

ORDER OF SERVICE

23RD NOVEMBER 2025

THE REIGN OF CHRIST



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
and Mani Mitchell MNZM**

PRELUDE

"Andante Religioso" by F. Mendelssohn (1809 - 1847)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come Christ Jesus come you who welcome all, from all the world

Come Christ Jesus Come to greet us now we come as we are from every race and
love and gender to build your house our home

SILENCE

GATHERING

Today we gather in your presence
to remember transgender, non-binary, intersex
and gender-diverse siblings,
especially those whose lives have been taken
by hatred, violence, and neglect.

In this sacred time of remembrance and resistance,
make this place a harbour of love,
a sanctuary of truth,
and a doorway to change.
Amen.

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

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.

OPENING PRAYER

God of All Compassion, we come together on this Transgender Day of Remembrance to remember all gender diverse people who have been persecuted, discriminated against, suffered hate crime, have been murdered or have taken their own lives because of the rejection they face.

Help us today to understand the things we may not understand. Help us to bring love and not hate. Help us to rejoice in the diversity that humanity creates.

God of all genders and none, Source of our glorious difference and true harmony, Bearer of all pain and Spirit of transformation, we give you thanks that you have created us in your own image, in the many-splendored forms of our human diversity.

Hear us as we remember and affirm gender diverse people. Transform the violence, pain and struggles of the past and present, bring new life out of death, hopelessness and despair, and empower us with your grace, strength and joy. May we be like kingfishers catching fire, dragonflies drawing flame, beautiful butterflies shining with your love.

In the name of Christ incarnate in a thousand places, and more. 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

Mike Wespel-Rose

BLESSING THE CHILDREN

Now you go to the Rainbow Room to hear stories, to 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

Gillian Feist

Hebrew Bible

Psalm 139:13–16

Gospel Reading

Isaiah 43:1–2, 4

Contemporary Reading

Transgender Day of Remembrance Poem

A poem by Steph Meech, Trans Experience Development Lead, 18 November 2019

When I meet my maker,
And go up to the skies,
I will sit right down beside them,
And look them in their eyes.

Oh, why did you do this,
Oh, why will I cry,
My life has been a struggle,
Right up until I died.

I was not like the others,
I just did not fit in,
I had so many issues,
Just where would I begin.

I was born a boy,
But even I could see,
As I grew up,
There was no male in me.

I tried to be a good son,
A father and a dad,
But deep inside I am hurting,
And I'm feeling bad.

For I am a lady,
And I have always been,
I have just hidden her,
Didn't want her to be seen.

But now I am a female,
I just want you to see,
That girl that's there in front of you,
That girl is really me.

Please do not judge me,
I do that by myself,
I want to be me now,
Not anybody else.

I may not be a beauty,
That I must confess,
With my dyed red hair,
And my long coloured dress,

But I am at peace now,
For who you now see,
Yep that lady,
Well that lady is really me.

So don't be afraid,
Don't be shy,
Please don't ignore me,
Please don't walk on by.

RESPONSE

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

REFLECTION

Mani Mitchell

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

“Over the Rainbow” by Harold Arlen (1905 – 1986)

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

The [2025 Remembrance Report](#) honors the fifty-eight known trans people who have died since November 2024. Twenty-seven were lost to violence and twenty-one to suicide. The report also honors eight trans people who passed from natural causes. The data in this report has been compiled from a variety of sources, including national and local news outlets; national, state, and local LGBTQI+ organizations; and volunteer-led community efforts.

“This report is not just a record of loss—it is a call to action. Every name represents a life that mattered. They were artists, dancers, writers, computer scientists, students, parents, friends, and much more. The work to end anti-trans violence begins with honoring the truth: that trans people deserve to be seen in their full humanity and live long, safe, and authentic lives,” added Thomas.

Unfortunately, this TDoR report is almost certainly incomplete. Violence against the trans community—particularly trans women of color—is vastly underreported, and accurate data is difficult to capture. Of the twenty-seven recorded violent deaths this year, 63% were Black trans women, a devastating reminder of the disproportionate violence that continues to impact Black trans communities.

