

# ORDER OF SERVICE

31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2025

## PENTECOST 12



**THE PRIVILEGED AND THE POOR**

## 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

**"Raindrop Prelude"** Op 28 No 15 ( F Chopin (1810-49)

### CALL TO WORSHIP

We don't need an invitation to be here this morning,  
we can sit anywhere we want to.

There is no hierarchy of authority,  
we are all of equal status and equal importance.

We are here because we choose to gather in this sacred space.

A time and a place where we can let go and bask in the sacredness of your Spirit.  
Amen.

### SILENCE

### GATHERING

**by Rev Dr Rebecca Edminston- Lange**

Come in. Come into this place which we make happy by our presence.

Come in with all your vulnerabilities and strengths, fears and anxieties, loves and hopes.

For here you need not hide, nor pretend,  
nor be anything other than who you are and are called to be. Come into this  
place where we can touch and be touched, heal and be healed, forgive and be  
forgiven

Come into this place, where the ordinary is sanctified,  
the human is celebrated, the compassionate is expected. Come into this place.

***Together we make it a holy place.***

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

**FFS14 '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 have 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.

## 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

Quiet our minds, still our hearts and open our ears to what the spirit is saying to us this morning.

As we gather, we pray for family and friends who are absent due to sickness and we pray for strength and wholeness for them.

We pray for our children near and far.

We pray for one another, that this time of worship may be a balm for the soul and a time of enrichment and healing. **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

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 (Te Rangimarie)

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

**Hebrew Bible****Jeremiah 2:4-14****Gospel****Luke 14:1, 7-14****Contemporary Reading****“If” by Rudyard Kipling (adapted)**

If you can keep your head when all about you  
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you;  
If you can trust yourself when all doubt you,  
But make allowance for their doubting too;

If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,  
Or, being lied about, don't deal in lies,  
Or, being hated, don't give way to hating,  
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise;

If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;  
If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim;  
If you can meet with triumph and disaster  
And treat those two impostors just the same;

If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken  
Twisted by knaves (*dishonest people*) to make a trap for fools,  
Or watch the things you gave your life to broken,  
And stoop and build 'em up with wornout tools;

If you can make one heap of all your winnings  
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,  
And lose, and start again at your beginnings  
And never breathe a word about your loss;

If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew  
To serve your turn long after they are gone,  
And so hold on when there is nothing in you  
Except the Will which says to them: “Hold on”;

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,  
Or walk with kings—nor lose the common touch;  
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you;  
If all folk count with you, but none too much;

If you can fill the unforgiving minute  
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run—  
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,  
And—which is more—you'll be a Man, my son!

## RESPONSE

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

## HYMN

### FFS 50 'Nothing is lost on the breath of God'

Words and music © Colin Gibson

1. Nothing is lost on the breath of God,  
nothing is lost forever;  
God's breath is love, and that love will remain,  
holding the world for ever.  
No feather too light, no hair too fine,  
no flower too brief in its glory;  
no drop in the ocean, no dust in the air,  
but is counted and told in God's story.
2. Nothing is lost to the eyes of God,  
nothing is lost forever,  
God sees with love, and that love will remain,  
holding the world for ever.  
No journey too far, no distance too great,  
no valley of darkness too blinding;  
no creature too humble, no child too small  
for God to be seeking, and finding.

3. Nothing is lost to the heart of God,  
nothing is lost forever;  
God's heart is love, and that love will remain,  
holding the world for ever.  
No impulse of love, no office of care,  
no moment of life in its fullness;  
no beginning too late, no ending too soon  
but is gathered and known in God's goodness.

