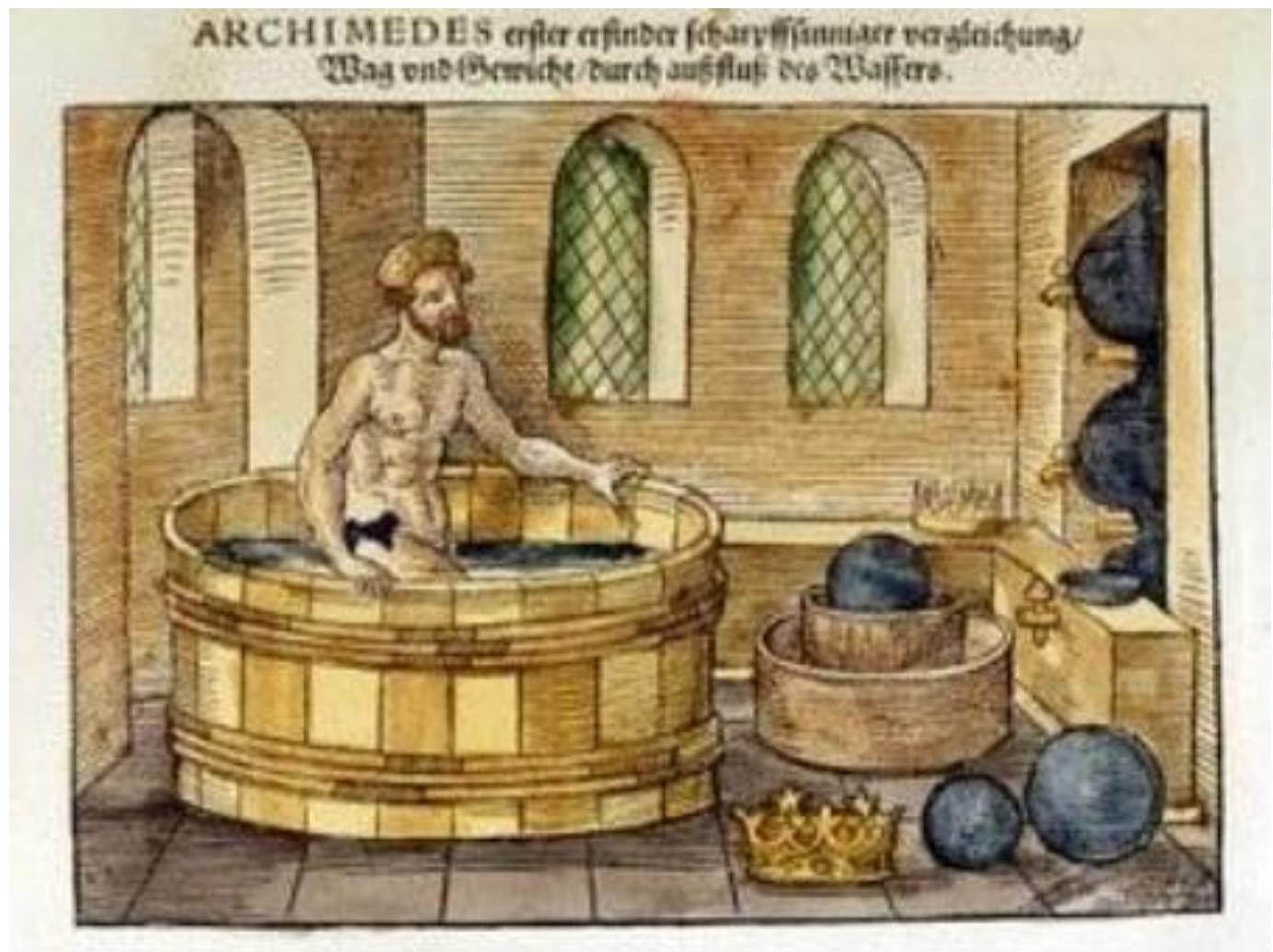




ORDER OF SERVICE

11TH JANUARY 2026

FIRST SUNDAY IN EPIPHANY



EUREKA!

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

In a refugee child playing under a star ...

In an anonymous young person requesting baptism ...

In a wandering preacher refreshed by water from a woman's hand ...

***God was waiting to be recognised and known,
to transform seeing
and change the world.***

In the routine smallness of everyday life ...

In the jagged discomfort of struggle and transition ...

