

ORDER OF SERVICE

15TH MARCH 2026

LENT 4



“WHEN OUR EYES CANNOT SEE”

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

"Bethany" by Lowell Mason (1792–1872)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, people of God,
for we gather before the One who sees differently from the world.

Human beings look on the outward appearance,
but God looks upon the heart.

Come, you who feel overlooked,
you who feel misunderstood,
you who feel unseen.

For the God who chose the shepherd boy David
still calls unlikely people into holy purpose.

SILENCE

GATHERING

Come, you who struggle to see clearly in a confusing world.

For Jesus, who opened the eyes of the man born blind,
opens our eyes to truth, compassion, and justice.

Come, not as those who know everything,
but as those willing to see anew.

Let us worship the God
who sees us,
who calls us,
and who opens our eyes to the light.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

WOV 148ii "Love Divine all loves excelling"

Words & Music © Charles Wesley Tune: HYFRYDOL

1. Love divine, all loves excelling
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.
2. Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave:
thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.
3. Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be:
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and 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

Loving and surprising God,
you who saw something in a young shepherd named David
that others could not see,
you who saw dignity in a man born blind
when others only saw blame and shame,
gather us now into your presence.

Open our eyes where we have been blind—
blind to injustice,
blind to the pain of others,
blind to the quiet gifts within ourselves.
Give us the courage to see differently,
as Samuel learned to see beyond appearances,
and as Jesus taught people to see beyond fear and prejudice.

May this time of worship awaken our hearts,
sharpen our vision,
and deepen our compassion,
so that when we leave this place,
we may walk in the light,
seeing the world as you see it—
with mercy, courage, and hope.
In the spirit of Christ,
the light of the world.
Amen.

JESUS' PRAYER

© Rev Sherri Weinberg

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

Mike Wespel-Rose

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

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Gospel

John 9: 13-34

People hold it so dear
Yet for a thing so precious
Waste it so easily

People howl out for justice
Not knowing they themselves
Are a hidden injustice
Those who do not value life
Need not value themselves

For to value life
Is to value yourself

RESPONSE

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

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

(Samoan)

A pei se vaiatafe, 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.

REFLECTION “Seeing beyond Appearances” Rev Dr Fei Taule’ale’ausumai

REFLECTIVE MUSIC “The Way We Were” by Marvin Hamlisch (1944 – 2012)

HYMN

AA156 ‘Where the road runs out’

Words & music © Colin Gibson

1. Where the road runs out and the signposts end,
where we come to the edge of today,
be the God of Abraham for us,
send us out upon our way.

Refrain:

*Lord, you were our beginning,
the faith that gave us birth.
We look to you, our ending,
our hope for heaven and earth.*

2. When the coast is left and we journey on
to the rim of the sky and the sea,
be the sailor’s friend, be the dolphin Christ,
lead us on to eternity.

Refrain:

*Lord, you were our beginning,
the faith that gave us birth.
We look to you, our ending,
our hope for heaven and earth.*

3. When the clouds are low and the wind is strong,
When tomorrow's storm draws near,
be the spirit hovering overhead
who will take away our fear.

Refrain:

*Lord, you were our beginning,
the faith that gave us birth.
We look to you, our ending,
our hope for heaven and earth.*

OFFERTORY MUSIC

**Adagio K.356 for Glass Harmonica by W.A. Mozart
(1756-1791)**

OFFERING HYMN

CH4 180 'Give thanks with a grateful heart'

Words and Music © Henry Smith Tune GIVE THANKS

1. Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because He's given many gifts to us.
And now let the weak say I am strong,
let the poor say I am rich,
because of what our God has
done for us, give thanks.

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God,
you saw promise in the shepherd boy David,
and you opened the eyes of the one who could not see.
As we bring these gifts today,
open our eyes to the needs around us,
and anoint us with courage to serve your world.

Bless these offerings of money, food, and care,
that they may bring sight where there is blindness,
hope where there is despair,
and justice where there is need.
In the spirit of Love we pray.

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

Hamish Dick

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Belgium, and we pray for the United Protestant Church of Belgium. 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 Tangi Utikere (Palmerston North) and Tim van de Molen (Waikato). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of the Napier - St Paul'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

WOV 558 "When I needed a neighbour"

Words and music: and music: Sydney Carter © Stainer & Bell Ltd

1. When I needed a neighbour, were you there, were you there?
When I needed a neighbour, were you there?

Refrain

*And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter.
Were you there?*

2. I was hungry and thirsty, were you there, were you there?
I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?

Refrain.....

3. When I needed a shelter, were you there, were you there?
When I needed a shelter, were you there?

Refrain.....

4. Wherever you travel, I'll be there, I'll be there.
Wherever you travel, I'll be there.

Refrain.....

BLESSING

Go from this place seeing differently—
seeing the hidden gifts in others,
seeing the sacred worth within yourself,
and seeing the presence of God in unexpected places.

And may the Spirit who anoints and heals
go with you, guide you, and renew you,
this day and always.

Amen.

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

Boléro de Concert by L.J. A. Lefébure-Wély (1817 – 1869)

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

MOVE ON ORDERS AND HOMELESSNESS

Social Justice Group 22 March 2026 12-1pm Meeting Room 3

Come along to join in an update on the movement to oppose the proposed Move On Orders legislation and hear about what is really needed to respond to homelessness in our city and this country

<https://www.commongrace.nz/common-grace-actions/moveonorders> . Take action with letter writing and plans for a day of action on 29th March.

Paul Barber (Social Justice Group coordinator)

SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

Carbon fast update – week 4

A quick update from last week's challenge about money and investments. I heard back from my bank, The Co-Operative Bank, who were keen to confirm their fossil free status and pointed me to their ethical investment policy which was positive to see. I did note this is up for review in August this year so I'll need to keep an eye on that! This week's challenge is related to food and particularly food waste. Climate Stewards highlighted in their weekly email that "...globally, we throw away one-third of all food produced every year. Yet 800 million people go to bed hungry each night. Food waste is both a hunger and a climate issue. It contributes more to climate change than flying with 6% of global emissions coming from food that is never eaten – three times higher than the aviation industry." Food wastage can occur at various points through the processing chain but we all have a role to play in our households in ensuring we don't waste the food that we buy. For the past few years Simon and I have subscribed to a regular "[Wonky Box](#)" – fruit and vegetables that don't meet the strict requirements of supermarkets that otherwise would have gone to waste are directly sourced from growers. It's definitely been a revelation to us about what gets rejected by the supermarkets! [Love Food Hate Waste NZ](#) has a great website with recipe ideas for using up the odds and ends you find in your fridge or pantry. I'm going to make it my challenge this week to try out a new recipe from their website.

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, 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

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	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	Pat Booth
Prayers of the People	Hamish Dick
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Mike Wespel-Rose
Musician	Peter Franklin
Service Leader	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

On duty March 22nd

Welcoming	Pauline and David Patchett
Sound	Ben Gray
Laptop	Ben Gray
Offering	Paul Franken and Kath Kerr
Coffee/tea	Aaron Cook, Sally Gray and Janet Horncy (CG)
Family Time	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai
Readings	Gillian Feist
Prayers of the People	Lynne Dovey
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Closed
Musician	Bruce Cash
Service Leaders	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday March 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/brunch.

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

12:15pm: Lunchtime Concert – Rolf Gjelsten and Nicole Chao – cello and piano

Sunday March 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
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