

ORDER OF SERVICE

10TH MAY 2026

EASTER 6



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

**What a friend we have in Jesus (Converse),
arr Kaleb Brasee (b1983)**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who seek the Spirit of truth.

Come, all who long for hope in troubled times.

Come, all who carry grief, questions, or uncertainty.

Christ calls us into a love that does not abandon us.

SILENCE

GATHERING

The Spirit breathes among us still.

God gathers us as a people of compassion, courage, and peace.

We are not alone.

We are held in divine love.

Let us worship together.

PROCESSIONAL 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.

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

God of presence and promise,
you meet us in the ordinary rhythms of life
and in the deep waters of fear and change.
When the world feels uncertain,
remind us that your Spirit still moves among us.
When we feel forgotten or weary,
draw us again into the love of God that never lets us go.

Open our hearts this day
to hear ancient words with fresh ears,
to encounter hope where we expected despair,
and to discover courage for the journey ahead.
May this gathering become a place of welcome,
a place of healing,
and a place where your love is made visible among us.
In the spirit of Jesus,
who calls us friends and companions on the way.
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

Gillian Feist

Epistle Reading:

1 Peter 3:13-22

Gospel Reading:

John 14:15-21

Contemporary Reading

Ode To An Orphan by Wangchat Konyak

Oh, whom shall I impart my innermost sorrows?
My childhood was a nightmare in the wild.
I've tasted the sourness of being an orphan;
I've endured the harshness of the winter frost,
And have walked into the darkest woods of grief.

Oh, how can I erase the piercing memories?
My life was filled with a miserable scars-
Shattered by the shadow of emptiness;
And my dreams was bewildered in the air.

Oh, tell me whom shall I narrate my yoke?
I've befriend loneliness, and embraced solitude,
For the world have failed to understand me;
And have despised to acknowledge my call.

Oh, I cried, 'home my dearest home of ease'.
At night I dream of the warmness hearth;
Wish for a cosy family, clothes and shoes;
And hope to one day like Eagle be free.

I quench my thirst and hunger in imagination,
And wake up to plough the hardest ground.
But then, I've become a man - gentle and strong,
Though I've none to share my pain and woe;
I've found the ultimate love in His Grace.
And learnt to find peace in the midst of sufferings;
For I've found the blessed sanctuary in Him,
And I lament no more in the world of despair.

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

AA 31 'E Te Atua aroha mai'

Tune: KUM BA YA arr by Nicola and Guy Jansen

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| 1. E te Atua aroha mai, [x3]
ake ake tonu e. [x2] | <i>O God love us
forever and ever.</i> |
| 2. E te Atua manaaki mai [x3]
ake ake tonu e. [x2] | <i>O God bless us
forever and ever.</i> |
| 3. E te Atua awhina mai [x3]
ake ake tonu e. [x2] | <i>O God help us
forever and ever.</i> |

REFLECTION 'I will not leave your orphaned' Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

**Candles burn in the night,
James Michael Stevens (b1961)**

HYMN

WOV 629 'Faafetai i li le atua'

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| 1. Faafetai i le Atua,
Le na tatou tupu ai,
Ina ua na alofa fua
la te i tatou uma nei. | <i>Thanks to God
who has given us life
when he freely loved
all of us.</i> |
| Refrain | |
| la pepese, la pepese,
Aleluia, faafetai. | <i>Sing
Alleluia, give thanks.</i> |
| la pepese, la pepese
Aleluia, faafetai. | <i>Sing
Alleluia, give thanks.</i> |