In the timeless grace of hospitality,

***God is waiting to be recognised and known,
to transform our seeing
and change our world.***

SILENCE

OPENING RESPONSES

God of proclamation and epiphany,

***Through the words of prophets and angels
you reveal the possibilities***

of a different way for the world ...

God of encounter and epiphany,

Through the life and actions of Jesus

*you reveal the passionate love
at the heart of your Realm*

God of epiphany and challenge,
as we hear your word now
in scripture, reflection and song,

*Open our knowing and understanding
to your patterns and their possibilities.*

God of epiphany and change,
as we encounter your Word now

*Open our patterns and possibilities
to the transforming power of your love
and send us on by a different way.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

WOV 478 'Great creator God, you call us'

Words: Jane Parker Huber
Tune: CWM RHONDDA

1. Great Creator God, you call us
through the church to do your will.
Stewards of both past and promise,
may we each our work fulfil,
building up in faith and nurture
Christ's own mission lively still,
Christ's own mission lively still.
2. Christ still calls to peace and justice,
health and wholeness, love and grace.
We are partners in that mission
for this time and in this place.
O God, grant us sense and courage
in the daily tasks we face,
in the daily tasks we face.
3. Without vision, people perish,
without challenge, drift and die.
Give us then the tools of daring
and the clarity of eye
for creating in the present,
visions far and wide and high,

visions far and wide and high.

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

Epiphany God
waiting to be seen and known,
***forgive us for those times when submersion in unthinking routine
has dulled our perception of your Presence
and thwarted its life-changing possibilities.***
silence

Epiphany God
waiting to comfort and restore,
***forgive us for those moments when pride or fear
has restricted our openness to your Presence
and impeded its healing possibilities.***
silence

Epiphany God
waiting to challenge and transform,
***forgive us for those occasions
when preoccupation with comfort and familiarity
has stifled our response to your Presence
and subverted its radical possibilities.***
silence

Epiphany God – bright Morning Star,
***may we know your Presence with us now,
and, in opening ourselves to embrace its possibilities,
find different ways
by which to journey onwards.***

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

Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

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."

Hebrew Bible

Isaiah 42:1-9

New Testament

Acts 10:34-43

Contemporary Reading

'Eureka'

According to ancient accounts, Archimedes was puzzling over a problem for the king:

How could you tell whether a crown was made of pure gold without melting it down?

One day, while lowering himself into a bath, he noticed that the water level rose as his body displaced water.

In that moment, something clicked.

He realised:

- An object displaces exactly its own volume of water.
- By measuring how much water the crown displaced, you could calculate its density.
- That density would reveal whether it was pure gold or mixed with cheaper metals.

And so—overcome with excitement—he reportedly leapt from the bath and ran naked through the streets shouting:

"Eureka!" (Greek for "I have found it!")

What a "Eureka moment" really means

Since then, a Eureka moment has come to mean:

- A sudden flash of insight
- When long, slow thinking finally coalesces
- Often arriving unexpectedly—in rest, silence, or ordinary life
- Not magic, but the fruit of deep attention and patient struggle

It's important to note:

Archimedes didn't discover something *out of nowhere*.

The insight came after long wrestling with the problem.

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

'We three kings of Orient are'

John H Hopkins Jr (1857) Public domain

1. We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts, we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.

2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign.

Refrain....

3. Frankincense to offer have I,
incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, voices raising,
worshiping God on high.
over us all to reign.

Refrain....

REFLECTION

Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

CAROL

CH3 278 'Now the star of Christmas'

Words © Shirley Murray

Music: NOEL NOUVELET

1. Now the star of Christmas shines into our day,
points a new direction: change is on the way –
there's another landscape to be travelled through,
there's a new-born spirit broadening our view.
2. When the Christ of Christmas speaks to hearts and minds,
clears the clouded vision hurting humankind,
kindred spirits gather, drawn towards the light,
sharing revelation, joyful at the sight.
3. If we choose to follow, we may yet be wise.
Where the three kings travel, three great faiths arise:
Jesus Christ for Christians, Jesus, Judah's son,
Prophet for the Muslim, wisdom in each one.
4. Where the star enlightens, light is shared around.
God has drawn no borders, faith sees common ground:
Peace the hopeful journey, justice without bar,
God's illumination from the Christmas star.

