

# ORDER OF SERVICE

25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026

## EPIPHANY 3



**“COME AND FOLLOW ME”**

## 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

### CALL TO WORSHIP

We have come from the North, South, East and West to gather here at St. Andrew's on The Terrace.

Epiphany God, shake us out of our complacency and stir in us the hope for a new present, a hopeful tomorrow so that we as the face of Jesus in this world may be able to make a difference. May that difference be with the people we meet both in and outside of our community and may that difference have an influence in global issues of justice and peace.

### SILENCE

### GATHERING

We gather in this place of welcome

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

We gather for a time of reflection

***May we be more aware of the presence of the sacred***

We gather and reaffirm the impulse of the sacred towards justice and peace

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

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

## AA 15 'Christ is Alive'

Words © Shirley Murray Music© Jillian Bray

1. Christ is alive, and the universe must celebrate,  
and the stars and the suns shout on this Sunday morn!  
Christ is alive, and his family must celebrate  
    in a great alleluia,  
    a great alleluia  
to praise the power that made the stone roll away.
  
2. Here is our hope: in the mystery of suffering  
is the heartbeat of Love, Love that will not let go.  
Here is our hope, that in God we are not separate,  
    and we sing alleluia,  
    we sing alleluia  
to praise the power that made the stone roll away.
  
3. Christ Spirit, dance through the dullness of humanity  
to the music of God, God who has set us free!  
You are the pulse of the new creation's energy;  
    with a great alleluia,  
    a great alleluia  
we praise the power that made the stone roll away.

## 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

by Rex Hunt

As we gather, let us affirm the connection we have:  
with each other, and  
with that creative mystery we call God.

***May we remain open to the unfolding of  
all that can be celebrated,  
all that can be learned,  
all that can be done,  
all that can be,  
without diminishing the life of others.  
May it be so.***

## 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.

**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**

**Frank Hanson**

**Hebrew Bible**

**Psalm 27:1, 4-9**

**New Testament**

**Matthew 4:12-23**

**Contemporary Reading**

**'Peacemakers?'**

By Susan Jones From the book 'Dare to Dream'

What was it like, Jesus  
when others  
wanted peace at all costs  
without knowing the cost of real Peace?

when they expected you  
to condemn  
the woman who sprawled,  
shrinking, at your feet  
with the cry 'Adulterer!'  
ringing in her ears  
bracing herself for the first stone  
to slam into her body?

What was it like  
to know you could buy peace  
by following the rules  
faithfully but blindly,  
as the accusing, watchful eyes  
demanded?  
What was it like  
to take the risk

of restoring Peace in the house of prayer  
arousing the anger of vested interests  
disturbing the comfortable  
profit-making ventures of the powerful?

What was it like to refuse to satisfy  
the militant agenda of the  
zealots among your own disciples  
to ride in humble dignity  
upon an ass  
knowing only some would understand  
the implications?

What was it like, Jesus  
to watch us trading justice for peace  
and trading Peace for gain  
condemning the weak  
whose sin is no worse than our own  
while allowing the powerful  
to rob and oppress the poor?

You were strong enough  
to fight for justice  
and not to fight for power.

What would it be like, Jesus  
if we were to be open to your strength

and so could be peacemakers  
unafraid to shatter  
the peacefulness  
of injustice?

## **RESPONSE**

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

## HYMN

## 'Saviour I Heard Your Voice Gently Say' (Psalm 27)

Words/Music: David Burt

### ***Refrain:***

*Saviour, I heard your voice gently say:  
Seek you my face, come, walk, child, with me;  
Lord Jesus Christ, thy face will I seek,  
My heart replies in worship to thee.*

1. Hear, O my God, when I call with my voice,  
have mercy upon me and answer my cry  
In your sweet presence my heart will rejoice,  
to our tender call my heart will reply.

### ***Refrain...***

2. Hide not thy face from me, oh God  
and turn not thy servant in anger away;  
My constant help thou hast been till today  
so do not forsake me or leave me, oh God.

### ***Refrain...***

3. In your great mercy teach me your way  
and out of your paths let me never depart.  
Wait on the Lord, be of courage, I say,  
and his loving kindness shall strengthen your heart.

