

ORDER OF SERVICE

28th SEPTEMBER 2025

PENTECOST 16

SEASON OF CREATION - CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME



Manaaki whenua, manaaki tangata, haere whakamua
Care for the land, care for the people, go forward

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 Sonia-Groes Petrie, Frank Cook and Pat Booth

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

As the koru unfurls on the ponga
and green leaves return to the kōtukutuku
we celebrate the greening of the Earth,
the greening of community,
the greening of our lives.

Springtime brings a profusion of flowers,
but most of all it brings
a new greening to the Earth.
May this greening be made real now
in us and through us
in this time of reflection.

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.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

AA 26 'Come to our land'

Words: © Shirley Murray Music: © Colin Gibson Tune: HAEREMAI

1. Come to our land, come to our hearts,
spirit of peace, spirit of truth,
bring in the spring, the hope and the green,
spirit of growth and spirit of youth.

Refrain:

*And all our people will sing together:
Wairua Tapu, holy your name,
there's one great spirit in all creation,
one great spirit of God!*

2. Come to our land, come to our hearts
spirit of life, breath of new birth,
teach us to care for water and air,
nourish the seed and cherish the earth.

Refrain:

*And all our people will sing together:
Wairua Tapu, holy your name,
there's one great spirit in all creation,
one great Spirit of God!*

3. Come to our land, come to our hearts
spirit of bush, spirit of bird,
speak to the soul of Aotearoa
joy in your world and joy in your word.

Refrain:

*And all our people will sing together:
Wairua Tapu, holy your name,
there's one great spirit in all creation,
one great spirit of 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

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."

THE WORD IN TEXTS

Rosemary Lawrence

Hebrew reading

Leviticus 25: 1-7

Gospel reading

Matthew 25:31-40

Contemporary Reading

Ten Resolutions

From ' The Greening of Christianity ' by Lloyd Geering

1. Let us take time to stand in awe of this self-evolving universe.
2. Let us marvel at the living eco-sphere of this planet.
3. Let us set a supreme value on all forms of life.
4. Let us develop a lifestyle that preserves the balance of the planetary eco-system.
5. Let us refrain from all activities that endanger the future of any species.
6. Let us devote ourselves to maximising the future for all living creatures.
7. Let us set the needs of the coming global society before those of ourselves, our tribe, society or nation.
8. Let us learn to value the human relationships that bind us together into social groups.
9. Let us learn to appreciate the total cultural legacy we have received from the past.
10. Let us accept in a self-sacrificing fashion the responsibility now laid upon us all for the future of our species and of all planetary life.

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

AA143 'Touch the earth lightly' (v1-3)

Words: © Shirley Murray Music: © Colin Gibson

1. Touch the earth lightly,
 use the earth gently,
nourish the life of the world in our care:
 gift of great wonder,
 ours to surrender,
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.

2. We who endanger,
 who create hunger,
agents of death for all creatures that live,
 we who would foster
 clouds of disaster,
God of our planet, forestall and forgive

3. Let there be greening,
 birth from the burning,
water that blesses and air that is sweet,
 health in God's garden,
 hope in God's children,
regeneration that peace will complete.

REFLECTION

Frank Cook, Pat Booth and Sonia Groes-Petrie

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

Tipping Points: V. Earth by Rachel Portman

1. These hills where the hawk flies lonely,
beaches where the long surf rolls,
mountains where the snows reach 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 and 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

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

Spirit of life,

We share these gifts of food and money in gratitude for the abundance we have in our lives. Refresh and sustain us as we recommit to loving the earth, our home, every day. 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

Lynne Dovey

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Uganda and we pray for the Church of Uganda and their work focussing on infrastructure development, human rights, civic education, and community-based health care. 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 Jo Luxton (List) and David MacLeod (New Plymouth). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of the Feilding - St Paul's Presbyterian Church.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

*Bless your people, God
and renew our life in this place.
Refresh us with a spirit of love and respect
for all who follow the Jesus Way,
for those whose pathways differ from our own,
and for care of the Earth and its creatures.*

*Bless the cities in which we live,
that they may be places
where honest dealing,
good government,
the desire for beauty,
and the care for others flourish.*

*Bless this church,
that what we know of your will
may become what we do,
and what we believe,
the strong impulse
of our worship and work,
Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN

AA 155 'Where Mountains Rise to Open Skies'

Words © Shirley Murray Music : Vernon Griffiths © Faber Music Ltd London

1. Where mountains rise to open skies
your name, O God, is echoed far,
from island beach to kauri's reach,
in water's light, in lake and star.
2. Your people's heart, your people's part
be in our caring for this land,
for faith to flower, for aroha
to let each other's mana stand.

3. From broken word, from conflict stirred,
from lack of vision, set us free
to see the line of your design,
to feel creation's energy.

4. Where mountains rise to open skies
your way of peace distill the air,
your spirit bind all humankind,
one covenant of life to share!

TE MANAAKITANGA/BLESSING

(adapted from Season of Creation: In full Connection: 2024, The Methodist Church of NZ)

As a kōtare calls from a riverside tree
may we hear the call to action for God's creation.

