



ORDER OF SERVICE

8TH FEBRUARY 2026

EPIPHANY 5



THE MOUNT OF THE BEATITUDES

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 Jim Cunningham

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Each of us arrives from all the ordinariness of living.
We come to centre ourselves once more.
To touch again that place inside
that opens us to new possibilities.

We come to be opened by visions that can enlist us
in larger causes and more caring actions.
We come to hear stories that might take us
into a deeper kind of integrity,
and reconnect us with our better selves.
So may the warmer fullness that we seek
fill our hearts, our minds and our spirits.

SILENCE

GATHERING

May our time together renew our hope.
May the stories we hear refresh our courage.
May the songs we sing lift our spirits.
May the words we speak invigorate us.
May the touch of hands,
the sound of laughter,
the sight of faces new and familiar,
restore us in faith. ***Amen***

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Breathe in the morning air”

Words: Helen Wiltshire, Pilgrim Publishing;

Music: Love Unknown WOV 257 (i)

1. Breathe in the morning air; inhale its fragrancy.
Be still and trust the sacredness that dwells within;
who's ever near; who knows our fears;
whose presence calms our restless souls.
2. Rest in this sacred space; lie down in pastures green.
Be present to the myst'ry of this holy place.
Hear singing streams; feel earth's embrace;
see how our lives are touched by grace.
3. Walk in the way of love, of justice and of peace.
Bring loving to a world of pain and loneliness.
Reach out in love and gentleness
to heal the hurt of brokenness.
4. Here in this darkest vale, shadowed by grief and fear,
we sense a loving presence that our hearts sustain.
Our fears subside; our minds are calm;
our panic flees, and peace remains.
5. Trust in the love of God; believe that goodness lives,
that hope and joy and beauty will embrace our days.
Pursued by love and touched by grace,
our thankful hearts will offer praise.

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 (together)

Sometimes we need stability and security.

Sometimes we need variety and excitement.

Sometimes our cup is half full, sometimes half empty.

Sometimes we are generous and sometimes needy.

Sometimes we are satisfied with life.

Other times we yearn for more.

Let us find peace with who we are

and on our journey may we be open

to new horizons, adventures, experiences. 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.

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 RANGIMARIE THE PEACE

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 Scripture**Exodus 20: 1-17***The Ten Commandments at Mt Sinai***Gospel****Matthew 5: 1-16***The Sermon on the Mount***Contemporary Reading****'Beatitudes for a New Millennium'***by The Rev Dr Peter Matheson*

Jesus, is this what you say to us today?
 How blest are those who abhor easy pieties;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.
 How blest are those who train in non-violence;
they shall have the earth for their possession.
 How blest are those who fast for justice;
they shall be satisfied.
 How blest are those who see enemies as human;
mercy shall be shown to them.
 How blest are those who live what they profess;
they shall see God.
 How blest are those who build bridges of reconciliation;
they shall be called friends of God.
 How blest are those who show the outcast that someone understands;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

“Word of God's love”

Words: Mary Pearson

Tune: WOV 526ii O Perfect Love

1. Word of God's love, with longing hearts we listen,
eager to hear of grace when grace is spent,
seeking to understand in all our being,
the truth in which Christ's life for all was sent.
2. Word of God's hope, when life seems dark and empty,
bruised by the powerlessness which clouds our days,
help us to see with ever clearer vision,
the light and wisdom of the Christ trod way.
3. Word of God's joy, we yearn to hear your music
through storms of anger, fear and silent pain,
knowing that though there is no easy answer
in Christ life finds its harmony again.
4. Word of our God, you call us to each other,
breaking down walls of pride and selfish gain,
and, as we reach to bear each other's burdens,
we find love, hope and joy alive again.

