



# ORDER OF SERVICE

8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026

**LENT 3**



**Tania**



**Ata**

**NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS**

## 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

In the wilderness, when the people were thirsty and afraid, God brought water from a rock.

***When hope seemed dry,***

***God made a way where there was no way.***

At a well in the heat of the day,

Jesus asked a Samaritan woman for a drink.

***Across boundaries of gender, culture, and suspicion,***

***Living Water began to flow.***

### SILENCE

### GATHERING

We come thirsty for justice, for belonging, for courage, for truth.

We come with empty jars and desert hearts.

The One who split the rock and the One who sat at the well,  
meets us here.

***Let the Living Water flow among us.***

***Let our thirst be met with grace.***

***Let us worship God.***

1. All creatures of our God and light,  
lift up your voice with all your might;  
alleluia! alleluia!  
You burning sun with gold beam,  
you silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise God, O praise God,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
  
2. You rushing wind with voice so strong,  
you clouds that sail in heav'n along,  
O praise God, alleluia!  
You rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
you lights of evening find a voice,  
O praise God, O praise God,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
  
3. You flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for your God to hear,  
alleluia! alleluia!  
You fire so powerful and bright,  
wonderful source of warmth and light,  
O praise God, O praise God,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
  
4. And all forgiven tender hearts,  
forgiving others, take your part,  
sing praises, Alleluia!  
You who long pain and sorrow bear,  
praise God, who knows your ev'ry care.  
O praise God, O praise God,  
alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!

## **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**

Life-Giving God, You know what it is for your people to wander  
to question, to complain, to fear there is not enough.

You do not shame us for our thirst. You meet us in it.

In the desert, you brought water from stone.

At the well, you offered water that never runs dry.

Today we gather carrying our own dry places:

places of exhaustion, places of injustice, places where relationships  
have cracked like sun-baked earth.

Sit with us at our wells. Stand with us in our wilderness.

Break open what is hardened within us so compassion may flow.

Make us a community where no one is excluded from the conversation,  
where no one is denied dignity, where no one thirsts alone. ***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.

## **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**

**Pat Booth**

## **Hebrew Scripture**

**Exodus 17:1-7**

## **Gospel**

**John 4: 5-42**

## Contemporary Reading

## “Why Did You Bring Us Here?”

By Rev Dr Fei Taule’ale’ausumai

Why did you bring us here?  
We were better where we were.  
At least we knew the rhythm  
of our chains.

The desert stretches wide and empty,  
sand in our mouths, sun in our eyes,  
children crying for water that does not come.  
You call this freedom?

In Egypt we were slaves, yes  
but we had bread. We had pots that simmered.  
We had water that flowed. We knew the road.  
We knew the rules. We knew the cost of each day.

Here, there is nothing but horizon. You call this promise?  
Freedom feels like hunger. Freedom feels like thirst.  
Freedom feels like wandering without a map.  
At least in bondage we knew where we were going —  
even if it was nowhere.

Here we walk toward something we cannot see.  
Here we must trust manna we cannot store,  
water from rocks we cannot predict.  
Why did you bring us here?

### **RESPONSE**

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

## COMMISSIONING OF ATAGIA DONNA BURR AND TANIA PENAFIEL BERMUDEZ AS PARISH COUNCILLORS

1 Peter 5: <sup>2</sup> Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; <sup>3</sup> not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. The words I want to highlight here are “not because you must, but because you are willing”. There is a real difference and distinction between duty and expectation and call and service. Being called out of duty and expectation and being called out of humility and service for the people are not the same. Today we commission you Tania and Ata as members of the SAOTT Parish Council. Let us pray...

Blessed are you, God of all creation,  
and blessed is the communion  
into which you gather us.

You promised through your beloved Son  
that when two or three gather together in his name,  
you will be there in the midst of them.

Send your Holy Spirit

to call by name Atagia Donna Burr and Tania Penafiel Bermudez ,  
to serve as Parish Councillors within SAOTT.

We come defeated, we come dancing.

We come traumatized, we come trusting.

We come aggrieved, we come adoring;

We come because our hearts are made restless

by echoes of a song we have never heard

and memories of a place we have never seen.