As takahē parents share time on the nest
may we hear the call to love and partnership.

As a maki mother fiercely defends her young
may we hear the call to do justice.

***May we go boldly into the week ahead,
living with love, reconnecting with the community of life.
May we live justly realigning ourselves, with all who seek justice.***

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU

to our musician today
Ephraim Wilson

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

UPCOMING WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS



Wednesday 1 October 12:15pm – 1:00pm
Duo Tapas

THE DOCTORS WIFE

I am delighted to invite you to a special screening at Victoria University of Wellington of "The Doctors Wife" -- a documentary film on the humanitarian work in Palestine of New Zealand heart surgeon Alan Kerr and his wife, Hazel Kerr. This event will be at 5.00-7.00pm on Tuesday 30 September, in the Memorial Theatre in the Student Union Building on the VUW Kelburn campus. We will be honoured to have Alan and Hazel Kerr present, and after the film screening (71 minutes), there will be Q&A with Alan and Hazel, and also with Paula Whetu Jones who filmed and wrote this extraordinary documentary on trips to Palestine over many years. Please see the attached flyer with all details, including how to register for attendance. This will be an informative and inspiring event for all who are interested in Palestine and the Palestinian people. University of Wellington's Memorial Theatre (Student Union Building, Kelburn campus) To attend, please REGISTER at

<https://vuw.eventsair.com/the-doctors-wife-screening/register>

Jonathan Boston , Victoria University of Wellington

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

SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

I am personally concerned about the waste produced by fast fashion where inferior fabric is turned into garments made overseas in sweat shops, sold here very cheaply but with unsold stock often going into landfill. The NZ fashion industry is very aware of the problem but the cost of creating ethically produced garments is very high in NZ. I was delighted to read about an initiative called Precious Collaborative. The Auckland designer Liz Mitchell creates a beautiful and artistic coat to be sold for \$10,000.00. The sale of this garment - the

Precious Coat - subsidises up to 20 garments sold at reasonable prices thus supporting everyday people to make better fashion choices and by using mostly NZ made fabric (wool) and local craftspeople, create a much more sustainable contribution to the industry. They also offer a mending service for their garments. They have a good website where you can see a coat as well as everyday garments for sale. claire@preciouscollaborative.nz
Janet Martin.

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>

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

RELIEFAID IS ON THE GROUND DELIVERING EMERGENCY AID TO FAMILIES

The situation in Gaza is catastrophic, the death roll rises daily and families have nowhere to flee. Compounding the distress, Gaza's closed borders have made humanitarian access all but impossible, leaving families lost, abandoned, and without the basics needed to survive. Despite these monumental challenges, ReliefAid is NOW delivering aid in Gaza. As we have done in other conflicts, ReliefAid is bringing help where it is needed most. Leveraging our established networks on the ground, we have deployed a team within Gaza to deliver life-saving aid directly to families. Donations can be made here:

<http://www.reliefaid.org.nz/gaza-appeal/> Together we will make a difference. Thank you, Mike Seawright, Founder and Chief Executive

CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE GAZA PALESTINE EMERGENCY APPEAL

Christian World Service has launched an emergency appeal to assist people who have been affected by the current conflict in the Middle East, particularly in Gaza. Nearly 85% of the population - 1.9 million people have been displaced in Gaza. They are in urgent need of food, water, shelter and safety. "The people of Gaza are living in harrowing conditions with limited resources, and we cannot stand idly by while they suffer.... Our collective efforts can make a significant difference in the lives of those trapped in this nightmarish situation.", DSPR. Donations can be made through CWS.

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	Sandra and Tony Kirby
Sound	Ben Gray
Laptop	Ben Gray
Offering	Kath Kerr and Lynnette Burrell
Coffee/tea	Janet Horncy, Sally Gray ad Katrina Harper
Family Time	Rosemary Lawrence
Readings	Rosemary Lawrence
Prayers of the People	Lynne Dovey
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Pauline Patchett
Musician	Ephraim Wilson
Service Leader	Sonia Groes-Petrie, Frank Cook and Pat Booth

On duty October 5th

Welcoming	Pam Fuller and Pat McGiven
Sound	Sue Hirst
Laptop	Sue Hirst
Offering	Bridget Martin and Lynette Burrell
Coffee/tea	Jenn Keenan, Aaron Cook, Rosemary Lawrence and Michael Parker
Family Time	Frank Cook (CG)
Readings	Pat Booth
Prayers of the People	Hamish Dick
Communion	Maxine & Jim Cunningham, Ross Scott, Kath Kerr, Cam Smart, Janet Horncy
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Closed
Musician	Bruce Corkill
Service Leaders	Rev Dr Fei Taule'aleausumai

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday September 28th: 10am Caring for our common home led by Sonia Groes-Petrie, Frank Cook and Pat Booth followed by Social Justice Education Group

Wednesday October 1st 10:00am Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre

12:15pm Lunchtime Concert Duo Tapas

Sunday October 5th: 10am Communion Service led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ausumai followed by Social Justice Education Group.

STANDARD MONTHLY SUNDAY CYCLE OF ACTIVITIES AFTER SERVICE

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| 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
Centre Assistant	Sara Rokni
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