

ORDER OF SERVICE

22ND MARCH 2026

LENT 5



“ALL WE ARE LIKE SHEEP”

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 Ross Scott

PRELUDE

**Sleep may safely graze, BWV 208
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 - 1750)**

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come carrying our "if onlys," our questions, our grief, our unfinished prayers.

We come as we are weary, hopeful, searching.

In valleys of dry bones, where life feels distant, God asks: *Can these bones live?*

We dare to hope, even when we are unsure.

At the tomb of loss, where tears fall freely, Jesus stands among us and weeps.

We are not alone in our sorrow.

SILENCE

GATHERING

Into silence, into despair, into all that feels closed—
the Spirit breathes.

Breath of life, come among us,
into what feels buried, forgotten, or beyond reach—
Love calls out: Come forth.

Let us worship God.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

FFS 10(i) 'Come and find the quiet centre'

Words © Shirley Murray

Tune: GAELIC TRADITIONAL MELODY arr John Bell

1. Come and find the quiet centre
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.
2. Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, touches base,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to see the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.
3. In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our lives and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare!

WELCOME

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

Kia ora tātou.

Talofa lava, welcome to St Andrews on The Terrace

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 God, you meet us in places we would rather not be, in valleys of dryness, in rooms of grief, in moments where we whisper, "If only things had been different..."

You do not turn away from our sorrow. You do not rush us past our pain. You stand with us. You weep with us. You hold us gently in our questioning. And yet, you are also the One who breathes life into what feels lifeless, who calls us by name out of all that confines and binds us.

So breathe upon us again, O God upon our tired hearts, our fragile hopes, our communities longing for renewal.

In the name of the One who weeps and calls us forth, we pray. **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

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

Rosemary Lawrence

Hebrew Scripture

Isaiah 53: 1-6

Gospel

John 10: 7-16

Contemporary Reading

'If Only Poem'
By Sue Ellson

If only I'd known
The strength within
To walk alone
To begin again

If only I'd felt
Just good enough
I'd have had a go
And not beat myself up

If only I had been
Aware of my truth
I'd have done so much more
Way back in my youth
If only I could see
Beyond smoke and mirrors

I'd know in my heart
My truest believers

If only I had heard
The voice of encouragement
I'd have picked myself up
Without so much judgement

If only I'd hoped
With faith not fear
I'd trust my intuition
To make my life clear

If only I'd eaten
More nourishing food
I'd have skipped those addictions
That controlled my mood

If only I'd moved
My body each day
I'd have felt the joy
Of swing and sway

I made various choices
Some good, some bad
But whilst there is still life
I can choose to be rad

To acknowledge my wins
To learn more lessons
To change with the seasons
To contemplate my reasons

As I reflect
Memories abound
Never perfect
Sometimes found

Glimpses of certainty
Appearing right now

To truly be me
I silently bow

For there in grace
If only disappears
I've done my best
Over all my years

Onwards I'll go
With heart and mind
Together at last
Synced in time

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

"God of every new beginning"

Words :Carl P. Daw J. Tune BLAENWERN **WOV 165 (ii)**

1. God of every new beginning,
each rekindling, all fresh starts,
reawakening joy and wonder,
rousing nerve in fearful hearts:
 shepherd us through doubts and shadows;
 with new promise prod and brace;
 show us how our past connects us
 to your future full of grace.
2. God the Spirit, life-bestower,
singing wind and dancing fire,
fount of faith's imagination,
hope's endurance, love's desire:
 come, renew your gifts among us,
 let them form our minds and wills;
 fire us with the truth that frees us;
 breathe again the peace that stills.

3. God incarnate, dwelling with us,
Word made flesh by human birth,
Love embodied in our story
Suffering Servant here on earth;
 teach us how our life together
 forms a witness to your care;
 through this holy mystery may we
 firmly trust and greatly dare.

REFLECTION

“Lessons from the Paddock”

Rev Ross Scott

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

**Lord, have mercy: Dialogue sur la
Trompette et le Chromorne François Couperin (1668 - 1733)**

HYMN

WOV 16(i) ‘The Lord’s my shepherd’

Music : Jessie Seymour Irvine 1336-87 arr. David Grant Tune: CRIMOND

1. The Lord’s my shepherd, I’ll not want.
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green, he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.
2. My soul he doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
ev’n for his own names’ sake.
3. Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me:
and in God’s house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

**Lamb of God: Dialogue sur les grands je
François Couperin**

OFFERING HYMN

AA 62 "Here we bring small or great"

Words: © Shirley Erena Murray Music: © Colin Gibson

Here we bring, small or great,
gifts to offer on this plate,
what we've earned, what we own,
tithe or token, bread or stone.

