



ORDER OF SERVICE

21 JUNE 2026

PENTECOST 4



OUTCAST INTO THE DESERT

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.

Please join in the congregational responses printed in ***bold italics*** and stand, if you are able, for the hymns and the offering prayer. We usually sing the hymns without announcement. To use the ***loop system*** in the church, turn your hearing aids on to the appropriate setting.

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

Come, all who have felt forgotten, displaced, or alone.

We come carrying our fears, our griefs, and our unanswered questions.

Hagar and Ishmael were sent into the desert,
cast out from the place they once called home.

Their water ran dry.

Their hope seemed exhausted.

Their future appeared uncertain.

Yet in the midst of despair,

God heard the cry of the child.

God saw the tears of the mother.

God opened their eyes to a well of living water.

SILENCE

GATHERING

When we feel abandoned,
God is present.

When our strength is spent,
God is present.

When we cannot see a way forward,
God is present.

The wilderness is not the end of the story.
The desert can become a place of revelation.
The dry ground can conceal a spring of hope.

Today we gather trusting that the God who saw Hagar
still sees us.

The God who heard Ishmael
still hears the cries of the world.

The God who revealed water in the desert
still offers life where we least expect it.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Joyful, joyful we adore you

Words: Henry Van Dyke Tune: HYMN TO JOY WOV 92

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore you,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before you,
op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of pain and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away,
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!
2. All your works with joy surround you,
earth and heav'n reflect your rays.
Stars and angels sing around you,
centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain
praising you eternally!
3. Always giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest.
Well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
Loving God and Christ our brother,
let Your light upon us shine,
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

4. We all, join the mighty chorus,
which the morning stars began.
God's own love is reigning o'er us,
joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.

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 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 Hagar and Ishmael,
we come before you today carrying our own wilderness stories.
Some of us arrive full of confidence and joy.
Others come weary from the journey,
uncertain of what lies ahead,
wondering where hope may be found.
You are the God who sees.
You saw Hagar in her distress.
You heard the cry of Ishmael in the desert.
You did not abandon them when others had cast them aside.
When our wells run dry,
open our eyes to the springs of living water around us.
When we feel forgotten,
remind us that we are seen and loved.
When fear overwhelms us,
grant us courage for the next step.
When the world seems harsh and unforgiving,
help us become signs of compassion and hospitality for one another.

Gather us now into your presence.
Refresh our spirits.
Renew our hope.
Strengthen us for the journey ahead.
May this time of worship be a place of rest,
a place of encouragement,
and a place where we encounter your life-giving presence once again.
In the spirit of the One who walked alongside the outcast, the stranger, and the weary, we pray.
Amen.

JESUS' PRAYER

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***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

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 rangimarie, with or without shaking hands, and say "Rangimarie" or "Peace be with you."

THE WORD IN TEXTS

Pat Booth

Hebrew Bible

Genesis 21:8-21

Gospel

Matthew 10:24-39

Contemporary Reading

The Outcast

By Nathaniel Parker Willis

The morning broke. Light stole upon the clouds with golden victory; the breath of the air was fresh and fragrant; and the beautiful stars shone like a sweet interpreter of love to those who went before. But not for her. For her the morning broke with sickening ray. For her the sun was hateful. She had gone forth from her pleasant dwelling, and her heart beat with a feverish, convulsive throb to see the desolate wild a little while.

She bore him up in her fond arms, and strove to cheer his drooping spirit, and to soothe the deep, low murmuring of his parched lips. But it was vain. His little limbs grew weak. His eyes were glazed and dim, and on his cheek the flush of fever burned. She laid him down beneath a scanty shrub, and went aside— Ay, far enough to hear his parting groan— and sat her down and wept.

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

AA 158 'Who is my mother?'

Words: © Shirley Murray Music: © Ian Render Tune: BRONWEN

1. Who is my mother?
Who is my brother?
All those who gather round Jesus Christ:
Spirit-blown people
born from the Gospel
sit at the table, round Jesus Christ.
2. Differently abled,
differently labelled,
widen the circle round Jesus Christ,
crutches and stigmas,
cultures' enigmas,
all come together round Jesus Christ.
3. Love will relate us –
colour or status
can't segregate us, round Jesus Christ:
family failings,
human derailings,
all are accepted, round Jesus Christ.
4. Bound by one vision,
met for one mission
we claim each other, round Jesus Christ:
Here is my mother,
here is my brother,
kindred in Spirit, through Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION

"Being cast aside"

Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

HYMN

AA 132 'Tell my people I love them'

Words: Leonard Barlotti vv 3,4 & 5 Guy Jansen

Music: arr. Jan Harrington and Guy Jansen

Refrain

*Tell my people I love them;
tell my people that I care.
When they feel far away from me,
tell my people I am there.*

1. Tell my people where-e'er they go
to claim my risen power;
my peace and joy and love
is for them hour by hour.
2. Tell my people who grieve and mourn
that I allowed the night
of darkness to descend,
but I am still the Light.
3. Tell my people throughout the world
to strive for peace today,
show love for enemies,
be servants of the Way.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

OFFERING HYMN

AA8 'Brother, sister, let me serve you'

Words and Music: Richard Gillard Tune: SERVANT SONG v 1

1. Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of the desert well,

you provide living water in dry places and hope when our spirits are weary.

Receive these gifts and receive our lives.

May what we offer today help bring refreshment, justice, and compassion to those who thirst for love, dignity, and belonging.

Use us and these gifts in the service of your kin-dom.

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: If you have a notice to share, please come forward. Thank you.

