

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## 10<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2025

### PENTECOST 9



**“COVENANTS/FEAGAIGA”**

## 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

**"Siciliana" by William Walond (1725 – 1770)**

### GATHERING

Sometimes when we expect welcome and familiarity  
we are ignored and despised.

When we expect a smiling face, we meet confrontation.

Things do not always pan out the way we expect.

Life is full of disappointments, but we live in hope.

***Here in this place we are friends and family.***

***No matter what we believe or what we do not believe,  
we are welcome in this place.***

### SILENCE

### OPENING RESPONSES

We follow a long line of those who have looked out for the poor.

***Sometimes we have been the poor ones.***

We seek in our day to see how life can be fair and equal.

***Sometimes we have been treated unfairly and unequally.***

We bring our selves, in parts vulnerable, in parts powerful,  
sometimes poor and sometimes rich,

***so we can revel in the acceptance and love  
available to us among each other.***

***Here. Now. For which, thanks be given.***

***Refrain***

I am the church  
you are the church,  
we are the church together.  
All who follow Jesus,  
all around the world,  
yes we're the church together.

1. The church is not a building;  
the church is not a steeple;  
the church is not a resting place;  
the church is a people.

***(Refrain)***

2. We're many kinds of people,  
with many kinds of faces,  
all colours and all ages, too  
from all times and places.

***(Refrain)***

3. Sometimes the church is marching;  
sometimes it's bravely burning,  
sometimes it's riding, sometimes hiding;  
always it's learning.

***(Refrain)***

4. And when the people gather,  
there's singing and there's praying;  
there's laughing and there's crying sometimes,  
all of it saying:

***(Refrain)***

5. At Pentecost some people  
received the Holy Spirit  
and told the Good News through the world  
to all who would hear it.

***(Refrain)***

## **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**

Still us in this moment, unclutter the noise around us that has been bustling and clogging up our lives this week.

Allow us to bask in this time of worship and reflection that we may be open to the spirit amongst us.

Be still and know that the Holy One whom we call God calls us to stop and rest a while. ***Amen***

## **JESUS' PRAYER**

© Rev Sherri Weinberg

***God – heart of the world:***

***revealed through every aspect of creation:***

***understood through our awareness.***

***May we honour the holiness of creation and act accordingly  
so that your love is reflected in the way we live.***

***May we always be thankful for the food we eat  
and the friends we have.***

***May we forgive those who transgress against us  
and be forgiven for our wrong doings.***

***In the freedom of love may we live as your heartbeat  
and not be compromised by hesitation.***

***Through our freedom, may your justice  
be seen and heard and experienced  
forever and ever.***

***Amen.***

## **LIGHTING THE RAINBOW CANDLE**

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

## **FAMILY TIME**

**Mike Wespel-Rose**

## 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 ( Te Rangimarie)

*Our practice is to pass the peace, the rangimārie, with or without shaking hands, and say “peace be with you”.*

## THE WORD IN TEXTS

Frank Hanson

Hebrew Bible

Psalms 50:1-8

New Testament

Hebrews 8:6-13

## Contemporary Reading

## ‘Catching A Train From Cambridge To London’

by Fei Taule’ale’ausumai

### ***Am I Old or Are They Just Kind?***

I looked up the flight of stairs in bewilderment—no lift, just cold steps and a heavy suitcase in tow. I needed to get to Platform 2 to catch a connecting train. Just as I was bracing myself for the climb, a young man appeared beside me. “I got it,” he said, without waiting for a reply. With surprising ease, he hoisted my suitcase and ran up the stairs, waiting patiently at the top to hand it back with a smile. I was deeply grateful.

Later, at another station, it happened again. This time, I stood facing three steep flights of stairs to reach the underground tube. No lifts. No mercy. I paused, assessing the task ahead, when another young man—silent and swift—picked up my suitcase and carried it all the way down without a word, only waiting for me at the bottom with the same quiet generosity. Again, I offered my heartfelt thanks. As I sat on the tube, two young men on separate journeys each stood up and offered me their seat. Without hesitation. Without fanfare.

And now I sit here asking myself:

Do I really look that old?

Has the hidden grey in my hair and the slowness of my step placed me into that quiet category—priority seating, the person on the sign?

Or... is there still something beautifully human in the world today?

