 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 Lesley Aitken

Words and Music © Colin Gibson

Refrain

Let justice roll down like a river, let justice flow down to the sea, let justice roll down like a river, let justice begin through me.

- Justice for all who go hungry, crying to God to be fed, left in a world of abundance to beg for a morsel of bread. Refrain
- Justice for those who are homeless, victims of war or of need, trapped on the borders of nowhere, lost in the canyons of greed.
 Refrain

BLESSING THE CHILDREN

We enjoy your presence with us. We bless you. Amen

PASSING THE PEACE (TE RANGIMARIE)

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

THE WORD IN TEXTS Gillian Feist

Hebrew Bible Psalm 139 v 1-10

New Testament Acts 27 v 13-23

Contemporary Reading

I must go down to the seas again, to the lonely sea and the sky, And all I ask is a tall ship and a star to steer her by; And the wheel's kick and the wind's song and the white sail's shaking, And a grey mist on the sea's face, and a grey dawn breaking.

I must go down to the seas again, for the call of the running tide
Is a wild call and a clear call that may not be denied;
And all I ask is a windy day with the white clouds flying,
And the flung spray and the blown spume, and the sea-gulls crying.

I must go down to the seas again, to the vagrant gypsy life, To the gull's way and the whale's way where the wind's like a whetted knife; And all I ask is a merry yarn from a laughing fellow-rover, And quiet sleep and a sweet dream when the long trick's over.

RESPONSE

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

SONG It Is Well With My Soul (arr Mack Wilberg) by The Tabernacle Choir- Salt Lake City

REFLECTION Rev Mervyn Aitken - Retired Chaplain to Seafarers in Auckland. We will watch 10 slides with a commentary.

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

"I am sailing" Rod Stewart

Peter Franklin

HYMN The Seafarers' Hymn

WOV 74 "Eternal Father strong to save"

Words: William Whiting (1825 - 78) Music: John B Dykes

- Eternal Father, strong to save,
 whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
 who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
 its own appointed limits keep:
 O hear us when we cry to thee
 for those in peril on the sea.
- O Christ, whose voice the waters heard and hushed their raging at thy word, who walkedst on the foaming deep, and calm amid its rage didst sleep: O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.
- 3. Most Holy Spirit, who didst brood upon the chaos dark and rude, and bid its angry tumult cease, And give, for wild confusion, peace: O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.
- 4. O Trinity of love and power, our brethren shield in danger's hour from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them whereso'er they go: thus evermore shall rise to thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

OFFERING MUSIC "Crossing the Bar" by Joseph Barnby (1838 – 1896)

AA 62 "Here we bring small or great"

OFFERING HYMN

Words: Shirley Murray Music: Colin Gibson Tune: ASHLEY

1. 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 heart will always be Where your riches are, where your riches are."

OFFERING PRAYER

We offer these gifts of money and groceries. They are given because we care. We trust that those who receive them may be blessed along their way.

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. If you have a notice, please move to the front row, ready to speak <u>briefly</u> from the lectern. For the benefit of newcomers, please introduce yourself before you begin. Thank you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hamish Dick

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Sri Lanka and the Maldives, and we pray for Christian World Service Partners in Sri Lanka focusing on training and income generation, home gardens, research into sustainable agricultural and campaigning on the rights of the poor. We hold all refugees in our hearts - those who have fled 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 resettle in our country. We pray for the leaders and people of other faith communities around the motu. We remember those in Parliament and today we name Marama Davidson (List) and Reuben Davidson (Christchurch East). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of the Petone - St David's Multicultural Parish.

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

FFS 32 "God who sets us on a journey"

Words: Jillian Bray Tune: HYFRYDOL

1. God who sets us on a journey to discover, dream and grow, lead us as you led your people in the desert long ago; journey inward, journey outward, stir the spirit, stretch the mind, love for God and self and neighbour marks the way that Christ defined.

- 2. Exploration brings new insights, changes, choices we must face; give us wisdom in deciding, mindful always of your grace; should we stumble, lose our bearings, find it hard to know what's right, we regain our true direction focused on the Jesus light.
- 3. End our longing for the old days, grant the vision that we lack once we've started on this journey there can be no turning back; let us travel light, discarding excess baggage from our past, cherish only what's essential, choosing treasure that will last.
- 4. When we set up camp and settle to avoid love's risk and pain, you disturb complacent comfort, pull the tent pegs up again; keep us travelling in the knowledge you are always at our side; give us courage for the journey, Christ our goal and Christ our guide.

SUNG BLESSING

AA 99 'Now as we go'

Words © Shirley Erena Murray Music © Colin Gibson

Now as we go, kind Spirit keep us, in all we see, Christ be our focus, in all we do, his story shape us, that we may grow to God's good purpose.