## REFLECTION

## Entitlement versus Humility

Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

## REFLECTIVE MUSIC

**"Close every door"** from Joseph and the Amazing  
Technicolour Dreamcoat (A Lloyd-Webber (1948 - )

## HYMN

## FFS 63 'These Hills'

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1. These hills where the hawk flies lonely,  
beaches where the long surf rolls,  
mountains where the snows meet heaven,  
*these are our care.*  
Pastures where the sheep graze calmly,  
orchards where the apples grow,  
gardens where the roses cluster,  
*these are our prayer.*
2. Forests where the tree ferns tower,  
rivers running strong and clear,  
oceans where the great whales wander,  
*these are our care.*  
Race meeting race as equals,  
justice for age-old wrong,  
worth for every man and woman,  
*these are our prayer.*

3. Cities where the young roam restless,  
lives brought to deep despair,  
homeless and powerless people,  
*these are our care.*

Places where the Word is spoken,  
hands held in serving love,  
faiths of our many cultures,  
*these are our prayer.*

4. All that the old world gave us,  
all that the new world brings,  
language, ideas, customs,  
*these are our care.*

Life finding joy and value,  
faith seeking truth and light,  
God heard and seen in all things,  
*this be our prayer.*

#### OFFERING MUSIC

**He leadeth me (W Bradbury (1816-68),  
arr Mark Hayes (b1953))**

#### OFFERING HYMN

**AA 62 "Here we bring small or great"**

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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

For the gifts we receive and the gifts we share  
***we give thanks.***

For the abundant universe, with resources enough and to spare  
***we give thanks.***

May our offerings of money and food, compassion and goodwill,  
be multiplied to those who receive them



*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**

**Cam Smart**

### **CIRCLE OF PRAYER**

We think today of the people of Togo and we pray for the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Togo. 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 Mariameno Kapa-Kingi (Te Tai Tokerau) and Dana Kirkpatrick (East Coast). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of the Dannevirke - Knox 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**

## **AA156 'Where the road runs out'**

Words & music © Colin Gibson

1. Where the road runs out and the signposts end,  
where we come to the edge of today,  
be the God of Abraham for us,  
send us out upon our way.

### ***Refrain***

*Lord, you were our beginning,  
the faith that gave us birth.  
We look to you, our ending,  
our hope for heaven and earth.*

2. When the coast is left and we journey on  
to the rim of the sky and the sea,  
be the sailor's friend, be the dolphin Christ,  
lead us on to eternity.

### ***Refrain***

*Lord, you were our beginning.....*

3. When the clouds are low and the wind is strong,  
When tomorrow's storm draws near,  
be the spirit hovering overhead  
who will take away our fear.

### ***Refrain***

*Lord, you were our beginning.....*

## **BLESSING**

Kia tau kia tātou katoa te atawhai o to tatou Ariki a Ihu Karaiti, me te aroha o te Atua, me te whiwhinga tahitanga ki te Wairua Tapu, ake, ake, ake, Amine.

## **SUNG BLESSING**

## **FFS 49 'May the God of new beginnings'**

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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**

## **"Make me a channel of your peace"**

(Sebastian Temple (1928-97), arr Mark Hayes)

## **THANK YOU**

to our musician today  
**Judy Dumbleton**

## **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***

### **DANCES OF UNIVERSAL PEACE**

Taster Session 2: Dances of Universal Peace in the Hall THIS Sunday 31 August after Church till 1pm. DUP is a moving mindfulness mantra-style meditation practice essentially of embodied prayer. It uses melody and words from many different traditions, in many languages. Comfortable clothing, flexible footwear (or bare feet), your voice and a dash of open willingness the only requirements for participation.

### **LOCAL GOVT LIVING WAGE ELECTION FORUM**

Kia ora, we need you to join us to keep WCC a Living Wage Council – and to push for more for our city's lowest-paid workers. Wednesday, 3 September, arrive from 6.00 pm, forum starts 6.30 pm sharp. St Andrew's on the Terrace. At this forum, we'll be asking mayoral and council candidates to commit to: Keeping WCC a Living Wage Employer, Supporting a Living Wage for the new water entity and the airport company, Backing Unions Wellington's call to insource council-contracted services. See you there Finn Cordwell, Living Wage Lead Organiser.

