

# ORDER OF SERVICE

14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025

## PENTECOST 14 – PEACE WITH CREATION



**E KOEKOE TE TŪĪ, E KETEKETE TE KĀKĀ, E KŪKŪ TE KERERŪ**  
*The tūī cries, the kākā cackles, the kererū coos*

## 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 Ellen Murray and Rev Doug Lendrum**

### PRELUDE

### OPENING

Pua te kōwhai – the kōwhai bursts with yellow, pulling our eyes to their brightness, beckoning tūī to feast,

Pupuhi te hau – the winds whip up, chilling us, reminding us it's still early days in the journey towards the summer,

He tohu kōanga – it's Spring.

### SILENCE

### GATHERING

We gather in this place of welcome.

***Our presence together makes this space sacred.***

In this Season of Creation,

we are called to awareness

we are called to wonder

we are called to life!

***Let us celebrate life in the presence we name God.***

## HYMN FROM THE TRADITION

## WOV 80 Immortal Invisible

Words: Walter Smith, adpt Tune: ST DENIO

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on a tree,  
and wither and perish but naught changeth thee.
4. Thou reignest in glory, thou dwellest in light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all praise we would render, O help us to see  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

## 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

## 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

John Harper

Hebrew Scripture

Exodus 3:2-5

Genesis 1:2

## The Big Bang that created life

this threatening blackhole  
that light can escape not

a void where the gravity of it  
is not a slight unimaginable  
massing force

star born and bursting in  
an all encompassing  
wheeling spiral clusters  
each eternal in seeming

then dwarfed cold  
rending reality  
and re-making it

and there was light  
in one verse united

## Epistle

## Philippians 4:7

## RESPONSE

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

## HYMN

## AA 54 'God of the galaxies'

Words: © Shirley Murray Music: © Douglas Mews

Tune: CHEAM

1. God of the galaxies spinning in space,  
God of the smallest seed, our living source,  
yours is the gift of this beautiful place.  
*Let us care for your garden  
and honour the earth.*
2. Careless and covetous, gross are our greeds,  
taking the riches, the garden provides,  
wasting its goodness, forgetting its needs.  
*Let us care for your garden  
and honour the earth.*
3. Let there be beauty, and let there be air  
fragrant with peace, never poisoned with fear,  
freed from the plagues of pollution and war.  
*Let us care for your garden  
and honour the earth.*
4. Life is a holy thing, life is a whole,  
linking each creature and blessing us all,  
making connections of body and soul.  
*Let us care for your garden  
and honour the earth.*

## REFLECTION

**'Peacemaking is the purpose of Creation'**

**Rev Doug Lendrum in conversation with Rev Barrie Keenan**

## REFLECTIVE MUSIC

1. Where the green will rise again,  
bud and blossom in the breaking,  
earth will smile and ease her aching,  
drought or flood, through sun or rain,  
*so the green will rise again.*
2. Water, river, clear again,  
when, with skill and science blending,  
health returns from our befriending;  
when we watch and nurture, then,  
*there the green will rise again.*
3. Hands and minds with vision plain,  
people with a sense of wonder,  
caring lives that do not squander,  
plant for futures to sustain,  
*so the green will rise again.*
4. Where the green will rise again,  
when God's world knows peace and healing,  
common cause and common feeling,  
love will make us her domain,  
*so the green will rise again.*

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Dorothy McRae-McMahon

Let us celebrate our God:

***We celebrate our God,  
who is not afraid of our minds  
with all their questions,  
and all their doubting searchings for the truth.***

***We celebrate our God,  
who knows and loves our deepest hearts,  
whose compassion is always greater than ours  
so that the measure of our kindness***

*is always less than that of God*

*We celebrate our God,  
who engages with our souls,  
linking us with the mystery of the universe,  
the endlessness of eternity,  
yet is as close to us in our tiny beings  
as a parent with a child.*

## OFFERING MUSIC

## OFFERING HYMN

### AA127 'Take my Gifts' v1

Words © Shirley Murray Music © Colin Gibson

1. Take my gifts and let me love you,  
God who first of all loved me,  
gave me light and food and shelter,  
gave me life and set me free.  
Now, because your love has touched me,  
I have love to give away;  
now the bread of love is rising,  
loaves of love to multiply!

## OFFERING PRAYER *(said together)*

***We bring our commitment to bring good news to all Creation.***

***We bring our offerings to share in the work of opening up the world for justice.***

***We bring ourselves.***

***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.



**CIRCLE OF PRAYER**

We think today of the people of Turkey and we pray for the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Turkey. 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 Hon Melissa Lee (List) and Nancy Lu (List). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of the Featherston - St Andrew's Union Church (Pres-Meth).

