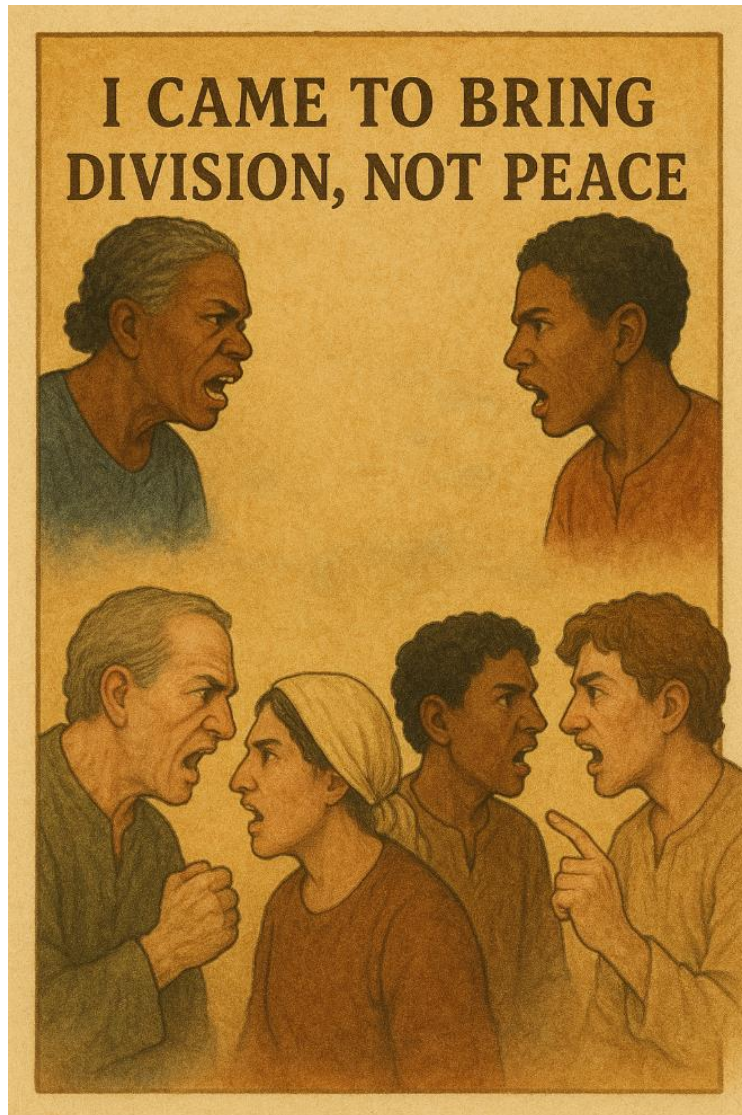


ORDER OF SERVICE

17TH AUGUST 2025

PENTECOST 10



LUKE 12:31

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are here because
we have collected the hurts and bruises
of living through another week.

We gather as the wounded people.

We are here because
we have also seen joy and hope,
creativity and new life in the week that is past.

We gather as the wondering people.

We are here because
we believe that love is the power
that brings life together and makes it whole.

We gather as the worshipping people.

SILENCE

GATHERING

We are called as a community of faith,
a supportive community,
in which we love into being
new possibilities for one another,
calling out of each other the best we have to offer.
In doing so we follow the pattern of our God,
who constantly accepts us as we are,

while drawing us on to realise what we can be.
In worship we build the community
where such fostering of new possibilities
can take birth and grow.

We will celebrate

***life, past, present and future,
in the presence we name God***

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

FFS 57 'Song of faith that sings forever'

Words © Shirley Murray Music © Colin Gibson.

1. Song of faith that sings forever
through God's people, ages long,
word that holds the world together
when our hearts take up the song,
always, always, somewhere sounding,
though the source we do not see,
counterpoint to all despairing,
it is hope that sets the key.
2. Song of faith in exaltation,
rising through the vaults of prayer,
tune of simple celebration
offered up in open air,
song in chapel and cathedral,
descant to our daily tone,
song from sickbed or in prison,
faith must often sing alone.
3. And when life would overwhelm us,
when there seems no song to sing,
hear the constant voice of courage
out of fear and suffering:
all who've loved and trusted Jesus,
all who lift us to be strong,
endless, endless are the voices
of the faith that makes the song.

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, you are the gathering one
who calls us into community with each other
to love and work, support and heal.