THE GLAMAPHONES

PRAYER

Loving Creator, Let the rain come and wash away the ancient grudges, the bitter hatreds held and nurtured over generations. Let the rain wash away the memory of the heart, and neglect. Then O God, let the sun come out and fill the sky with beautiful rainbows. Let the warmth of the Sun heal us wherever we are broken. Let it burn away the fog so that each of us sees each other clearly: so that we can move beyond labels, beyond accents, gender, sexual orientation, or skin colour. Let the warmth and brightness of the sun melt our selfishness: so that we can share the joy and sorrow of our neighbours. And let the light of the sun be so strong that we will see all people as our neighbours. Let the Earth, nourished by rain, bring forth flowers to surround us with your beauty, and let the mountains teach our hearts to reach upward to heaven. Then, dear God, grant us comfort, give us peace, and allow us strength to enable us to Stand up, Fight for, and be a Voice for Equality. In Jesus' name, **Amen!**

OFFERING MUSIC

“What I did for love” by M. Hamlish (1944 – 2012)

OFFERING 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.

OFFERING PRAYER

***God, by our smallest actions, we become part of a bigger world.
The smallest giving can be an expression of
the good spirit of generosity and caring.
Help us to carry through the doorway of each new day
this spirit of generosity and caring. 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 Venezuela and we pray for Roman Catholic people 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 Katie Nimon (Napier) and Damien O'Connor (List). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of the Hastings - St Mark'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

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 wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong.

Refrain....

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....

4. For gay and for straight, a place at the table,
a covenant shared, a welcoming space,
a rainbow of race and gender and colour,
for gay and for straight, the chalice of grace.

Refrain....

BLESSING

May the delight of God fill your souls with joy and give you strength to celebrate and embody Christ's love in the world: and the blessing of God – creating, transforming, and making new - bring you to your true and loving home, now and always.

Amen.

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

“Never Walk Alone” by R. Rodgers (1902 – 1979)

THANK YOU

to our musician today
Peter Franklin

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

WELCOME CARDS

Some folk coming to St. Andrews on the Terrace have not yet got name tags. If you would like a name tag, new OR old, (sometimes name tags go walkabout!) OR would like to receive the E-News, OR even find out more about us with a view to formally joining our community, we would love it if you completed one of the Welcome Cards available at the door as you come into church. The volunteers on door duty will show you where they are.. Gemma, our office person will print you off a name tag, add you to the email list, and if you would like further information, Rev. Dr. Fei or one of our Pastoral care Committee will contact you. Maxine Cunningham

GUN CONTROL UPDATE

Advocacy has been successful in persuading the government not to weaken gun control laws. Gun Control NZ spokesperson Philippa Yasbek expressed 'relief' that bans on military-style semi-automatic weapons will remain and the firearms register continue. Thanks to all those who supported our St Andrews submission on this and made their own submissions. Read more in the RNZ story ['So relieved': Gun control advocates on Arms Act rewrite | RNZ News](#)

DANCES OF UNIVERSAL PEACE - NOVEMBER 30TH

Fifth Sunday November 30th: there will be a Dances of Universal Peace session in the Hall from 1150 until 1300. Relaxed clothing; soft, flexible footwear (bare feet ideal!); openness to differing forms of prayer/meditation/spiritual expression and willingness to participate as you are able (if seated then join in singing - and you can chair-dance too!). We learn a melody, words and steps, then sing and move (dance) in an embodied mantra style ie many repetitions. Each Dance is introduced, and "closed" when it ends. Languages other than English are also used. Heather-Rose 0212422499

FUNDRAISING MARMALADE AGAIN

Marmalades will be available for sale in early December - at the lunchtime concert on Wednesday the 3rd and again in the Hall after the service on Sunday the 7th. We now have EFTPOS available, but cash is still very welcome.

PLEASE DONATE JARS

I am about to make another batch of wholegrain mustard for sale alongside Sue's marmalade stall. Also some capsicum and chilli jam. As the ingredients are somewhat expensive I need to make each batch go further. I would love small jars, preferably with lids - vegemite, curry etc. Any surplus of course will go to the marmalade makers! Maxine Cunningham

SPECIAL SERVICE 7TH DECEMBER

A reminder that we will combine our celebration of St Andrew's Day this year with a blessing for the new entrance way at our Sunday morning service on 7 December. We have invited a number of guests, all of whom have contributed to this project in one way or another. It turns out it takes a lot of people to finance, design and build a ramp (plus), especially when a heritage building is involved. The service will be followed by our last shared Parish lunch for the year. We invite you to make this an extra special celebration by bringing your favourite food to share.

