



ORDER OF SERVICE

26th OCTOBER 2025

PENTECOST 20



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

GATHERING

This day let the hills around us shelter us,
the waters of the harbour sooth us,
the birds of Zealandia excite us,
the reassuring structure of this building bring us comfort.
And let the spirit within and around us
lead us to dance within our souls.

SILENCE

OPENING RESPONSES *(please remain standing)*

*Act of Awareness
(Adapt/Clarke Wells)*

Gathered here, we sense the sacred in this place.

***May we be awakened again to
the mysteries that humble us,
the realities that orient us,
the beauty that informs us,
the fellowship that sustains us,
and the creativity that heightens and deepens our living,
that we may give ourselves in honesty and openness
to the larger life before us.***

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live;
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive,
built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain:

*all are welcome in this place,
all are welcome in this place,
all are welcome in this place.*

2. Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space,
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

Refrain....

3. Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone,
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face.
Let us bring an end to fear and danger:

Refrain....

4. Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

Refrain.....

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.

PRAYER OF AFFIRMATION AND CONFESSION

May the following be our confession of our accomplishments and inspiration in our shortcomings?

"Somewhere someone"

by Cheryl Binkley and Jane McKeel

The kingdom of love is coming because:

*somewhere someone is kind when others are unkind,
somewhere someone shares with another in need,
somewhere someone refuses to hate, while others hate,
somewhere someone is patient - and waits in love,
somewhere someone returns good for evil,
somewhere someone serves another, in love,
somewhere someone is calm in a storm,
somewhere someone is loving everybody.
Is that someone you?*

JESUS' PRAYER

Jim Cotter Paraphrase

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.

BLESSING THE CHILDREN

Now you go 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 Bible

Ecclesiastes 35:12-14, 16-19

Gospel reading

Galatians 3:23-28

Contemporary Reading

The Braided River – We Believe
by Rev Dr Fei Taule’ale’ausumai

In Christchurch we gathered,
under banners of We Believe,
voices like tributaries converging—
some smooth, some swollen,
some carrying silt and memory
from far-off valleys of faith.

They spoke of a braided river,
a weaving of waters and witness,
the many streams of Aotearoa’s church—
Pacific drums, rainbow banners,
Pākehā prayers and Māori waiata—
each strand shining in the sunlight
of our shared belonging.

But then, a shadow,
a murmur of “false teaching,”
dark currents unnamed yet known,
and I wondered—
can the river judge its own waters
when all flow from the same rain?

Still, we sang.
We danced our island dances,
we broke bread rich with laughter,
and the Spirit moved between us
in the warmth of open palms
and the rhythm of our drums.

Sir Lloyd’s tribute never reached the floor—
perhaps carried instead by wind and memory,
to where prophets wait in quiet grace.

And when the skies closed above the airport,
flights grounded and hearts restless,
we found communion in conversation—
Wellington souls debriefing the tide.

It was not an easy week,
but faith seldom is.
Among my people I found solace,
hospitality as theology,
love as liturgy,
generosity as Gospel.

And in that braided river
of hope and contradiction,
I saw again what I believe—
that God still flows
through all our tangled waters,
finding the way to the sea.

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

AA 8 'Brother, sister, let me serve you'

Words and Music: © Richard Gillard Tune arr. V Fleetwood

1. Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you,
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.
2. We are pilgrims on a journey,
we are travellers on the road,
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear,
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.
4. I will weep when you are weeping,
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you,
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

REFLECTION

'The braided river'

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2025

Fei Taule'ale'ausumai & Ellen Murray

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

1. God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,
hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,
you are our centre, daylight or darkness,
freedom or prison, you are our home.

Refrain

*Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.*

2. God in our struggles, God in our hunger,
suffering with us, taking our part,
still you empower us, mothering Spirit,
feeding, sustaining, from your own heart.

Refrain....

3. Those without status, treated as nothing,
you have made royal, gifted with rights,
chosen as partners, midwives of justice,
birthing new systems, lighting new lights.

Refrain....

4. Not by your finger, not by your anger
will your world order change in a day,
but by your people, fearless and faithful,
small paper lanterns, lighting the way.

Refrain....

5. Hope we must carry, shining and certain
through all our turmoil, terror and loss,
bonding us gladly, one to the other,
till our world changes, facing the Cross.

Refrain....

OFFERING HYMN

AA 62 "Here we bring small or great"

Words: © Shirley Murray Music :© Colin Gibson

1. Wild flowers grow, birds find seed,
God attends to each one's need;
as we share all can live,
as we love, we learn to give.
*Jesus said, "Have a care – your hearts will always
be where your riches are, where your riches are".*

OFFERING PRAYER

***Compassionate God,
who calls all people to be one family,
teach us to share your gifts with each other,
strengthen us to make peace by working together,
and challenge us with a vision
of the feast where all are welcome. 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

Sonia Groes-Petrie

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of the United States of America and we pray for the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America. 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 Tracey McLellan (List) and James Meager (Rangitata). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of the Gisborne - St David's Presbyterian Parish.