REFLECTION

Rev Dr Jim Cunningham

*“I keep six honest serving men,
(they taught me all I knew);
Their names are What and Why and When
and How and Where and Who”*

**Rudyard Kipling*

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

1. Who is this man who gave to women dignity
in partnership of worth and equal grace?
Who listened to the stories that they told him,
and honoured each, whatever was their place:
who let them choose to come and join his company
and learned with them God's love of every race,
who showed to each the courage of their nature
to care and tend each lonely and each suffering face.
2. Who is this man, who spoke to men of gentleness
and showed them all the children at his side:
who taught of love and justice for all people,
and took a towel and washed away their pride?
In him they saw the strength of truth and mercy,
and how he trusted God to be his guide,
knew how he led them through misunderstanding,
and then forgave them when they ran away to hide.
3. Who is this man who gathered people to him
and touched their lives along each dusty way,
who spoke to all with passion and with peacefulness
and valued all their ordinary days.
Who is this man, who at the day's long ending,
would draw apart to wait on God and pray?
Who in the mystery that knows no ending,
would find God's wisdom
and would know God's words to say?
4. Who is this man who calls us now to follow,
a shadow presence asking us to be
companions on the way through this life journey,
to live in truth, to set our tired world free?
So, let us find each other now in partnership,
with ears to hear and eyes awake to see,
that we might grow in grace and understanding,
and walk beside that man who comes from Galilee.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

OFFERING HYMN

Tune: Duke Street WOV 24

Willing hands, to lead the blind,
heal the wounded, feed the poor.
Love embracing all our kind,
charity with liberal store.

OFFERING PRAYER (together)

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pat Booth

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of the Bahamas, and we pray for the Church in the Province of the West Indies. 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 Erica Stanford (East Coast Bays) and Todd Stephenson (List). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of the Lower Hutt - Knox 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.*

SENDING OUT (standing)

"He comes to us as One unknown, without a name,
as of old, by the lakeside, He came to those who knew Him not.

He speaks to us the same words: "Follow thou me!"

and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfill for our time.

He commands. And to those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple,
He will reveal himself in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings
which they shall pass through in His fellowship,
and, as an ineffable mystery,
they shall learn in their own experience Who He is."

— Albert Schweitzer, *The Quest of the Historical Jesus*

CLOSING HYMN

“Praise with joy the world’s Creator”

Words: J Bell & G Maule Tune: PRAISE MY SOUL **WOW 68**

1. Praise with joy the world’s Creator,
God of justice, love and peace,
source and end of human knowledge,
force of greatness without cease.
Celebrate the Maker’s glory –
power to rescue and release.
2. Praise the Son, who feeds the hungry,
frees the captive, finds the lost,
heals the sick, upsets religion,
fearless both of fate and cost.
Celebrate Christ’s constant presence –
friend and Stranger, Guest and Host.
3. Praise the Spirit sent among us,
Liberating truth from pride,
forging bonds where race or gender,
age or nation dare divide.
Celebrate the Spirit’s treasure –
foolishness none dare deride.
4. Praise the Maker, Son and Spirit,
one God in community,
calling Christians to embody
oneness in diversity.
Thus the world shall yet believe, when
shown Christ’s vibrant unity.

BENEDICTION

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 CONCERT – JOSHUA HAN, PIANIST. SUNDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2026



Joshua Han returns to St Andrew's on The Terrace Sunday 8th 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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AFTERNOON TEA FOLLOWING CONCERT ON SUNDAY 8 FEBRUARY

As earlier indicated, we thought it would be appropriate to host an afternoon tea following Joshua's concert on 8 February, as we did for his concert last year. Pam will be putting together a kitchen crew and we are asking for food contributions. It will be late afternoon so bringing something more savoury and than sweet would work well. This is the first fundraising event of 2026 so it would be great to have a very good turn out. Thanks, Pam and Lynne

CHRISTMAS CRAWL THANK YOU

Many thanks to those at St Andrew's on The Terrace who provided craft supplies, star biscuits, flowers, set up the Nativity scene, decorated the Christmas tree, provided Christmas music and volunteered to attend a 2 hour session at the church. The 45 visitors who walked through the doors were very impressed with what was prepared but the church itself and the recently completed pamphlets explaining the history and artefacts in the church, and our philosophy, were the real focus of interest. Thank you again to all those involved. Janet Horncy and Janet Martin