You are the gathering one
who calls us into community with all people;
to bring justice and hope, freedom and truth.

You are the gathering one
who calls us into community with the whole creation;
to live in harmony, to cherish and renew.

We worship you, the God who makes us one.

Praise be to God,
***who calls the people to new hope in every generation,
who lifts our eyes to see a new heaven and a new earth
which one day will break through the old tired efforts
and reach into justice beyond our imagining.***

Praise be to God,
***who leads us on past crucifixions of defeat and failure,
rejection and faithlessness,
drawing a picture of a new world
ready to blossom from the bud,
delicate and fragile, vulnerable as a baby in Bethlehem.***

Praise be to God,
***who brings to life the dead bodies of despair
which lie entombed in our souls and in our churches,
dancing ahead of us undefeated
in the Spirit of truth and healing and love.***

Praise be to God!

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

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".

Hebrew Bible**Isaiah 5:1-11****New Testament****Luke 12:49-56****Contemporary Reading****By Diah Shah**

Defining boundaries, borders of life or death,
cries of worry,
the struggle to survive,
the chains dragging us into a pit of misery.
The clash of swords, the boom of bombs,
the pump of a heartbeat waiting to be stable.
When will the white flag wave and carry all the conflict away with it?
When will the danger be dismissed?
When can we smell the clean air of peace?
We live life through red lenses.
We join our hands, hoping for bridges to mend,
the sun to shine,
and to step out of the loop of violence.
Homes no more.
People no more.
Life no more.
I feel my watery tears evaporate off my cheeks into the dry sea of conflict.
My insides churn,
for there may not be a tomorrow.
But, I hold my heart in my hands and tell it to be strong,
to wait for a dove.
Ukraine and Russia.
Israel and Palestine.
All of which are fighting fire with fire.
Let's make a boom!
Not a boom of war putting us to sleep,
but the boom of peace.
I can't juggle the weight of the war with my two hands.
I can't summon a dove, transforming problems into solutions.
But, I am ready to be a helping hand.

Through all the conflict,
through all the countries,
let's intertwine our love,
twist them in loose knots,
let's stop mourning, but loving.
For this is our world.
Our reality.
This is us.
This is us making peace together.
Will you join our endless horizon of love?

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

FFS 67 'We are many we are one'

Words and Music: Colin Gibson Tune: HAMILTON

1. We are many, we are one,
and the work of Christ is done
when we learn to live in true community,
as the stars that fill the night,
as a flock of birds in flight,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the branches of a tree,
as the waves upon the sea,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.
2. All division is made whole
when we honour every soul,
find the life of God in every you and me,
as the fingers of a hand,
as the grains that form the sand,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the threads upon the loom,
as a field of flowers in bloom,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.

3. We will join creation's song,
make a world where all belong,
build as one in peace and loving harmony,
as the voices of a choir,
as the flames within a fire,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the snowflakes in the snow,
as the colours of a bow,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.

REFLECTION

“Disturbing the Peace”

Rev Dr Fei Taule’ale’ausumai

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

Mike Wespel-Rose

HYMN

‘E te Atua’

Words and Music: Traditional Tune: KUM BA YA AA31

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| 1. E te Atua aroha mai [x3]
ake ake tonu e. | <i>O God love us
forever and ever.</i> |
| 2. E te Atua manaaki mai [x3]
ake ake tonu e. | <i>O God bless us
forever and ever.</i> |
| 3. E te Atua awhina mai [x3]
ake ake tonu e. | <i>O God help us
forever and ever.</i> |

OFFERING MUSIC

OFFERING HYMN

AA 62 ‘Here we bring, small or great’

Words: © Shirley Erena Murray Music: © Colin Gibson

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

At this time and in this place, may our inner replenishment make us more alive to life's moments and more responsive to life's creative possibilities.

And let the offerings we bring be a sign of our gratitude, and an expression of hope for life and the world. 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

Pat Booth

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Tanzania and we pray for the Christian Council of Tanzania. 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 Rt Hon Chris Hipkins (Remutaka) and Hon Andrew Hoggard (list). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of the Clive Haumoana - St Francis Cooperating Parish (Pres-Meth-Ang).

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

WOV 667 'The love of God'

Words: Anders Frostenson (1968), tr. Fred Kaan 1929-alt. Tune: GUDS KARLEK

1. The love of God is broad like beach and mountain,
wide as the wind, and our eternal home.
God leaves us free to seek love or reject it;
we're given room to answer 'yes' or 'no'.