Are young men these days simply kind? Raised well? Observant and respectful?

I don’t know the answer. Maybe it’s a bit of both.

But today, I feel both humbled and held by unexpected hands of grace.

## RESPONSE

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

## HYMN

### CH4 530 'One more step along the world I go'

Words: Sydney Carter (1915-2004) Tune: SOUTHCOTE

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 traveling a long with you:  
*And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
keep me traveling 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 I travel to the new;  
keep me traveling along with you.*
3. As I travel through the bad and good,  
keep me traveling the way I should;  
Where I see no way to go  
you'll be telling me the way I know:  
*And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
keep me traveling along with you.*
4. 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 traveling along with you:  
*And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
keep me traveling along with you.*

## REFLECTION

**Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausuami**

## REFLECTIVE MUSIC

“Evergreen” – music by Barbra Streisand (b. 1942)

## HYMN

AA 132 ‘Tell my people I love them’

Words: Leonard Barlotti Music: arr. Jan Harrington and Guy Jansen

### ***Refrain:***

*Tell my people I love them;  
tell my people that I care.  
When they feel far away from me,  
tell my people I am there.*

1. Tell my people I came and died  
to give them liberty;  
as they abide in me  
they will be really free!
2. Tell my people where-e’er they go  
to claim my risen power;  
my peace and joy and love  
is for them hour by hour.
3. Tell my people who grieve and mourn  
that I allowed the night  
of darkness to descend,  
but I am still the Light.
4. Tell my people to share their wealth  
and fight the sin of greed;  
care for the refugee;  
the hungry they’re to feed.
5. Tell my people throughout the world  
to strive for peace today,  
show love for enemies,  
be servants of the Way.

## OFFERING MUSIC

“Living Lord” by Patrick Appleford (1925 – 2018)

## OFFERING HYMN

## 'Give thanks with a grateful heart'

Words and Music © Henry Smith 197T June GIVE THANKS

1. 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. 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.** Thank you.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Sonia Groes-Petrie**

## CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Taiwan and we pray for the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan. 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 Peeni Henare (List) and Francisco Hernandez (List). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of the Carterton - St David's Presbyterian 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**

## **FFS29 'Godspeed Song'**

Shirley and Shona Murray

1. God speed you on your way,  
safe keep you every day,  
give you wing, cause to sing,  
all this we wish and pray.
2. God give you space to thrive,  
all senses kept alive,  
health and hope, means to cope,  
joyfully to arrive.
3. God lead you to the new,  
places and points of view,  
roads to take, friends to make,  
more life to travel through!

## **BLESSING**

Bronwyn Angela White

In this season of Pentecost in Aotearoa—  
leaves flaming on autumn trees  
drifting onto our heads  
as we scuff across leaf-crunchy lawn  
—may the dazzling fire and howling wind  
warm but not burn us, heat but not scorch,  
stir us not into whirlwind but purposeful action;  
move us to compassion,  
breathe new life into our lungs and hearts;  
inspire us anew.

In this season of Pentecost in Aotearoa—  
may the wind and fire that inspired the apostles,  
former doubters and promise-breakers,  
glory-seekers, sleepers while on watch  
to become truth speakers, healers and teachers,  
world changers, spreading good news  
Empower us in service to others and  
in the healing of our world.

May we speak in tongues that all understand:  
loving action, warmth of friendship,  
justice for all, and integrity:  
Loving flame, Comforter, Spirit of truth.

## **SUNG AMEN**

## **POSTLUDE**

**Praeludium BWV 553 by J.S. Bach (1685 – 1750)**

## **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.

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### **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***

### **HELP PLEASE – ANDREW MATTHEWS MEMORIAL SERVICE MORNING TEA, MONDAY AUGUST 18TH**

As is our custom when a member of the congregation is involved we will be helping with the after-service morning tea for Andrew. Please let me know if you could contribute a batch of something sweet (biscuits, muffins, scones, loaf or slice) - the family are providing the savoury food. Please also let me know if you can come in at 9.30 to help with setting up or stay on to help with the serving and clearing up. NB If you can do some baking but not able to attend on the Monday, Please feel free to drop your contribution off at church on Sunday. Thanks, Pam Fuller.