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

FFS 67 'We are many, we are one'

Words and music: Colin Gibson

1. We are many, we are one,
and the work of Christ is done
when we learn to live in true community,
as the stars that fill the night,
as a flock of birds in flight,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the branches of a tree,
as the waves upon the sea,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.

2. All division is made whole
when we honour every soul,
find the life of God in every you and me,
as the fingers of a hand,
as the grains that form the sand,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the threads upon the loom,
as a field of flowers in bloom,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.

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

MAORI BLESSING

Te Atawhai o to tatau Ariki, a Ihu Karaiti
Me te aroha o te Atua
Me te whiwhingatahitanga
ki te wairua tapu
Kia tau ki a tatou katoa.
Ake ake ake, Amine

May the grace of Jesus Christ
the love of God
the unity
of the holy spirit
settle on us all

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU

to our musician today
Kristina Zuelicke

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 29 October 12:15pm – 1.00pm
The Kugels



Wednesday 5 November 12:15pm – 1.00pm
Shannon Pittaway & Friends – NZSO trombones



Thursday 6 November 12:15pm – 1.00pm

String Quartets by Caroline Shaw and Maurice Ravel

BLESSING FOR COMPLETED DISABILITY ACCESS PROJECT 7 DECEMBER

If it's not already in your diary please note that we will be blessing the new disability access ramp and raised flooring of the front entrance area on Sunday 7 December. We will be joined by special guests all of whom have had a hand in making the project happen. This year we will also celebrate St Andrew's Day on 7 December. Fei will talk about this closer to the time, but this means it will be a double celebration. The service will be followed by a shared lunch including invited guests. Meantime, from this Sunday 19 October we are permitted to use the front door and the gallery again by the Wellington City Council. This week the non-slip surface on the entrance floor has been completed, thanks to the fine weather. Still to do is the grouting and sealing of the edges of the concrete for which we will need at least two further consecutive days of fine weather. Thanks for your patience. Lynne

SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

A climate action storytellers' night is being held in Wellington on Thursday 6 November, 5.30 - 7.30pm. Climate Kōrero Pōneke (<https://tinyurl.com/2pdxvrur>) is the third kōrero in a series dedicated to celebrating the inspiring mahi of individuals and organisations driving climate action in our communities. Four passionate speakers will share their journeys, insights, and practical ways you can get involved in local climate action. The event follows the Pecha Kucha format - each speaker presents 20 slides, with each slide shown for 20 seconds. This fast-paced visual format is a great way to share stories and keeps everyone on their toes! After each presentation, you'll have the chance to kōrero directly with the speakers, so bring your questions and curiosity. The four speakers are: Gareth Hughes, Wellbeing Economy Alliance, Ellie Clayton, Kaicycle, Emma Osborne and Gareth Jardine, EkaRua Rebicycle and Orini Rokx-Taratu and Santino Morehu, Future Unity. - Anna Smith, Sustainability Group.

RECYCLING AT ST ANDREW'S

I don't have a full September update on the amount of material recycled through our centre but I know from the weeks I collected there was at least 2.3kg. 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. - Sonia Groes-Petrie and Anna Smith, Sustainability Group

RECYCLING OF HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES

Household batteries can be dropped off for FREE in Wellington 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. There are also now three battery recycling points in Hutt City: War Memorial Library, Eastbourne Neighbourhood Hub and Naenae Neighbourhood Hub.

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 / cereals, biscuits and muesli bars / instant coffee and tea bags / soap, toilet paper, toothpaste and toothbrushes. (Please no fresh fruit/vegetables) For other ways to support the work of the DCM visit <https://www.dcm.org.nz>

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE 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 -

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| Welcoming | Maxine and Jim Cunningham |
| Sound | Tania Penafiel Bermudez |
| Laptop | Hamish Dick |
| Offering | Jenn Keenan and Tony Pears |
| Coffee/tea | Janet Horncy (CG), Marilyn Wallace and Kath Kerr |
| Family Time | Rosemary Lawrence |
| Readings | John Harper |
| Prayers of the People | Sonia Groes-Petrie |
| Rainbow Room | Caroline Korybut |
| Library | Closed |
| Musician | Kristina Zuelicke |
| Service Leader | Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai |

On duty November 2nd

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| Welcoming | Pam Fuller and Pat McGiven |
| Sound | Frank Cook (CG) |
| Laptop | Mike Wespel-Rose |
| Offering | Mike Wespel-Rose and Lynnette Burrell |
| Coffee/tea | Aaron Cook, Katrina Harper and Janet Horncy |
| Family Time | Mike Wespel-Rose |
| Readings | Anna Smith |
| Prayers of the People | Cam Smart |
| Communion | Sandra and Tony Kirby, Doug Lendrum, Vhari McWha, Paul Barber and Rosemary Lawrence |
| Rainbow Room | Caroline Korybut |
| Library | Closed |
| Musician | |
| Service Leaders | Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai |

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday October 26th: 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Social Justice Education Group.

Wednesday October 29th 10:00am Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre

12:15pm Lunchtime Concert The Kugels

Sunday November 2nd: 10am Communion Service led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

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

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| 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 |
| Facilities Assistant(s) | Fynn Neeley-Grant, Isabella Oakley, Cooper Neeley-Grant, Oliver Hope |

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