May you bless this space and this time and this calling. **Amen.**

### HYMN

### WOV 561 'Kneels at the feet of his friends'

Words: © Tom Colvin and people of Ghana; Music: Ghana Folk Melody

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends,  
silently washes their feet:  
master who acts as a slave to them.

*Yesu, Yesu,  
fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve  
the neighbours we have from you.*

2. Loving puts us on our knees,  
serving as though we were slaves:  
this is the way we should live with you  
*Yesu, Yesu,  
fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve  
the neighbours we have from you.*

## REFLECTION

Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

## REFLECTIVE MUSIC

"Isa Lei ' - a Fijian song of farewell  
Composer - Ratu Uluilakeba arr for guitar - Don King

## HYMN

"When Peace like a river"

Words; Horatio Spafford Music: Philip Bliss Tune : VILLE DU HAVRE

When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll ,  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say  
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

It is well .....it is well  
with my soul .... with my soul  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

(Samoan)

A pei se vaitafe, le fifilemu  
Pe lutia nei I le sou  
I le olaga nei ou te molimau pea  
E lelei, e lelei, le Alii.

E lelei, e lelei  
Le Alii, le Alii  
E lelei, e lelei le Alii.

## OFFERTORY MUSIC

## OFFERING HYMN (sung twice)

Te aroha,  
te whakapono,  
me te rangimarie,  
tatou, tatou e.

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## TE AROHA

Te a - ro - ha, te wha - ka - po - no,  
me te ra - ngi ma - ri - e, ta - tou, ta - tou e.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious and Generous God, We thank you for water  
for the rain that falls, for rivers that flow, for taps that run,  
for the living water that renews our souls. As water sustains the earth and every  
living thing,  
so your Spirit sustains us.  
Receive these gifts we bring our money, our food, our time, our compassion  
and let them become like streams in dry places, refreshing those who thirst for  
justice,  
for dignity, for hope. May what we offer today flow outward in love.  
In the name of the One who is Living Water. **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 Belarus, and we pray for the Russian Orthodox church in Belarus. 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 Sam Uffindell (Tauranga) and Hon Louise Upston (Taupo). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of the Masterton - Crossway 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

**“We shall go out with hope of resurrection”.**

Words: June Boyce-Tillman Tune: LONDONDERRY AIR CH4729

1. We shall go out with hope of resurrection.  
We shall go out, from strength to strength to 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 song of wrongs that can be righted.  
We'll dream our dreams 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

Go now into the world,  
carrying the gift of living water.  
May Christ, the Water of Life,  
refresh your weary spirit,  
quench the thirst of your soul,  
and flow through you  
to bring hope, justice, and compassion to others.

May you be like wells in dry places—  
offering kindness to the thirsty,  
welcome to the stranger,  
and courage to the weary.

And may the blessing of God,  
the Source of Living Water,  
the Wellspring of Grace,  
and the River of Life that flows through Christ,  
be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**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.

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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***

**THANK YOU**

Thank you everyone for your participation, contributions and help with Fei's birthday and Ordination Anniversary lunch last Sunday and helping make it the success it was. A special thank you to Fei for the ham and yummy platters, staff members Adelina, Jemma and Sara for the setup and decoration of the tables and hall, the Kitchen crew for looking after us so well, Marilyn Wallace for the flowers and Sue Hirst for the birthday cakes(s). It was a great combined effort.  
Parish Council

## EXPLORING FAITH AFTER CHURCH SUNDAY 8TH MARCH

Ian Harris will be leading two sessions: on this Sunday and 12 April. Google told me that Ian "...is a journalist, author and commentator who focuses on the intersection of Christian faith and a secular world." He is also a good friend of St Andrew's community. Enquiries to Pat Booth 027 476 0427

## SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

### Carbon fast update – week 3

This week's carbon fast challenge from Climate Stewards was to follow your money! They asked us to look into what our banks and investment providers are actually funding with our deposits. Sifting through the climate impact of decisions made on your behalf can feel overwhelming. It certainly does to me! Discerning greenwash isn't easy. We are fortunate in New Zealand that we have some excellent resources available to us to help us make better choices.

