

ORDER OF SERVICE

22ND FEBRUARY 2026

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



“TURN THESE STONES INTO BREAD!”

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

Air from Holberg Suite by E Grieg (arr. Christopher Eva)

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come, not because we have it all together,
but because we are still becoming.

We come with our questions, our doubts, our longings,
our thirst for justice, mercy, and hope.

In this Lenten season of reflection and renewal,
God meets us in the wilderness places,
in the dry and weary landscapes of our lives,
in the systems we struggle to change,
in the quiet courage it takes to begin again.

SILENCE

GATHERING

Let us gather as a community of compassion,
to listen deeply, to pray honestly,
to sing with courage,
and to walk the path of transformation together.

For the Holy is already here among us—
in breath and body,
in neighbour and stranger,
in justice-seeking and love.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

AA113 'Our Life Has its Seasons'

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1. Our life has its seasons, and God has the reasons
why spring follows winter, and new leaves grow,
for there's a connection with our resurrection
that flowers will bud after frost and snow,

Refrain:

*so there's never a time to stop believing,
there's never a time for hope to die,
there's never a time to stop loving,
these three things go on.*

2. There's a time to be planting, a time to be plucking,
a time to be laughing, a time to weep,
a time to be building, a time to be breaking,
a time to be waking, a time to sleep,

Refrain....

but there's never a time to stop believing.....

3. There's a time to be hurting, a time to be healing,
a time to be saving, a time to spend,
a time to be grieving, a time to be dancing,
a time for beginning, a time to end,

Refrain...

but there's never a time to stop believing.....

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

Gracious Christ, you meet us in the in-between places
between what has been
and what is still becoming.

In this season of Lent,
draw us gently into deeper awareness:
of our own hearts,
of the cries of the world,
of the quiet invitations of your Spirit.

Gather us now from scattered lives
into one community of care.
Gather our worries and our hopes,
our griefs and our joys,
our faith and our fragile trust.

Where we are parched,
offer us living water.
Where we are restless,
teach us stillness.
Where we are complacent,
stir us toward justice.
Where we are weary,
restore our courage. **Amen.**

JESUS' PRAYER

*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.*

Jim Cotter paraphrase

*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

Frank Cook

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

Anna Smith

Hebrew Scripture

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Gospel

Matthew 41-11

Kia ora my Friend God.
I give to you the voyage of this day,
that to be which is already yours,
adding to it my rejoicing,
a shout of praise. Amen. Amen.

You are the wind: fill up my sails.
You are the water: run fast beneath my keel.
And I will sing in the wind
and dance over the water,
God my Friend, oh God my Friend.

You are the light: enfold me,
You are the darkness: embrace me.
You are pain: hollow me.
You are love: overflow me.

The storms of change are you,
and the peace of tranquil waters.
You are all these things Friend God,
and I thank you. Amen. Amen.

May I journey without fear
through all your seasons.
In emptiness let me find fullness.
In imprisonment let me find freedom.
Render me passive in your will
and I shall be most active,
moving with you in everything, seeing you in everything
knowing you in everything. Amen.

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

AA 94 (1) 'Loving Spirit'

Words © Shirley Erena Murray Music © David Dell

1. Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,
you have chosen me to be,
you have drawn me to your wonder,
you have set your sign on me.

2. Like a mother, you enfold me,
hold my life within your own,
feed me with your very body,
form me of your flesh and bone.

3. Like a father, you protect me,
teach me the discerning eye,
hoist me up upon your shoulder,
let me see the world from high.

4. Friend and lover, in your closeness,
I am known and held and blessed:
in your promise is my comfort,
in your presence I may rest.

5. Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,
you have chosen me to be,
you have drawn me to your wonder,
you have set your sign on me.

REFLECTION

"From the Heights of Mountain tops to the Depths of the Wilderness"

Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

The Heart of Peace by Mons Leidvin Takle

HYMN

FFS 57 'Song of faith that sings forever'

Words © Shirley Murray Music © Colin Gibson.

1. Song of faith that sings forever
through God's people, ages long,
word that holds the world together
when our hearts take up the song,
always, always, somewhere sounding,
though the source we do not see,
counterpoint to all despairing,
it is hope that sets the key.

2. Song of faith in exaltation,
rising through the vaults of prayer,
tune of simple celebration
offered up in open air,
song in chapel and cathedral,
descant to our daily tone,
song from sickbed or in prison,
faith must often sing alone.

3. And when life would overwhelm us,
when there seems no song to sing,
hear the constant voice of courage
out of fear and suffering:
all who've loved and trusted Jesus,
all who lift us to be strong,
endless, endless are the voices
of the faith that makes the song.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Allegro by G F Handel

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.

bghchbh

***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.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Bangladesh, and we pray for the Bangladesh Baptist Church of Sangha. 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 Jan Tinetti (List) and Laura Trask (List). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of the Marton - St Andrew'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

CH4 729 'We shall go out with hope of resurrection'

Words: June Boyce Tillman © 1993 Stainer & Bell Ltd Tune: Londonderry Air

1. We shall go out with hope of resurrection;
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;
tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;
we'll dream our dream of hurts that can be healed;
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united
within the vision of a Christ who sets us free.
2. We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken,
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer;
vibrating love alive in every heart.
We'll share our joy with those who are still weeping;
chant hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief;
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story,
including all within the circles of our love.