People share notices and visitors are welcomed. 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

Anna Smith

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Vietnam, and we pray for organisations working for HIV and AIDS education in Vietnam and throughout the world. 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 Cameron Brewer (Upper Harbour) and Rachel Brooking (Dunedin). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of Patea - St Luke's 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

AA 50 'God of freedom, God of justice'

Words: Shirley Murray Tune: PICARDY WOV 418

1. God of freedom, God of justice,
you whose love is strong as death,
you who saw the dark of prison,
you who knew the price of faith,
touch our world of sad oppression,
with your Spirit's healing breath.
2. Rid the earth of torture's terror,
you whose hands were nailed to wood;
hear the cries of pain and protest,
you who shed the tears and blood;
move in us the power of pity
restless for the common good.
3. Make in us a captive conscience
quick to hear, to act, to plead;
make us truly sisters, brothers
of whatever race or creed -
teach us to be fully human,
open to each other's needs.

SUNG BLESSING

FFS 29 'God speed you on your way'

Words by Shirley Murray, © Hope Publishing

Music: Shona Murray Tune: STAFFORD

1. God speed you on your way,
safe keep you ev'ry day,
give you wing, cause to sing--
all this we wish and pray.
2. God give you space to thrive,
all senses kept alive,
health and hope, means to cope,
joyfully to arrive.
3. God lead you to the new,
places and points of view,
paths to take, friends to make,
more life to travel through.

BLESSING

Go now into the week ahead,
knowing that the God who saw Hagar sees you,
the God who heard Ishmael hears you,
and the God who revealed a well in the wilderness goes with you.
May you find hope in unexpected places,
courage for the journey,
and living water for your soul.
And may the blessing of Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer
be with you and those you love,
this day and always.

Amen.

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU

to our musicians today
Ephriam Wilson & Ross Scott

ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES

Live Streaming Group: as you may be aware we began livestreaming Sunday's Reflection on Facebook in April and a recent report to Parish council tells us it has been well received with 1000 views overall and 497 views on one of the presentations alone.

We'd now like to set up another roster group and would like to invite offers to join our current small group.

Another two people would mean everyone doing just one duty per month.

Familiarity with Facebook and mobile devices is helpful but not required as we can show you how!

The weekly task involves collecting the Cell-phone stand from the South Vestry and setting it up opposite the lectern ready for the Reflection.

Then to switch the phone on at the appropriate moment and off again when the Reflective music ends.

If you would be interested in helping with this please let Pam Fuller know.

Email: Pjfuller@gmail.com

VOLUNTARY TREASURER NEEDED

Paul Barber has been in this role for more than 15 years: thank you Paul. We need a replacement!

Contact Pat Booth, Convenor Parish Council, initially.

Mobile 027 476 0427: patriciabooth@xtra.co.nz

SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

Recently, I joined a new climate action group in Karori, where I live. I was really excited when I found out it had been set up. It felt like a chance to find local solutions to local climate issues. Increasingly, I'm drawn to the old rallying cry of "think global, act local". Google tells me it originated, back in 1915, with Scottish urban planner, sociologist and conservationist Patrick Geddes. So, it's hardly a new idea. But more than 100 years later it feels like a good way of coping with the world we now face. The broad focus of Climate Action Karori is reducing Karori's emissions, through education and awareness-raising. One of our first steps is producing a guide to e-bikes. At this month's meeting we talked about the idea of setting up an "e-bike bus", like a school "walking bus", to help people new to e-biking to build their confidence riding on the road. We are also looking to learn from other suburbs, like Ngaio, who have a well established "climate crew". There are so many local conservation and

sustainability groups crying out for members. Joining one can make a difference to how we see the world and the future. - Anna Smith, Sustainability Group

RECYCLING AT ST ANDREW'S

You can drop off the following items for recycling in the North Vestry:

- Plastic lids and some other small plastics
- Metal and aluminium lids
- Beverage cartons (Tetra Pak)
- Used pens
- Household metal items
- Empty printer cartridges and rubber bands.

An information sheet with full details and directions for preparing your items is available in the North Vestry. Thank you for keeping your waste out of landfill. Happy recycling!

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.

DANCES OF UNIVERSAL PEACE

Monthly Dances of Universal Peace session second Saturdays at Centennial Community Hall Berhampore, 1.30-4.30pm.

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or text 0212422499

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	Lynette and Brian Burrell
Sound	Ben Gray
Laptop	Ben Gray
Offering	Jenn Keenan, Katrina Harper
Coffee/tea/brunch	Sandra and Tony Kirby, Vivienne Mountier
Family Time	Cam Smart
Readings	Pat Booth
Prayers of the People	Anna Smith
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Closed
Musician	Ephraim Wilson, Ross Scott
Service Leader	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

On duty June 28th

Welcoming	Maxine and Jim Cunningham
Sound	Frank Cook
Laptop	Hamish Dick
Offering	Bridget Martin, Tony Pears
Coffee/tea/brunch	Janet Horncy (CG), Kath Kerr and Ata Burr
Family Time	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai
Readings	Michael Parker
Prayers of the People	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Closed
Musician	Ephraim Wilson
Service Leader	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday June 21st 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 June 24th 10:30am: Cuppa and Chat

12:15pm: Lunchtime Concert – 'Vivo Flutes – Barbara Hill & Friends

Sunday June 28th: 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 (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
Centre Assistant	Hannah Gaisford
Facilities Assistant(s)	Fynn Neeley-Grant, Isabella Oakley, Cooper Neeley-Grant, Oliver Hope

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