FREEWILL OFFERING

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

*God,
seed us with hope
and empower us to be
fuel,
light,
action,
and love
for the birth
of your Kin_dom. Amen.*

Matt & Laura Norvell

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 Argentina and we pray for the Anglican Church of the Southern Cone 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 Tom Rutherford (Bay of Plenty) and Jenny Salesa (Panmure-Ōtāhuhu). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of the Khandallah 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

WOV669 'I am the Light of the World'

Words: Howard Thurman. Music: © Jim Strathdee

Refrain:

*I am the light of the world.
You people come and follow me!
If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.*

1. When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and the shepherds have found their way home,
the work of Christmas is begun:
Refrain.....

2. To find the lonely and the lost,
to heal their broken souls with love,
to feed the hungry children with warmth and good food,
to feel the earth below, the sky above;
Refrain.....

3. To free the prisoners from their chains,
to make the powerful care,
to re-build the nations with strength of good will,
to be at one with people everywhere;

Refrain.....

4. To bring hope to every task you do,
to dance at a baby's new birth,
to make music in an old person's heart,
and sing to the colours of the earth.

Refrain.....

BLESSING

May the peace of the Epiphany God,
the joyful peace of finding,
the enlightening peace of seeing,
the challenging peace of understanding,
the radical peace of following a different route,
energise and encourage you
as you travel onwards.

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

CWS CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2025 - GIVE WATER, GIVE LIFE

"But let justice roll on like a river" Amos 5:24

This Christmas, we return to an unmet need that we can easily take for granted in New Zealand: healthy water. In every situation in which our partners are working, the provision of healthy water is the starting point to helping people out of extreme poverty. In New Zealand we fill a drinking bottle from a tap before we head off to work or play with such ease because the infrastructure to allow us to do so exists and works. For over two billion people this is not the case. On a recent visit to our partner in Uganda, Director Tim Pratt saw this for himself. How what we might consider to be a simple rainwater tank could launch a family and community into a much healthier and more prosperous future. Your gift is a wonderful way to stand with vulnerable people to give water, give life. On behalf of those who will put your gift to work lifting the lives of many otherwise caught in extreme poverty and deprived of healthy water, thank you. Donate at: <https://cws.org.nz/newsroom/christmas-appeal/>

SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

If you're going away over the summer break, here are some energy-saving tips for while you're gone, courtesy of Toast Electric, which is part of the Sustainability Trust.

1. Turn off heat pumps at the wall - heat pumps and other heaters can still use a bit of power when they're left on standby.
2. Put your hot water cylinder into holiday mode - if your cylinder has a holiday or away setting, use it. Otherwise, lowering the temperature or switching it off altogether can save a fair bit of energy. Just make sure that, when you return, you allow it to heat up fully before you use the water because of bacteria, e.g. Legionella.
3. Unplug appliances you won't need at the wall - TVs, modems, microwaves, ovens and chargers all use small amounts of power even when they're not doing anything.
4. Close curtains and air the house before you go - close curtains or blinds on the sunny side of the house to keep heat out. Before leaving, open things up to let fresh air through. This helps keep moisture down.
5. Set your solar up to run quietly in the background - if you've got solar power installed check your system is set to export unused power back to the grid. If you have a battery, switching it to an eco or export mode stops it cycling unnecessarily. - Anna Smith, Sustainability Group

RECYCLING AT ST ANDREW'S

Congratulations! November was a bumper month for recycling, partly because it had an extra fifth Sunday. We collected 8.8kg of used materials. Tetra Paks and plastic and metal tops accounted for the bulk of recyclables. Thank you for washing everything before you drop it off. It makes the sorting much more pleasant! If you're clearing out a shed or garage over the holidays we can collect a wide range of metal objects ranging from old tools, taps 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	Hamish Dick
Offering	Katrina Harper and Tony Pears
Coffee/tea	Maxine and Jim Cunningham, Kath Kerr
Family Time	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'aumai
Readings	Pat Booth
Prayers of the People	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Rainbow Room	Closed
Library	Closed
Musician	Ephraim Wilson
Service Leader	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'aumai

On duty January 18th

Welcoming	Lynette and Brian Burrell
Sound	Frank Cook
Laptop	Cam Smart
Offering	Paul Franken and TBC
Coffee/tea	Sandra and Tony Kirby (CG), Aaron Cook
Family Time	Cam Smart
Readings	Gillian Feist
Prayers of the People	Pat Booth
Rainbow Room	Closed
Library	Closed
Musician	TBC
Service Leaders	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'aumai

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday January 11th: 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'aumai

Sunday January 18th: 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'aumai

Sunday January 25th: 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'aumai

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'aumai
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'aumai
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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