2. Faafetai i lona Alo,
Le na afio mai luga,
Le ua fai ma faapaolo
Ai le puapuaga.

Refrain

la pepese, la pepese,
Aleluia, faafetai.
la pepese, la pepese
Aleluia, faafetai

*Thanks to his Son
who came from above,
who protects you
from all sufferi*

*Sing
Alleluia, give thanks.
Sing
Alleluia, give thanks.*

3. Faafetai i le Agaga,
Le fesoasoani mai,
E manuia ai talosaga,
Atoa uma mea e fai.

Refrain

la pepese, la pepese,
Aleluia, faafetai.
la pepese, la pepese
Aleluia, faafetai

*Thanks to the Spirit
who helps
to bless our prayers
and whatever we do.*

*Sing
Alleluia, give thanks.
Sing
Alleluia, give thanks.*

OFFERTORY MUSIC

O Lord hear my prayer, Taize chant

OFFERING HYMN

CH4 180 'Give thanks with a graceful 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

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 Burkina Faso, and we pray for the Association of Evangelical Reformed Churches of Burkina Faso today. 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 Steve Abel (List) and Ginny Andersen (List). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of the Opunake Co-operating Church (Pres-Meth).

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

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.....

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

Refrain

Lord, you were our beginning.....

BLESSING

Go now into the world in peace.

May the Spirit of truth guide you.

May the compassion of Christ sustain you.

May the love of God surround you and dwell within you.

And when the road becomes uncertain,

may you remember this promise:

you are never abandoned,

never forgotten,

never alone.

Go in courage, hope, and love.

Amen.

SUNG AMEN**POSTLUDE**

A World Full of Possibilities, Mons Leidvin Takle (b1942)

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

SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

The recent Wellington floods have focussed my mind on resilience and sustainable cities. While it was an unprecedented downpour and was always going to test the infrastructure, I am certain there could have been less damage to cars, property and the environment. A fundamental principle of the Transition Towns movement is to build community resilience through community led decisions. This concept is also to the fore in Edward Deming's quality management principles which acknowledge all employees, at all levels, have valuable contributions to make. The relevance here is that had local advice based on actual experience been respected the impact from the floods would have been less. Community learnings form part of institutional knowledge and should be a required input to final decisions. My local community does work constructively with councillors and staff on the ground. Beyond that maybe there has not been adequate respect from both sides. Ensuring sustainable cities needs all of us to participate and to be both constructive and respectful. Which fits nicely with the practices we continually reflect on at St Andrews.

Frank Cook

Exploring Faith

On Sunday 10th May Ian Harris will continue his presentation on his journey towards a secular Christian faith where he has found major new insights in the worlds of physics and Carl Jung. 12 to 1pm in Conference Room 3.

RECYCLING AT ST ANDREW'S

It's great to see our new rubber bands category is proving popular - keep them coming! We also look forward to seeing your **empty printer ink cartridges** soon - all brands accepted. An updated information sheet on everything we collect for recycling is available in the North Vestry. During March we saved an estimated 8.6kg 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.

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	Pauline and David Patchett
Sound	Tania Penafiel-Bermudez
Laptop	Mike Wespel-Rose
Offering	Mike Wespel-Rose and Kath Kerr
Coffee/tea	Jeni Bryant (CG), Janet Horncy and Jenn Keenan
Family Time	Mike Wespel-Rose
Readings	Gillian Feist
Prayers of the People	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Rainbow Room	
Library	Mike Wespel-Rose
Musician	Judy Dumbleton
Service Leader	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

On duty May 17th

Welcoming	Lynette and Brian Burrell
Sound	Ben Gray
Laptop	Ben Gray
Offering	Bridget Martin and Tony Pears
Coffee/tea	Aaron Cook, Kath Kerr and Sue Hirst
Family Time	Cam Smart
Readings	Frank Hanson
Prayers of the People	Lynne Dovey (CG)
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Closed
Musician	Peter Franklin
Service Leaders	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday May 10th 10:00am: Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Exploring Faith

Wednesday May 13th 10:30am: Cuppa and Chat

12:15pm: Lunchtime Concert – Saxcess

Thursday May 14th 12:15pm: Lunchtime Concert – NZSM Bras & Winds

Sunday May 17th: Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Congregational Conversation

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
Centre Manager	Adelina Reis
Office Administrator	Sara Rokni (acting)
Centre Assistant	Sara Rokni
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