BLESSING

As we journey through Lent together,
may this time together
ground us in grace,
awaken us to possibility,
and send us out
as bearers of hope in a wounded world.

***We go in the spirit of Christ—
the one who journeys with us
through wilderness and toward new life.
Amen.***

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

Jesu, meine Freude BWV 610 by J S Bach

THANK YOU

to our musician today
Judy Dumbleton

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

CAR PARKING IN DESIGNATED BRAEMAR PARKING SPACES ON SUNDAYS

Just a gentle reminder that Braemar are generous in allowing members of the congregation attending the Sunday service, and indeed other events, to park in their designated spaces, and on their land after business hours and at weekends. Effectively we share the car park with them including the access. We have a very good relationship with the current Manager which we value. Sometimes one or more of the occupants of Braemar (the lawyers plus others tenants and their clients) will be using their car park on Sunday morning and at other times, which of course they are fully entitled to do. We would ask that you are respectful of the courtesy Braemar accords us. The St Andrew's designated spaces are numbers 2 through 14 (number 1 adjacent to the south steps of the church is used as a loading zone most of the time). Lynne Dovey and Pat Booth

LIVING WAGE TABLE TALK - SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP 12-1PM 22 FEBRUARY CONFERENCE ROOM 3

Finn Cordwell from Living Wage Wellington will be joining us on Sunday to lead a Table Talk session about the movement to make Wellington a Living Wage City. This will be a lively interactive session with a chance for you to be part of shaping the future of our city. All are welcome. Paul Barber (Social Justice Group Coordinator)

FEI'S BIRTHDAY LUNCH SUNDAY MARCH 1ST

On Sunday March 1st we'll be having a sit-down lunch to celebrate Fei's 65th birthday and the 35th anniversary of her Ordination. The lunch will be mostly catered but I am needing help in three areas. Slices - I need offers for people to bring slices or similar to have with our after-dinner tea and coffee.

Cutlery especially Forks – We are short on these so if you or someone you know has any they no longer want could you please consider donating them to the church. Kitchen Help – I'm needing a couple more people to help in the kitchen with the cleaning -up. Thank you, Pam Fuller

SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

The season of Lent is upon us, a time to ponder what we might focus on as we journey towards Easter. This year, as an eco-church, we are invited to reflect, not only on our relationship with God, but also with God's creation. Here are five simple ideas from A Rocha Aotearoa, of actions we might like to embrace during the Lenten season.

1. Go low-waste: Choose a week (or the whole season) to reduce rubbish - especially plastics.
2. Creation walks: Take a weekly reflective walk on a local bush track, awa, or coastline, picking up rubbish as you go.
3. Eco-friendly eating: Try going meat-free for a day, a week or the whole season. Eat only from local sources for the season.
4. Buy nothing new: Practise simplicity by repairing, borrowing or op-shopping instead of buying new.
5. Volunteer: Turn up and participate at a local conservation project - learn, help and grow.

Anna Smith, Sustainability Group

With the year well underway and Lent already upon us I am taking up the Carbon Fast for Lent challenge that Climate Stewards (based in the UK) have put together. While I try to be mindful of my daily impact on Earth, our beautiful home, I find Lent is a helpful time to bring my attention back to it - I always have things I can improve on! There are weekly themes from consumerism and money through to food waste, transport, energy and social media. If you sign up to the challenge Climate Stewards sends you a weekly email with some reflective writing and practical ideas to care for creation and reduce your carbon footprint. You can sign up on their website:

<https://climatestewards.org/resources/carbon-fast-for-lent/>

Let's all live more lightly this Lent!

Sonia Groes-Petrie, SA's sustainability group

RECYCLING AT ST ANDREW'S

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	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 Leader	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

On duty March 1st

Welcoming	Pauline and David Patchett
Sound	Sue Hirst
Laptop	Sue Hirst
Offering	Tony Pears and Lynette Burrell
Coffee/tea	Sandra and Tony Kirby (CG), Marilyn Wallace and Kath Kerr
Family Time	Rosemary Lawrence
Readings	John Harper
Prayers of the People	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Communion	Maxine and Jim Cunningham, Lynne Dovey, Sonia Groes-Petrie, Doug Lendrum and Pam Fuller
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 22nd 10:00am: Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Social Justice Education Group.

Wednesday February 25th 10:30am: Cuppa and Chat

12:15pm: Lunchtime Concert – Quang Hong Luu, solo piano

Sunday March 1st 10:00am: Communion Service led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by special Birthday Lunch for Rev Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

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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