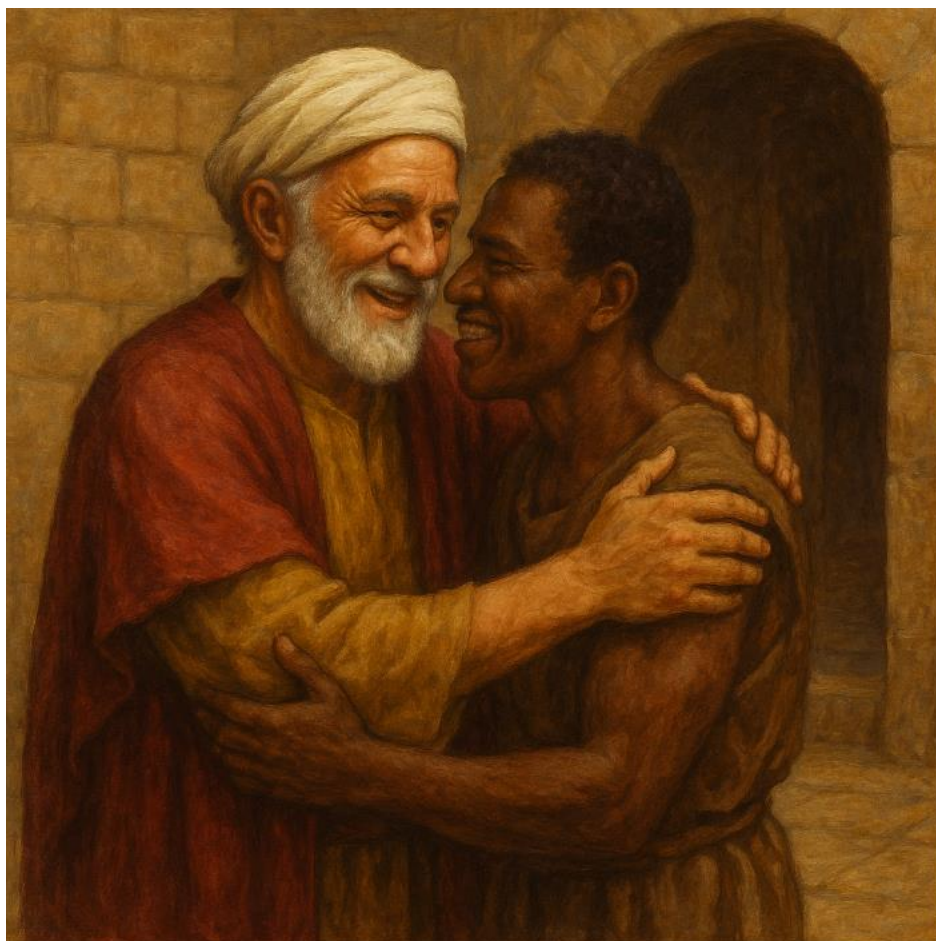


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7TH SEPTEMBER 2025

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SEASONS OF CREATION



“CELEBRATING FATHER FIGURES”

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 come to celebrate those significant people in our lives: our fathers, our mothers, parental figures, caregivers—all those people who have loved and cared for us. Today is Father's Day for many, and for others it's Parents' Day, Carers' Day. We give thanks today for those who led the way for us. In this time, in this space, be our beacon of hope, our place to come and sit awhile in this sacred space.

To heal, to be heard, to be nurtured, to be loved.

SILENCE

GATHERING

Come away and rest awhile. Be still and know that I am God.

You are called to be here, to be a part of a community of faith.

Whatever you believe, whatever you do not believe,

you are welcome here.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

AA 31 'E te Atua'

Tune: KUM BA YA Arr Nicola and Guy Jansen

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1. E te Atua aroha mai [x3]
ake ake tonu e. [x2] | O God love us
forever and ever. |
| 2. E te Atua manaaki mai [x3]
ake ake tonu e. . [x2] | O God bless us
forever and ever. |
| 3. E te Atua awhina mai [x3]
ake ake tonu e. [x2] | O God help us
forever and ever. |

WELCOME

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

Kia ora tātou.

Ou te faatalofa atu i le Suafoa 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

In a world experiencing natural disasters, war and uncertainty, where violence continues to perpetuate more violence both overseas in other countries and also here in our communities and for some closer to home in our families, we bring our vulnerable selves living with this uncertainty, living with this hopelessness.