350 Aotearoa have a website on which banks are funding fossil fuel companies in New Zealand: <https://350.org.nz/fossil-free-banks/>

For checking investments, including Kiwisaver providers, Mindful Money has an excellent website: <https://mindfulmoney.nz>

The bank I'm with apparently is fossil-free but I know these situations can be fluid, especially with the current international environment where there is a lot of pressure to roll back climate commitments. I decided to message my bank and my Kiwisaver provider to find out how they ensure their investments and loans don't go to fossil fuel companies. I'll let you know what I find out!

Sonia Groes-Petrie, Sustainability Group

## RECYCLING AT ST ANDREW'S

We are introducing two new categories for recycling - **empty printer ink cartridges**, all brands accepted, and **rubber bands**. Hopefully, the latter will be popular with everyone who has *The Post* delivered with a new rubber band every day! We will **stop collecting haircare containers** as there hasn't been much demand for this. An updated information sheet on everything we collect for recycling is available in the North Vestry. During February we saved an estimated 6.3kg of materials from going to landfill. Happy recycling! - 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.

## **WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES**

### **WELLINGTON COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO HOMELESS 'MOVE ON' ORDERS**

On Wednesday 11 March we are gathering people across Pōneke Wellington region to share breakfast and hold a community hui to organise in opposition to Move-On Orders. At next week's hui, we will eat together and hear from community leaders about how the Move-On Orders will affect their communities. There will then be an opportunity to share our concerns and consider next steps about how we respond as the people of Wellington. This gathering is a chance to connect so that together we can build a city where no one is criminalised for experiencing poverty, and everyone's dignity is upheld.

- 7:30: Breakfast provided.
- 8:00: Hearing from community leaders, including Rev Murray Edridge, Wellington City Missioner, and others TBC.
- 8:15: Facilitated space to share your views and consider next steps.
- Finished by 9:00.

**Where:** St Peter's Anglican Church, 211 Willis Street

**Who:** Organised by Common Grace Aotearoa, Wellington City Mission and St Peter's on Willis.

### **THE DOCTORS WIFE - MOVIE SCREENING 26 MARCH**

Tēnā koe. We invite you to join us at our Wellington campus for a free community screening of **The Doctor's Wife**, a film about Dr Alan Kerr and his wife Hazel in Palestine. This will be followed by a Q&A session with filmmaker Paula Whetu Jones and Alan & Hazel Kerr.

**Date:** Thursday 26 March 2026

**Time:** 5.30pm

**Venue:** Nordmeyer Theatre, University of Otago Wellington, 23a Mein Street, Newtown, Wellington

After retiring from a distinguished career as a cardiac surgeon in New Zealand, Dr Alan Kerr led a Kiwi team to Gaza and the West Bank to operate on children with heart disease. What started as a two week mission became an enduring 20 year commitment to Palestine, involving 40 medical missions and hundreds of operations. However, he couldn't have achieved this on his own. His wife, Hazel Kerr, travelled with him - bringing a different kind of healing to the people she met in Palestine. Registration is required for this event. If you would like to join us, please kindly register at <https://events.otago.ac.nz/the-doctors-wife-movie-2026/reg>.

## **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	Tania Penafiel-Bermudez
Laptop	Hamish Dick
Offering	Paul Franken and Katrina Harper
Coffee/tea	Sally Gray, Aaron Cook and Janet Horncy (CG)
Family Time	Cam Smart
Readings	Pat Booth
Prayers of the People	Cam Smart
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Closed
Musician	Ephraim Wilson
Service Leader	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

### **On duty March 15<sup>th</sup>**

Welcoming	Pat McGiven and Pam Fuller
Sound	Frank Cook
Laptop	Mike Wespel-Rose
Offering	Mike Wespel-Rose and Lynette Burrell
Coffee/tea	Sue Hirst (CG), Kath Kerr and Katrina Harper
Family Time	Mike Wespel-Rose
Readings	Anna Smith
Prayers of the People	Hamish Dick
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 March 8<sup>th</sup> 10:00am:** Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Exploring Faith.

**Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup> 10:30am:** Cuppa and Chat

**12:15pm:** Lunchtime Concert – Uriele Piano Music

**Sunday March 16<sup>th</sup> 10:00am:** Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Congregational Conversation and Younger members' (Y) group after morning tea/brunch.

#### **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>	Pat Booth
<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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