### **JARS**

I am now happy to receive small to medium jars - preferably with lids. I have enough peanut butter jars, so the 250-300gram size is what I really need. (Although if they're Rose's jars, I'll take any size.) Marmalade will be forthcoming in the fullness of time. Thanks, Sue

### **VOTE TO KEEP MAORI WARDS**

Referendum on Māori wards are happening alongside local government elections, including for Wellington City, Hutt City, Porirua City, Kapiti Coast and the Greater Wellington Regional Council, from early September to 11 Oct. Now is the time to get talking to friends, family, neighbours and colleagues about voting to keep Māori wards. Share why Māori having their voice represented in local democracy fits with your values and look for common ground through conversation. Māori have been under-represented on councils for too long; Māori wards make sure there's a Māori voice at the council table. Referendum on Māori wards are required by a new law which only applies to Māori wards and no other wards, such as rural wards. Check out <https://maoriwards.nz/> for info and <https://www.commongrace.nz/keepmaoriwards> for Christian

perspectives. For enrolling to vote, go to <http://www.vote.nz> If you want more resources, eg posters, or have any questions, get in touch with Ellen <[contact\\_ellen@yahoo.com](mailto:contact_ellen@yahoo.com)>.

### **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**

On one of the gorgeous Wellington days we've had this week, I took some cousins, visiting from the US, to Zealandia ([/www.visitzealandia.com/](http://www.visitzealandia.com/)). As a long-time member, living in Karori, I tend to regard this eco-sanctuary in the middle of a capital city as part of my back yard. But taking visitors round, and showing them the lush forest teeming with bird life, that's been restored in just 30-odd years, was something else. It was a great reminder to not take for granted the wonderful environmental things going on in our own backyards. The Zealandia story ([www.visitzealandia.com/About](http://www.visitzealandia.com/About)), of bringing many of our native birds back from the brink of extinction, is inspiring. I love the quote, from French philosopher Henri Bergson, that greets you at the entrance: *'The future can no longer be, What is going to happen? It is, What are we going to do?'* If you haven't been to Zealandia for a while, or ever, I recommend it! - Anna Smith, Sustainability 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**

### **UPCOMING CONCERT – TERRACE DYNAMICS: PIPES AND STRINGS ON THE TERRACE- Kemp English (organ/piano) with Yuka Eguchi (violin)**

In 2024, renowned Kiwi organist **Dr Kemp English** gave concerts in the Auckland, Dunedin and Adelaide Town Halls. This year, it's Wellington's turn to host this virtuoso solo organist as Kemp comes to town to play the newly restored Croft organ at St. Andrew's on the Terrace. Kemp is joined by **Yuka Eguchi**, violinist extraordinaire, who has been Assistant Concertmaster of the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra for the last ten years, combining her orchestral role with a busy chamber music schedule. Before making her home in New Zealand, she was Solo Concertmaster of the Japan Philharmonic Orchestra and Tokyo Mozart Players and a guest Concertmaster throughout Japan. This concert takes place on **Saturday 18 October at 3 pm** and will include a wide variety of musical treats such as well-known organ music by Bach, Lefébure-Wély and Sousa, music for violin and organ by Mons Takle & W.S Lloyd Weber, and even an early taste of Christmas with an arrangement of Sleigh Ride by Leroy Anderson! The Wellington Organists Association is delighted to promote this event, which is sure to appeal to anybody with a love of music and an appreciation of fine musicianship. Admission is free – koha welcome to help offset costs.

## **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	Sue Hirst
Laptop	Sue Hirst
Offering	Lynette Burrell and Bridget Martin
Coffee/tea	Sandra and Tony Kirby, Sally Gray
Family Time	Rosemary Lawrence
Readings	Gillian Feist
Prayers of the People	Cam Smart
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Closed
Musician	Judy Dumbleton
Service Leader	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

### **On duty September 7<sup>th</sup>**

Welcoming	Pat McGiven and Pam Fuller
Sound	Tania Penafiel
Laptop	Sue Hirst
Offering	Kath Kerr and Bridget Martin
Coffee/tea	Aaron Cook, Sally Gray and Marilyn Wallace
Family Time	Frank Cook
Readings	Frank Hanson
Prayers of the People	Anna Smith
Communion	Sonia Groes-Petrie, Ellen Murray, Laura and David Gehrenbeck, Janet Martin and Katrina Harper
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 31<sup>st</sup>: 10am** Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumi

**Wednesday September 3<sup>rd</sup> 10:00am** Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre

**12:15pm Lunchtime Concert:** Inbal Megiddo (cello), Paul Altomari (bass) & Friends

**Sunday September 7<sup>th</sup>: 10am** Communion Service led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumi

### **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
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