Refrain:

*The love of God is broad like beach and mountain,
wide as the wind, and our eternal home.*

2. We long for freedom, where our truest being
is given hope and courage to unfold.
We seek in freedom space and scope for dreaming,
and look for ground where trees and plants may grow.

Refrain.....

3. But there are walls that keep us all divided;
we fence each other in with hate and war.
Fear is the bricks and mortar of our prison;
our pride of self the prison coat we wear.

Refrain.....

4. O, judge us, Lord, and in your judgment free us,
and set our feet in freedom's open space;
take us as far as your compassion wanders
among the children of the human race.

Refrain.....

TE MANAAKITANGA/BLESSING

May the blessings of the whenua fill us with gratitude . May the blessings of the oceans fill us with humility . May the blessings of the sky fill us with wonder . May we be a blessing to the Earth this day, and every day. Amen

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU

to our musician today
Bruce Corkill

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

REMINDER - ANDREW MATTHEWS' MEMORIAL SERVICE MORNING TEA, MONDAY 18 AUGUST

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 savory food. Please also let me know if you are able to come in beforehand 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.

VOTING FOR MAORI WARDS - LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS 2025 - SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP 24TH AUGUST 12-1.30PM COMMON ROOM 3

From 9 September, voters in 42 council areas across Aotearoa will decide whether to keep Māori wards in their local communities. This includes Wellington region councils. Given that this is a complex and often misunderstood issue, Common Grace Aotearoa has developed two free resources to engage with the issues. Join us for an extended SJ Group on Sunday 24th 12-1.30pm as we create space for curious, gracious, and informed conversations —grounded in our faith and guided by the wisdom of Tangata Whenua and accompanied by soup and rolls. Ellen Murray and Paul Barber. RSVP for catering numbers to office@stanadrews.org.nz

LOCAL BODY ELECTIONS LIVING WAGE FORUMS

St Andrews on The Terrace is thrilled to be hosting one of the Living Wage Wellington Local Body Election Forums 6.30pm on Tuesday 3rd September. A second forum is the following week Thursday 6.30pm 11th at Treadwell Street Hall in the Hutt Valley. Hold the date(s) - more info to follow.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING - SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH

Parish Council has decided to hold a Special General Meeting of St Andrew's on The Terrace on Sunday September the 14th, in the church immediately after the service. The purpose of the meeting is to present and approve the annual parish budget 2025-26 and to present plans for sustainable resourcing of our mission in future years. This is an important meeting at a key moment for our faith community but will not be a long meeting. Sue Hirst Parish Council Convenor
Paul Barber Treasurer

SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

One of the environmental groups I like to follow is Climate Club (<https://climateclub.nz/>). Each week they send out a newsletter with a thought for the week and then a list of things you can do for the climate, right now, in 10, 15 or 30 minutes. This week they posed this question: "What if how we think about the economy is part of the problem? An economy based on constant growth can't be effective at responding to the climate crisis. If we continually grow material consumption on a finite planet, we will always hit that boundary. Growth capitalism and this blue, lively earth are incompatible. But how do we fix the problem when the problem might just be the whole system? To quote Frederic Jameson (<https://tinyurl.com/28thufxn>), is it really easier to imagine the end of the world than the end of capitalism?" What do you think? Can you imagine the end of capitalism? And what would you choose to replace it with? This week's **Good News**: Also from Climate Club: An article in The Press (<https://tinyurl.com/4h7h8es4>) appears to confirm that, at least for now, Bathurst Resources have no plans to proceed with a new coal mine in Southland.

- 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 Host International NZ <https://www.hostinternational.org.nz/> has been running this scheme for three years as a pilot and over 200 refugees have 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. **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	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 Leader	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

On duty August 24th

Welcoming	Lynette and Brian Burrell
Sound	Simon Miller
Laptop	Sue Hirst
Offering	Paul Franken and Tony Pears
Coffee/tea	Kath Kerr, Marilyn Wallace and Vivienne Mountier
Family Time	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai
Readings	Pat Booth
Prayers of the People	Ellen Murray
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Closed
Musician	Peter Franklin
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This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

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

Wednesday August 20th 10:00am Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre

12:15pm Lunchtime Concert: Wellington City Chorus – Women's Barbershop

Sunday August 24th: 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausuami followed by Social Justice Education Group.

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

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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