We want to move from being static witnesses to becoming more active, helping the vulnerable, the lost.

Lead us, guide us and give us a purpose and a vision. Hear our prayer. ***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

Frank Cook

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".

Gospel Reading

Luke 14:25-33

Epistle

Philemon 1:1-21

Contemporary Reading

By Maya Angelou

Maya Angelou, an acclaimed American poet, author, and civil rights activist, possessed an extraordinary ability to capture the essence of the human experience through her poignant words. While she explored various themes in her vast body of work, her poems about fathers hold a special place in the hearts of readers worldwide. With vivid imagery, deep emotions, and profound insights, Angelou's poems about fathers illuminate the complexities of the father-child relationship. Let us delve into some of her remarkable pieces that beautifully encapsulate the joys, struggles, and transformative power of fatherhood.

***To a man, strong as a rock
Old as the sun,
Hot as the Mississippi,
Low as a valley,
High as a mountain,
Steep as a hill,
Wide as a prairie,
Deep as a sea,
White as a snowflake,
Black as a crow,
Big as a bear,
Little as a mouse.***

Through these vivid metaphors, Angelou portrays her father as a multifaceted figure, encompassing both strength and vulnerability, as well as the duality of light and darkness. This poem serves as a testament to the resilience and power of fathers, emphasizing their ability to navigate life's challenges while remaining a source of comfort and support.

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

AA 160 'Will you offer me compassion?'

Words © John Weir Music © Douglas Mews

1. Will you offer me compassion?
Will you walk the road with me?
Brother, sister will you feed me
Ripe fruit from the Mercy Tree?
2. Will you utter words of comfort?
Will you bless me with your peace?
Mercy is the gift I long for:
mercy from the Mercy Tree.
3. I do not deserve your loving,
Brother, sister, yet I plead –
I am human, I have need of
mercy from the Mercy Tree.
4. If you offer me your friendship,
if you make your peace with me,
mercy will most surely touch you:
mercy from the Mercy Tree.

REFLECTION

Onesimus, no longer a slave, but a dear brother
Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

Study in D Major by Fernando Sor
Mike Wespel-Rose

OFFERING MUSIC

OFFERING HYMN

WOV 561 'Kneels at the feet'

Words © Tom Colvin and people of Ghana; Music: Ghana Folk Melody

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet:
master who acts as a slave to them.

*Yesu, Yesu,
fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbours we have from you.*

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

Anna Smith

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Tunisia and we pray for the Muslim people in Tunisia and throughout the world. 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 Barbara Kuriger (Taranaki-King Country) and Ingrid Leary (Taieri). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of the Eltham/Kaponga Co-operating Church (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.*

COMMUNION HYMN

FFS 17 'For everyone born, a place at the table'

Words © Shirley Murray Music © Colin Gibson

1. For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing
for everyone born, a star overhead.

Refrain

*And God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!*

2. For young and for old, a place at the table
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hand of a child in hands that are wrinkle,
for young and for old, the right to belong.

Refrain

*And God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!*

3. For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free.

Refrain

*And God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!*

WE CELEBRATE THE CHRISTIAN MEAL OF THANKSGIVING

THE INVITATION

St Andrew's is an open community and all are invited to Christ's Table. Wherever you are on your faith journey; wherever you have come from; wherever you are going to; whatever you believe; whatever you do not believe, you are welcome to participate in the communion. This is God's meal for all people.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God is the heart of life.

And we are the heartbeat.

May our hearts be filled with thanks and praise and songs of joy.

We rejoice in the miracle of life and delight in our participation.

With those who have gone before us, and those who will come after us, we join the whole creation in the hymn of praise:

***Holy, holy, holy, vulnerable God,
the whole creation is full of your glory;
hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed are we who come to celebrate Shalom;
hosanna all around.***

We give thanks to you, O God, for you love the world.

You look upon your creation and on us and name us good.

***You conceive in us possibilities, and carry us on into the timeless
struggle of bringing to birth your reign of love.***

We give thanks for Jesus our brother,
who gave hope to ordinary people like us,
and broke through the barriers which separate us from life.

He proclaimed Good News to the poor.

***He healed those who were sick, and set free those who were
captive to illness of the mind.***

He sends us out to continue his work and nurture life in his name.

We thank you, Spirit of Life, for strengthening and empowering us
to share the Good News of God's love with others.