### **EXPLORING FAITH - AWAKENED - SUNDAY AUGUST 10TH AFTER CHURCH**

Dear Congregation. Our next Exploring Faith session using the progressive Christianity book *Awakened*, will be on Sunday August 10th. It will start at 12 noon and finish by 1 pm. Conference room 3. This next chapter is titled **Diversity: Confronting Structures** You are very welcome in the session whether you have been before or not. Each session is stand alone. The focus Bible quote for the session is as follows:

*Perhaps this is the reason Onesimus was separated from you for awhile, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother - especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. (Philemon 1:15-17)*

The session will include reading of the progressive reflection on this topic, discussing some focus questions together and watching a brief video from Caleb Lines expanding on the topic.

I was encouraged to hear Frank Hanson write in the last enews

*"I honour the numerous ways in which St Andrew's engages in continuing education. Through worship, social justice seminars, musical events, progressive theology discussions, sustainability information, the Rainbow Room, etc. It happens in groups. It happens in us as individuals. It provides growth and widens our interests. Go for it!"*

Thanks everyone,

Mike Wespel-Rose

### **TOWN HOUSE UNIT FOR HOUSE-SITTER IN KARORI (2X BEDROOMS)**

Would suit mature couple or single person. Owner (my friend), lives away from home -caring for elderly family member. A unique arrangement/agreement is sought to allow owner temporary access for brief visits home, so single bedroom to be reserved for exclusive use by homeowner -including sharing of amenities (bathroom, kitchen, living room, garden..) when visiting. Contract to be negotiated will include: \$439.50 per month and security deposit of \$1,300. Police check, Two references, Care of garden. No pets. If you are interested or know of someone who may be, please contact me for further details. Thanks, Sally Gray [graygeorgesally@gmail.com](mailto:graygeorgesally@gmail.com) 021 0297 472

### **SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE**

This week's update is all **Good News!** Two weeks ago the International Court of Justice released a landmark advisory opinion saying that nations have a legal responsibility for climate change. This opens up the potential for states to be held legally accountable for their emissions. It is also a pathway for reparations for those harmed by climate change. While not legally binding, it gives climate justice a "legal backbone" (<https://tinyurl.com/4nmvxxay>) that will be able to be used in climate lawsuits and international negotiations like COP30 (<https://tinyurl.com/bp9bnsnd>) which will be held in November. And the really good part is how this came to be. It started in a small university classroom in Vanuatu, where 27 law students from eight Pacific Island countries, at the

University of the South Pacific, decided to “get the world’s biggest problem before the world’s highest court” (<https://tinyurl.com/bp9bnsnd>). And they did! They formed the Pacific Island Students Fighting Climate Change group - which then persuaded the Pacific Island Forum at a conference in Fiji to take the issue to the UN General Assembly. Now that’s people power! - Anna Smith, Sustainability Group

### **COMMUNITY REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP (CORS) - TAKE ACTION**

We were delighted to host Birgit Grafarend from Host International and she has asked for our support. Please add your name to the Amnesty International NZ’s petition for the CORS programme: <https://amnesty.org.nz/make-community-sponsorship-of-refugees-programme-permanent/>. Host International NZ <https://www.hostinternational.org.nz/> has been running this scheme for three years as a pilot and over 200 refugees has been welcomed into communities through this scheme, in addition to the annual quota of 1500 refugees the NZ government accepts. The future of the scheme is uncertain and it is vital that communities like ours show our support for making this a permanent scheme. Find out more about the Community Refugee Sponsorship (CORS) programme at this link: <https://www.refugeesponsorship.org.nz/>. Paul Barber (Social Justice Education Group)

### **RECYCLING AT ST ANDREW'S**

During July we saved **5.4kg** of waste from landfill, about the same as in June. In the five months since we have been measuring our impact, we have saved **29kg**. Keep up the good work! As a reminder, we have added two new categories to our collection hub - household metal items and hair care and hair colour containers and aerosols. They join 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. 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.