*Jesus said "have a care - your heart will always be
where your riches are, where your riches are."*

OFFERING PRAYER

Loving and generous God,
you breathe life into dry bones
and hope into weary hearts.

From your abundance,
we bring these gifts
food to nourish,
money to sustain,
acts of care that bind us together.

They may seem small
against the vastness of need.
Bless these gifts
so that we may live and give freely,
with grateful hearts,
trusting in your Spirit of life.

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 Benin, and we pray for the Protestant Methodist Church of Benin. 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 Brooke van Velden (Tāmaki) and Ayesha Verrall (List). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of the Napier North Presbyterian Church (Ahuriri/Putorino).

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 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.

BLESSING

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

**Prelude in d minor opus 37 no. 3
Felix Mendelssohn (1809 - 1847)**

THANK YOU

to our musician today

Bruce Cash

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)

HOLY WEEK SERVICES – ST ANDREW'S ON THE TERRACE

You are warmly invited to join us for our Holy Week services:

Palm Sunday - Sunday 29 March – 10:00 a.m

Maundy Thursday - Thursday 2 April – 6:30 p.m

Good Friday - Friday 3 April – 10:00 a.m

Easter Sunday - Sunday 5 April – 10:00 a.m

ST ANDREW'S Y-GROUP MEETING TIMES

The St Andrew's Y-Group now meets quarterly for shared food and discussion.

Our next meeting dates for 2026 are:

- Sunday 21 June (after church), Sunday 20 September (after church), Saturday 12 December (Christmas barbecue) Save the dates. All are welcome. The group began as the Younger Members' group, but you only need to be young at heart! Anyone who doesn't normally attend St Andrew's is of course also very welcome — feel free to share this with anyone who you think might be interested.

SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

Carbon fast update – week 5

I didn't manage to try a new recipe from the Love Food Hate Waste website last week but I have made a start on noting what older items I have in our pantry to put on my list for using up in meals first in the coming weeks. This week's challenge from [Climate Stewards](#) is related to transport, and reducing our reliance on private vehicles. This is front of mind for many of us at the moment as the war in the Middle East reminds us just how dependent our lives still are on fossil fuels. The Wellington City Council has a useful page on low carbon transport options: [Low carbon transport](#)

I acknowledge not all of these options are realistic for everyone and this week has reminded me that along with personal action, systemic change for things like

transport are so essential. One article in the Spinoff caught my eye and is worth a read: [New Zealand's petrol supply is terrifyingly fragile](#)

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 the following libraries: Te Matapihi ki te Ao Nui (Wellington Central Library), Karori Library, Kilbirnie Library, Island Bay Community Centre, Newlands Community Centre, Tawa Community Centre, and the Southern Landfill Tip Shop. There are also 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, 5.30pm, 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 copies of each duty and current roster sheets are kept on the table in the North Vestry. 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
Sound	Sue Hirst
Laptop	Sue Hirst
Offering	Paul Franken and Kath Kerr
Coffee/tea	Aaron Cook, Sally Gray and Janet Horncy (CG)
Family Time	Rev Ross Scott
Readings	Rosemary Lawrence
Prayers of the People	Anna Smith
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Closed
Musician	Bruce Cash
Service Leader	Rev Ross Scott

On duty March 29th

Welcoming	Maxine and Jim Cunningham
Sound	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Laptop	Cam Smart
Offering	Tony Pears and Bridget Martin
Coffee/tea	Sue Hirst, Marilyn Wallace (CG) and Rosemary Lawrence
Family Time	Frank Cook
Readings	Frank Hanson
Prayers of the People	Ellen Murray
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 March 22nd 10:00am: Sunday Gathering led by Rev Ross Scott followed by Social Justice Education Group.

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

12:15pm: Lunchtime Concert – Amelia Lin and Tomos Christie, piano and cello

Sunday March 29th 10:00am: Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr 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 (Quarterly)
- 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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