***For you desire that all Creation know this love and experience the
gift of new life. Come then, life-giving spirit of our God; brood over these
bodily things and make us one body in Christ; that we may no longer be
in bondage to the principalities and powers that enslave creation,
but may know your liberating peace. Amen***

THE BREAD IS BROKEN

We break the bread for the broken Earth,
ravaged and plundered for greed.

May there be healing for our beautiful blue and green planet.

We break the bread for our broken humanity,
for the powerful and the powerless
trapped by exploitation and oppression.

May there be healing for humanity.

We break the bread for those who follow other paths;
who travel on a different road from us;
those who think and act differently;
those whose belief system is different to ours;
those who see our world through different eyes
of ethnicity and culture.

May there be healing where there is pain and woundedness.

We break this bread for the unhealed hurts and wounds
that lie within us all.

May we, too, be healed.

THE WINE IS POURED

This is the cup of peace and of new life for all.
A sign of love for the community of hope.

***A reminder of the call
to live life fully,
to love wastefully,
and to be all that we can be.***

Come then, life-giving Spirit of our God,
brood over these bodily things,
and make us one body with Christ;
that we may no longer be in bondage
to the principalities and powers that enslave creation,
but may know your liberating peace
such as the world cannot give.

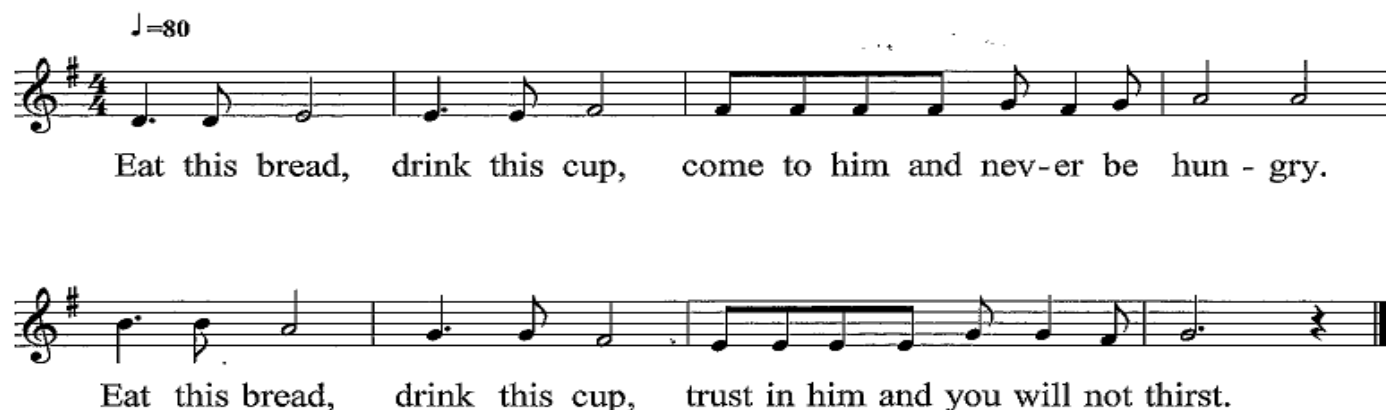
SHARING BREAD AND WINE

The gifts of God for the People of God. Come, for all is ready.
The Bread of life. The Cup of Blessing.

COMMUNION CHANT

CH 661 'Eat this bread drink this cup'

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Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and nev-er be hun - gry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

We give thanks for this shared fellowship of bread and wine, for the fellowship of this community of St Andrews on the Terrace, for everyone here has a place at the table. Send us out to share the inclusivity of God's realm in our families and our communities. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

WOV 558 "When I needed a neighbour"

Words and music: and music: Sydney Carter © Stainer & Bell Ltd

1. When I needed a neighbour, were you there, were you there?
When I needed a neighbour, were you there?

Refrain

*And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter.
Were you there?*

2. I was hungry and thirsty, were you there, were you there?
I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?

Refrain

*And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter.
Were you there?*

3. When I needed a shelter, were you there, were you there?
When I needed a shelter, were you there?

Refrain

*And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter.
Were you there?*

4. Wherever you travel, I'll be there, I'll be there.
Wherever you travel, I'll be there.

Refrain

*And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter.
I'll be there.*

BLESSING

Peace is like a river.

It rises and falls - sometimes it floods.