LLOYD GEERING'S BOOK - DECEMBER 14TH

On Sunday 14 December we will take the opportunity to reflect on Lloyd's contribution to us here at St Andrew's, to our community through his lectures, and to our thinking about interpretation of the Bible, theology and interpretation and his impact for people in New Zealand as well as those overseas. Following the service there will be the opportunity in the Hall to hear more about Lloyd's contribution and to see or buy copies of this very special book. Save the date. Any questions contact Barrie Keenan on 027285 7275 or barrie@keenan.co.nz Barrie.

FUNDRAISING CONCERT 8TH FEBRUARY 2026 - SAVE THE DATE!

Many of you will remember Joshua and Oscar Han, two young musicians from Sydney, who gave a concert on 2 March this year to help raise funds for the disability access project. They were sponsored by Professor Jack C Richards, friend of St Andrew's on The Terrace. Joshua will be back to give a piano recital on Sunday 8 February 2026, again sponsored by Jack. Proceeds will go towards our Parish. Joshua continues to go from strength to strength. He has recently won the Sydney Conservatorium Piano Concerto. He is also one of 30 young pianists invited to the 2026 Ljubljana International Piano Competition which will be held in late February in Slovenia. Joshua is an inspiring and talented performer whom we are delighted to welcome back to perform at St Andrew's on The Terrace. We will follow the recital with a cup of tea and nibbles so that we can hear more about Joshua's dreams and plans.

SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

It is good to remind ourselves that sustainability is intrinsically connected to our respect and care for the earth and the environment – so that it can meet the needs of future generations as well as our own. Our sense of well-being and connectedness to the whenua inevitably enhances our sustainable practices. In January this year the international journal 'Urbanization, Sustainability and Society' published an AUT study on 'New Zealanders motivations towards increasing native backyard planting'. They said 'Homeowners play a crucial role in determining whether their backyards contribute to ecological sustainability by planting native species' and they found a positive correlation between such backyard planting and backyard happiness. This is an affirmation that giving over some backyard lawn to native plants has positive benefits to our health and to sustainability. And just as the Town Belt is for the future generations to enjoy as well as ourselves so is the case with our backyard plantings.

RECYCLING AT ST ANDREW'S

Many thanks to Sonia and Ben who kept the recycling flowing while I was away. We're well underway this month with 4kg of waste already collected and we still have three Sundays to go! It was good to see some cutlery in the household metal container this month. We can collect a wide range of metal objects ranging from old tools and saucepans through to blunt scissors, nuts and bolts, and metal drink bottles. Remember, too, to bring in any brand of empty (clean) hair care containers - bottles, tubs and aerosols are all accepted. And if you haven't got a copy of the latest version of all the things you can recycle at St Andrew's, pick one up from the desk in the North Vestry. - 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.

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	Sonia Groes-Petrie (CG)
Laptop	Cam Smart
Offering	Jenn Keenan and Bridget Martin
Coffee/tea	Marilyn Wallace, Aaron Cook and Janet Horncy
Family Time	Frank Cook
Readings	Gillian Feist
Prayers of the People	Anna Smith
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Closed
Musician	Peter Franklin
Service Leader	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

On duty November 30th

Welcoming	Maxine and Jim Cunningham
Sound	Simon Palmer
Laptop	Hamish Dick
Offering	Paul Franken and Jenn Keenan
Coffee/tea	Vivienne Mountier (CG), Janet Horncy, Katrina Harper
Family Time	Frank Cook
Readings	Frank Hanson
Prayers of the People	Ellen Murray
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Closed
Musician	Peter Franklin
Service Leaders	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday November 23rd: 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Social Justice Education Group.

Wednesday November 26th 10:30am Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre

12:15pm Lunchtime Concert Dianne Halliday, organ

Sunday November 30th: 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev Amy Remaklus followed by Dances of Universal Peace.

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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