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU

to our musician today

Peter Franklin

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

DANCES OF UNIVERSAL PEACE OFFER

Dances of Universal Peace "Taster" 29th June: you are invited! This Sufi-inspired practice involves learning sayings/phrases/prayers/texts from many different traditions which have been set to melody, and simple steps to go with them, These are then repeated as a moving mantra, as a community meditation/bodyprayer practice. Soft flexible footwear - grip-socks or bare feet ideal. Feel free to sit around the circle (or if there's room, in the centre!) and actively participate with your voices and presence if mobility is a challenge for you. Aiming to start at 11.45am and will run till 1pm, which will allow 15 mins for "Q & A" afterwards rather than during the session. Heather-Rose

BISCUIT FUNDRAISER

Last Sunday biscuit sales raised \$103.20 - small sum but it helps the funds. Happy Matariki munching! Maxine Cunningham

SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

Have you ever wanted to be a citizen scientist? Well this coming week you have your chance. The annual New Zealand Garden Bird Survey runs from Saturday 28 June to Sunday 6 July. Taking part is easy. Choose an hour on one day during the survey period and find a good bird counting spot. Use the tally sheet on the survey website (https://gardenbirdsurvey.nz/) to count the number of birds you see or hear. The website has identification resources to help you tell birds apart. Then at the end of your hour use the form on the website to submit your final count. It's important to know what birds are in our gardens because they act as barometers, telling us about the health of the environment we live in. According to Manaaki Whenua – Landcare Research, they are signalling significant changes over the last 10 years that we need to take notice of. This week's **Good News**: approximately 23,000 submissions were received on the proposed Regulatory Standards Bill, according to the Ministry for Regulation. Thank you to everyone at St Andrew's who took the time to make a submission. - 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.

RECYCLING AT ST ANDREW'S

During May we saved **5.8kg** of waste from landfill, slightly up on the previous month. This month metal lids were the hero knocking Tetra Pak beverage cartons off their perch. As a reminder, we collect all types of plastic lids, metal lids, Tetra Pak beverage cartons and used pens for recycling. 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. (They need to be opened out flat and kept as one piece, i.e. not cut up.) Thanks for all your recycling efforts. It's really making a difference to what goes into landfill. - Anna Smith, Sustainability Group

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

UPCOMING CONCERT-MUSIC FUTURES PRESENTS WELLINGTON YOUTH MUSIC

Sunday 20th July, 2025. 5pm. St Andrews on The Terrace. Entry by koha. Choir, Ngā Korimako. Wellington Girls' College and Wellington College Ensembles: Sonnen Trio, Wubois, Triple Shot, Smooth Sailing, The Three Counterpoints. Thanks to TG Macarthy Trust, Mokoia Masonic Trust, St Andrew's on The Terrace and individual donors for generous support

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	Lynette and Brian Burrell	
Sound	Sonia Groes-Petrie	
Laptop	Mike Wespel-Rose	
Offering	Kath Kerr and Bridget Martin	
Coffee/tea	Michael Parker, Sally Gray and Katrina Harper	
Family Time	Lesley Aitken	
Readings	Gillian Feist	
Prayers of the People	Hamish Dick	
Rainbow Room	School hols	
Library	Closed	
Musician	Peter Franklin	
Service Leader	Rev Mervyn Aitken	

On duty July 6 th		
Welcoming	Pauline and David Patchett	
Sound	Ben Gray	
Laptop	Sandra Kirby	
Offering	Tony Pears and Lynette Burrell	
Coffee/tea	Janet Horncy, Michael Parker and Marilyn Wallace	
Family Time	Frank Cook (CG)	
Readings	Anna Smith	
Prayers of the People	Lynne Dovey	
Communion	Sandra and Tony Kirby, Paul Barber, Doug Lendrum, Sonia Groes-	
	Petrie, Hamish Dick	
Rainbow Room	School hols	
Library	Pauline Patchett	
Musician	Ephraim Wilson	
Service Leader	Peter MacKenzie	

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday June 29th: 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev Mervyn Aitken followed by Dances of Universal Peace

Wednesday July 2nd 10:00am Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre

12:15pm Lunchtime Concert: NZSO National Youth Orchestra Chamber Music Concert

Sunday July 6th: 10am Communion service led by Peter MacKenzie

STANDARD MONTHLY SUNDAY CYCLE OF ACTIVITIES AFTER SERVICE

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 Dances of Universal Peace

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	Maxine Cunningham, Pat Booth, Brian Burrell, Katrina Harper, Tony Kirby, Vivienne Mountier and Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai
Theologian in Residence	Lloyd Geering
Presbytery Representative	Vacant
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
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