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD STRONG FOR GUN LAWS

We are writing to you because you supported our submission to the Ministry of Justice on a rewrite of the Arms Act at the start of 2025. **This year, Parliament will be considering new gun laws, proposed by Firearms Minister Nicole McKee - a former gun lobbyist.** Ms McKee hasn't been able to persuade her National and New Zealand First Cabinet colleagues to support some of her more dangerous ideas, such as making it easier for some people to get semi-automatic weapons or abolishing the gun registry. But the gun lobby will be arguing strongly for fewer restrictions, and trying to get New Zealand's laws watered down. **It's important that Parliament hears the voices of the overwhelming majority of New Zealanders who support strong gun laws.** You can do this by adding your name to the Gun Control New Zealand submission at <https://www.guncontrol.nz/submission>

The deadline is **16 February 2026**. You can also help by sharing this link and encouraging your friends and family to sign up too. The terrible events at Bondi last December have shown that we can't sit on our hands when it comes to gun laws. We need ongoing vigilance to make sure the laws are effective. Help make sure that nothing like Bondi or Christchurch happens here again, and make your voice heard. Cheers, Philippa and Nik, Gun Control NZ co-founders

SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

During the holidays, *The Post* and other Stuff newspapers ran a series called Profit and Planet, profiling finalists on the Sustainable Business Awards' Next List. This is an annual list of the best innovators, entrepreneurs, projects and organisations in the green space. One business that caught my eye was Auckland-based Junk2Go. It earns its money removing "junk" from homes when owners are having a clear-out, moving to a new home, or in some cases, after a death, when a home needs emptying. But there's another side to Junk2Go, and that's called Junk2Good. While the business charges to take away things, it doesn't sell them. Instead, every Thursday, housing and other charities come to choose the items they want for families, and people, who need them, but can't afford them. Its first ever impact report, covering just one year, showed it rehomed more than 26,000 items, diverting 135 tonnes from landfill, and supporting numerous people in need through 23 charity partners. A great model for the rest of the country. - Anna Smith, Sustainability Group

RECYCLING AT ST ANDREW'S

Welcome to a new year of recycling at St Andrew's. We finished off 2025 collecting 5kg of used materials in December, down slightly on previous months with holidays starting after Christmas. But 2026 has started with a whopping 14.7kg collected in January thanks to Cam Smart clearing out his workshop over the holidays and recycling some heavy metal objects. Last year we introduced a collection bin for used hair care packaging of various sorts. There hasn't been a lot of interest in this, partly because we use hair care products much less frequently than other containers and lids. During the coming month we will look at whether we keep this going or introduce a new category. If you feel strongly about this, or a category you would like to see introduced, let me know at annamsmith6012@gmail.com. - 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	Lynette and Brian Burrell
Sound	Sonia Groes-Petrie (CG)
Laptop	Cam Smart
Offering	Paul Franken and Katrina Harper
Coffee/tea	Maxine Cunningham, Aaron Cook and Sally Gray
Family Time	Rosemary Lawrence
Readings	Frank Hanson
Prayers of the People	Pat Booth
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Closed
Musician	Ephraim Wilson
Service Leader	Rev Jim Dr Cunningham

On duty February 15th

Welcoming	Sandra and Tony Kirby
Sound	Frank Cook
Laptop	Sandra Kirby
Offering	Tony Pears and Bridget Martin
Coffee/tea	Marilyn Wallace, Kath Kerr and Sue Hirst
Family Time	Cam Smart
Readings	Tony Kirby (CG)
Prayers of the People	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Closed
Musician	Ephraim Wilson
Service Leaders	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday February 8th 10:00am: Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Jim Cunningham followed by Exploring Faith.

Wednesday February 11th 10:30am: Cuppa and Chat

Sunday February 15th 10:00am: Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Congregational Conversation and Younger members' (Y) group after morning tea.

Wednesday February 18th 10:30am: Cuppa and Chat

12:15pm: Lunchtime Concert – The Kugels

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	Pat Booth
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
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Office Administrator	Jemma Ballantyne
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