

ORDER OF SERVICE

15TH FEBRUARY 2026

EPIPHANY 6



“MOUNTAIN-TOP EXPERIENCES”

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

"Gagliarda" by Jean de Macque (1550 - 1614)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, from the valleys of routine and the plains of ordinary days.

Come as you are curious, weary, hopeful, searching.

For today we are invited up the mountain,

to glimpse the holy in the midst of our human lives,

to see light shining through familiar faces,

to hear again the voice that calls us beloved.

SILENCE

GATHERING

Gather us now as your people.

Quiet our restless minds.

Open our hearts to wonder.

Help us to listen for your voice speaking through scripture,

through song, through one another.

On the mountain, Christ is revealed in splendour

not to dazzle us into silence,

but to strengthen us for the journey back down,

into a world longing for justice, mercy, and peace.

So come, let us gather in the presence of the Living God,

who meets us in cloud and clarity,

in mystery and in light.

Come, let us worship.

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 ...

WELCOME

E te whānau a Te Karaiti,
ngā mihi aroha ki a tātou katoa.

Kia ora tātou.

Ou te faatalofa atu i le Suafoa 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 radiant light and deep mystery,
you meet us on mountain tops and in city streets,
in moments of brilliance and in the everyday rhythms of life.
When we are dazzled by glory, ground us in love.
When we are afraid of what we cannot understand, steady us in trust.
When we long to stay in the safety of the mountain,
remind us that your light goes with us into the valleys below.
Transform us, O God—
not only in this hour of worship,
but in the living of our days.
May we reflect your light in a world that needs hope.
We gather in the name of the One who is beloved,
and who calls each of us beloved too.
Amen.

JESUS' PRAYER

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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.

FAMILY TIME

Cam Smart

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 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

Tony Pears

Hebrew Scripture

Exodus 24:12-18

Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

Mountaintop experiences. Sometimes one experience may take a lifetime, or a lifetime could be made up of several mountaintop experiences. Which is more important? The preparation, the actual climb, the arrival, the descent, the reality when it's all over? Every milestone is a mountaintop experience, because getting there, the actual journey itself, is full of emotional peaks and valleys. We can't stay at the top of the mountain all our lives. We have to ascend and descend, and we have to make the most of our time and experience, whatever part of the journey that we are on.

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

CH4 528 'Make me a channel of your peace'

Words and Music: Sebastian Temple (1928-1997)
Tune: PRAYER OF ST FRANCIS (CHANNEL OF PEACE)

1. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love;
where there is injury your pardon;
and where there's doubt true faith in you.

Refrain...

*Please grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand
to be loved as to love with all my soul.*

2. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

Refrain...

3. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope:
where there is darkness only light;
and where there's sadness every joy.

Refrain...

REFLECTION

"The metaphoric mountains in our lives"

Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

"Canon in D" by Johann Pachelbel (1653 – 1706)

HYMN

AA 132 'Tell my people I love them'

Words; Leonard Barlotti V3,4, Guy Jansen

Music: Leonard Bartolli arr, Jan Harrington and Guy Jansen

Refrain:

Tell my people I love them;

tell my people that I care.

When they feel far away from me,

tell my people I am there.

1. Tell my people I came and died
to give them liberty;
as they abide in me
they will be really free!

Refrain:

2. Tell my people where-e'er they go
to claim my risen power;
my peace and joy and love
is for them hour by hour.

Refrain:

3. Tell my people who grieve and mourn
that I allowed the night
of darkness to descend,
but I am still the Light.

Refrain:

4. Tell my people throughout the world
to strive for peace today,
show love for enemies,
be servants of the Way.

Refrain:

OFFERTORY MUSIC “Lord for the years” by T. Dudley-Smith (1926 - 2024)

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

Giver of life and breath and daily bread,
we bring forward these gifts of money and food—
symbols of our labour,
our care for one another,
and our commitment to a more just and compassionate world.

***We offer them not out of obligation,
but out of gratitude and hope.
For in a world where some have too much
and many do not have enough,
we long to be part of your rebalancing love—
love that feeds the hungry,
shelters the vulnerable,
and restores dignity to all. 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

Sonia Groes-Petrie

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Bahrain and Qatar, and we pray for the muslim people in Bahrain and Qatar. 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 Chloe Swarbrick (Auckland Central) and Cushla Tangaere-Manuel (Ikaroa-Rāwhiti). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of the Martinborough - First 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 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.

BLESSING

Go from this place carrying light that does not belong only to mountaintops,
for God is not confined to dazzling moments
or distant heights of glory.

Jesus meets us in ordinary bodies,
ordinary streets,
ordinary struggles—
and transfigures us from within.

May the Christ who shone on the mountain
open our eyes to the radiance already present
in the neighbour, the stranger, the refugee, the friend;
in the tired teacher, the overworked nurse,
the child who wonders, the elder who remembers.
May you see that no one is beyond the reach of light. ***Amen.***

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

**“Minuet” from Music for the Royal Fireworks (HWV351)
by G.F Handel (1685 – 1759)**

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

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

UPCOMING CONCERT – 'THE YOUNG BACH' SATURDAY FEBRUARY 21ST 2026

Ephraim Wilson and Douglas Mews perform early organ works by Bach – including two 'newly discovered' treasures – and works by composers who inspired him. St. Michaels Church, Kelburn. 11.00am, 21st February 2026. Koha Welcome.

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	Pam Fuller + 1
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	Peter Franklin
Service Leader	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

On duty February 22nd

Welcoming	Pat McGiven and Pam Fuller
Sound	Ben Gray
Laptop	Ben Gray
Offering	Kath Kerr and Lynette Burrell
Coffee/tea	Vivienne Mountier and Simon Miller (CG), Sally Gray
Family Time	Frank Cook
Readings	Anna Smith
Prayers of the People	Lynne Dovey
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Closed
Musician	Judy Dumbleton
Service Leaders	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

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

Sunday February 22nd 10:00am: Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Social Justice Education Group.

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	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'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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