**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

## AA89 'Light of lights beholden'

Indigo II - Words & music: © Jenny McLeod

1. Light of lights beholden  
we from days of olden  
sang this song  
for to understand  
that peace upon this planet  
was pledged to come.  
Each to other, sister, brother,  
born for life and song,  
*look towards the light and carry on:  
let the simple heart and hope among us  
keep our family strong,  
let the simple heart and hope among us  
keep our family strong.*

2. Darkness all around us,  
light has always found us,  
light will come  
where the dark is deepest,  
greater light will keep us  
safe from harm.  
Troubled times will always find  
a voice of trouble doom,  
*look towards the light and carry on:  
let the simple heart and hope among us  
keep our family strong,  
let the simple heart and hope among us  
keep our family strong.*

## BLESSING

(2 Koriniti 13:13/ 2 Corinthians 13:13)

***Kia tau ki a tātou katoa***

***Te atawhai o tō tātou Ariki, a Ihu Karaiti***

***Me te aroha o te Atua***

***Me te whiwhingatahitanga***

***Ki te wairua tapu***

***Ake ake ake,***

***Amine***

**SUNG AMEN**

**POSTLUDE**

**THANK YOU**

to our musician today  
**Dianne Halliday**

**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**

### **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

### **EXPLORING FAITH - AWAKENED - SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH 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: Liberation**

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:

*Then the Lord said to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh, and say to him, "Thus says the Lord, the God of the Hebrews: Let my people go, so that they may serve me" - (Exodus 9:1)* 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. Everyone is very welcome to come and join us for some thinking and discussion. Mike Wespel-Rose

### **THINK LIKE A FOREST**

During the Social Justice session, on Sunday 28 September, St Andrew's is hosting a screening of a powerful, short film called *Think Like a Forest* (<https://tinyurl.com/fbu2uafv>). To celebrate the Season of Creation, we are inviting members of other eco churches in Wellington to join us. *Think Like a Forest* brings the vision of Recloaking Papatūānuku (<https://tinyurl.com/kae2k54r>) to life. Recloaking is a bold, science-led initiative to restore, regenerate, enhance and manage over two million hectares of native forests and wetlands across Aotearoa in the next 30 years. The protagonist in the film, hunter, fisher and conservationist Sam the Trap Man, speaks to kaitiaki already doing this work on the ground, and presents a vision for a regenerative future in which we take action to create resilience for our land and communities. The session will run from 12.00 – 1.30pm to allow for discussion.

## **JAM JARS**

Still needing jam jars if you can spare them, please - up to and now including the large Rose's and the standard Pic's peanut butter size. Sue

## **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](mailto:mikewr09@gmail.com)

## **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](mailto:joan_basher@hotmail.com) Her phone is – 0273467700 Several people from our church community are members of this group. Mike Wespel-Rose

## **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](mailto:soniapetrie@gmail.com)

## **SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE**

An electronic waste drop-off day was held yesterday, 13 September in the Zealandia overflow carpark. **On going** with our e-group: [Think Like a Forest](#) - We discussed the film and agreed that it was a great fit for St Andrew's. Eco Action Plan 2025 update: Very much a work in progress. We've all been busy! Season of Creation - Sonia has confirmed with Fei that she will coordinate a service for Sun 28 Sep, led by the Sustainability Group **Good news:** One candidate for mayor is campaigning on Rewilding Wellington. See William Pennywise, the Rewilding Clown (James Barber) for an actually forward-looking vision.

## **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	Pauline and David Patchett
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 Leader	Ellen Murray and Rev Doug Lendrum

#### **On duty September 21<sup>st</sup>**

Welcoming	Lynette and Brian Burrell
Sound	Simon Miller
Laptop	Hamish Dick
Offering	Katrina Harper and Paul Franken
Coffee/tea	Jim and Maxine Cunningham, Vivienne Mountier
Family Time	Can Smart
Readings	Pat Booth
Prayers of the People	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Closed
Musician	Judy Dumbleton
Service Leaders	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

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

**Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup>: 10am** Sunday Gathering led by Ellen Murray and Rev Doug Lendrum followed by Exploring Faith.

**Wednesday September 17<sup>th</sup> 10:00am** Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre

**12:15pm Lunchtime Concert:** NZSM String Ensemble

**Sunday September 21<sup>st</sup>: 10am** Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausuami followed by Congregational Conversation and Younger members' (Y) group after morning tea.

#### **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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