## **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**

### **CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE EMERGENCY APPEALS**

St Andrew's on The Terrace supports the work of Christian World Service and we encourage you to support their emergency appeals as you are able. This week we share one of their current appeals for people fleeing war and famine in Sudan. **Sudan appeal** - Sudan has been locked in a bitter war for more than 15 months, displacing an estimated 10.7 million people – the highest number ever displaced within a country. An estimated 25.6 million people – over half the population are facing acute hunger. Donations to the Sudan Appeal will support our local partner the Mission for Sustainable Advancement based in Maridi, South Sudan. Over 660,000 people have fled south as the hostilities increased and hunger spread. They arrive traumatised and with nothing. CWS is appealing for donations to help their urgent need. With your gifts, MSA can not only help single mothers find shelter for their children but also establish gardens and set up small businesses so they can survive. MSA is an integral part of the Maridi community and has helped thousands of displaced people and returnees to resettle. It runs two preschools, health education programmes especially for young women and HIV and AIDS protection. CWS contributes to its scholarship, primarily focused on keeping girls in school, an HIV testing clinic and to local radio, MaridiFM. Donations to the Sudan appeal can be made through the CWS website: <https://cws.org.nz/about-us/emergencies/sudan-appeal/>

## **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 McGiven and Pam Fuller                     |
| Sound                 | Tania Penafiel                                 |
| Laptop                | Mike Wespel-Rose                               |
| Offering              | Mike Wespel-Rose and Bridget Martin            |
| Coffee/tea            | Simon Miller, Vivienne Mountier and Sally Gray |
| Family Time           | Mike Wespel-Rose                               |
| Readings              | Frank Hanson                                   |
| Prayers of the People | Sonia Groes-Petrie                             |
| Rainbow Room          | Caroline Korybut                               |
| Library               | Mike Wespel-Rose                               |
| Musician              | Peter Franklin                                 |
| Service Leader        | Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai                   |

### **On duty August 17<sup>th</sup>**

|                       |                                   |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Welcoming             | Jim and Maxine Cunningham         |
| Sound                 | Sue Hirst                         |
| Laptop                | Sue Hirst                         |
| Offering              | Kath Kerr and Tony Pears          |
| Coffee/tea            | Sandra and Tony Kirby, Pam Fuller |
| Family Time           | Cam Smart                         |
| Readings              | John Harper                       |
| Prayers of the People | Pat Booth                         |
| Rainbow Room          | Caroline Korybut                  |
| Library               | Closed                            |
| Musician              | Bruce Corkill                     |
| Service Leaders       | Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai      |

### **This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's**

**Sunday August 10<sup>th</sup>: 10am** Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausuami followed by Exploring Faith.

**Wednesday August 13<sup>th</sup> 10:00am** Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre

**12:15pm Lunchtime Concert:** Bridget Douglas and Michael Tsalka – flute and piano

**Sunday August 17<sup>th</sup>: 10am** Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausuami followed by Congregational Conversation and Younger members' (Y) group after morning tea/brunch

#### **STANDARD MONTHLY SUNDAY CYCLE OF ACTIVITIES AFTER SERVICE**

- |            |   |
|------------|---|
| 1st Sunday | Communion service followed by Community Brunch on even months                       |
| 2nd Sunday | Congregational service followed by Exploring Faith                                  |
| 3rd Sunday | Congregational Conversation and Younger members' (Y) group 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

|                                    |   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Minister</b>                    | Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai  |
| <b>Parish Council Convenor</b>     | Sue Hirst   |
| <b>Treasurer</b>                   | Paul Barber   |
| <b>Facilities Management Group</b> | Sandra Kirby  |
| <b>Pastoral Care Team</b>          | Maxine Cunningham, Pat Booth, Brian Burrell, Katrina Harper, Tony Kirby, Vivienne Mountier and Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai |
| <b>Theologian in Residence</b>     | Lloyd Geering   |
| <b>Presbytery Representative</b>   | Vacant  |
| <b>Church Music Coordinator</b>    | Vacant  |
| <b>Eco Church Coordinator</b>      | Sonia Groes-Petrie  |
| <b>Faith in Action Coordinator</b> | Paul Barber   |
| <b>Rainbow Room Coordinator</b>    | Caroline Korybut  |
| <b>Roster Coordinator</b>          | Pam Fuller  |
| <b>Concert Coordinator</b>         | Kristina Zuelicke   |
| <b>Centre Manager</b>              | Adelina Reis  |
| <b>Office Administrator</b>        | Jemma Ballantyne  |
| <b>Centre Assistant</b>            | Germaine Ambray   |
| <b>Facilities Assistant(s)</b>     | Cooper Neeley-Grant, Isabella Oakley  |

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