Be watchful. Be alert.

Find ways to make peace in the places where it hurts.

May you sense the love of God with you and in the world

May you experience the grace of Jesus Christ in your life and your life with others

May you feel the presence of the Holy Spirit making all things new.

Go in peace.

Amen

SUNG BLESSING

FFS 49 'May the God of new beginnings'

Words © John Murray Music ©Colin Gibson

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

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

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:ellen@yahoo.com)>.

LIBRARY NEWS

Book donation - I visited Margaret Douglas last week. I was invited to look through the books of David Douglas in case there were any suitable for our congregational library. David was an interesting and thoughtful person with varied reading tastes. I picked up about 30 books which will now be included in books displayed on the library table on Sundays. Thankyou David and Margaret.

Library Access There are just two of us running the library at the moment. We are always happy to have more volunteers. Just contact me if you can help. It is a pretty simple job. Even though it may say Library Closed - in the OOS, if we are at church Pauline or I will put out the library anyway with the loan book out as well. So the library is actually out most weeks unless we've been kidnapped..

Many thanks Mike Wespel-Rose mikewr09@gmail.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

WEDNESDAY WALKS

Every Wednesday the Tararua Tramping Club run a variety of walks. Most of the participants are retired folk. The trips vary from very very easy - a ramble (a hour or 2 of gentle walking) to pretty energetic and adventurous - medium fit or fit. The joys of these trips include

- good exercise - motivated by doing it with others
- interesting social contact.
- walking in interesting and "different locations"
- a cheap day out

To find out whats on on a particular Wednesday, you can go to the Tararua Tramping Club web site. On the home page top left, select "our trips". Then scroll down to the Wednesday trips section and the required date.

If you would like to go on the trip email list to receive emails, please contact Joan Basher and ask. Her email is - joan_basher@hotmail.com Her phone is – 0273467700 Several people from our church community are members of this group. Mike Wespel-Rose

SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

An electronic waste drop-off day is being held on Saturday 13 September in the Zealandia overflow carpark. The carpark is on the corner of Birdwood and Chaytor Sts, just through the Karori Tunnel. These items can be dropped off free of charge: Computers, Monitors, Tablets and Small Devices, Laptops, Routers and Modems, Computer Mice, Servers, UPS, Cameras, Hifi Stereo Amps and Speakers, Mobile Phones, Car Batteries, Wiring & Cabling, Mainframe Circuit Boards. Other items attract a charge to share the cost of recycling. Check here (<https://tinyurl.com/5bwxtms3>) for what you can recycle. **Good news:** Solar is taking off across Africa! In the last 12 months over 15GW worth of solar panels were imported. This wave is happening across the continent: 20 countries have set new import records. Sierra Leone imported enough solar panels in one year to make up 65% of its entire nation's generating capacity.

(<https://tinyurl.com/22n97633>)

SEASON OF CREATION SERVICE 28 SEPTEMBER - INVITATION TO BE INVOLVED

As part of the Season of Creation this year the sustainability group will be leading the service on Sunday 28 September. The theme this year is Peace with Creation. We will have an initial planning session after church this Sunday, 7 September.

If you are interested in being part of this service, please join us or let me know by email: soniapetrie@gmail.com

RECYCLING AT ST ANDREW'S

Congratulations! During August we saved **9.5kg** of waste from landfill. This is up on previous months, partly because we are now collecting heavier household metal items. In the six months since we have been measuring our impact, we have saved **38.5kg**. This is in addition to the milk bottle tops that Brian Burrell adds to his sack for the Sustainability Trust. 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. Make sure you have one at home for easy reference. 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>

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	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 Leader	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

On duty September 14th

Welcoming	Sandra and Tony Kirby
Sound	Sue Hirst
Laptop	Mike Wespel-Rose
Offering	Mike Wespel-Rose and Bridget Martin
Coffee/tea	Michael Parker, Kath Kerr and Janet Horncy
Family Time	Mike Wespel-Rose
Readings	John Harper
Prayers of the People	Pat Booth
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Mike Wespel-Rose
Musician	Dianne Halliday
Service Leaders	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday September 7th: 10am Communion Service led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausuami

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

12:15pm Lunchtime Concert: Kirstin Eade and Beth Chen, flute and piano

Sunday September 14th: 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausuami followed by Exploring Faith.

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
Office Administrator	Jemma Ballantyne
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