### ***Refrain...***

## REFLECTION

**"Courage to Trust, Courage to Follow"**

**Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai**

## REFLECTIVE MUSIC

## HYMN

**AA 31 'E te Atua'**

Tune: arr by Nicola and Guy Jansen

1. E te Atua aroha mai [x3]  
ake ake tonu e.

*O God love us  
forever and ever.*

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| 2. E te Atua manaaki mai [x3]<br>ake ake tonu e. | <i>O God bless us<br/>forever and ever.</i> |
| 3. E te Atua awhina mai [x3]<br>ake ake tonu e.  | <i>O God help us<br/>forever and ever.</i>  |

## OFFERING MUSIC

## OFFERING HYMN

### AA 127 'Take my gifts' v2

Words: © Shirley Murray Music: © Colin Gibson

Tune: TALAVERA TERRACE

1. Take the fruit that I have gathered  
from the tree your Spirit sowed,  
harvest of your own compassion,  
juice that makes the wine of God;  
spiced with humour, laced with laughter –  
flavour of the Jesus life,  
tang of risk, and new adventure,  
taste and zest beyond belief.

## OFFERING PRAYER

***We are thankful for all we ourselves have received.***

***We acknowledge the privilege of having homes, food and drink,  
beds, and light and heat when necessary. May our gifts bless  
those who receive them. 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 Australia and we pray for the National Council of Churches in Australia. 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 Penny Simmonds (Invercargill) and Scott Simpson (Coromandel). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of the Levin Uniting 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

## AA45 'Give thanks for life'

Words: © Shirley Murray Tune: SINE NOMINE

1. Give thanks for life,  
the measure of our days,  
mortal, we pass through  
beauty that decays,  
yet sing to God our hope,  
our love, our praise,  
*Alleluia! Alleluia!*
  
2. Give thanks for those  
who made their life a light  
caught from the Christ-flame,  
bursting through the night,  
who touched the truth,  
who burned for what is right,  
*Alleluia! Alleluia!*
  
3. And for our own, our living  
and our dead,  
thanks for the love by  
which our life is fed,  
a love not changed by time  
or death or dread,  
*Alleluia! Alleluia!*
  
4. Give thanks for hope,  
that like the wheat, the grain  
lying in darkness  
does its life retain,  
in resurrection  
to grow green again,  
*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

## **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  
**Bruce Cash**

### **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

UPCOMING CONCERT – JOSHUA HAN, PIANIST. SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026



## Joshua Han returns to St Andrew's on The Terrace Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026, 3pm



*Winner of the Australian National Piano  
Award 2024*

*"Complete mastery of his instrument"  
— Sydney Arts Guide*

### Programme:

Beethoven: Sonata No. 30 in E Major  
Prokofiev: Sonata No. 7 in B Flat Major  
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Chopin: Sonata No. 3 in B minor

Tickets \$30 waged | \$25 unwaged | \$10 Students  
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## **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	Pat McGiven and Pam Fuller
Sound	Ben Gray
Laptop	Ben Gray
Offering	Kath Kerr and Bridget Martin
Coffee/tea	Jeni Bryant and Janet Horncy
Family Time	Rosemary Lawrence
Readings	Frank Hanson
Prayers of the People	Lynne Dovey
Rainbow Room	Closed
Library	Closed
Musician	Bruce Cash
Service Leader	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

### **On duty February 1<sup>st</sup>**

Welcoming	Pauline and David Patchett
Sound	Tania Penafiel Bermudez
Laptop	Mike Wespel- Rose
Offering	Mike Wespel- Rose and Tony pears
Coffee/tea	Katrina Harper, Kath Kerr, Aaron Cook and Janet Horncy (CG)
Family Time	Mike Wespel-Rose
Readings	John Harper
Prayers of the People	Ellen Murray
Communion	Sandra and Tony Kirby, Paul Barber, Frank Cook, Vhari McWha and Ata Burr
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Mike Wespel- Rose
Musician	Peter Franklin
Service Leaders	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

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

**Sunday January 25<sup>th</sup>: 10am** Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

**Sunday February 1<sup>st</sup>: 10am** Communion Service led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Community Brunch.

**Sunday February 8<sup>th</sup>: 10am** Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Exploring Faith.

### **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>	Sara Rokni
<b>Facilities Assistant(s)</b>	Fynn Neeley-Grant, Isabella Oakley, Cooper Neeley-Grant, Oliver Hope

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