



ORDER OF SERVICE

28 JUNE 2026

PENTECOST 6

“SHARING A CUP OF WATER”

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, people of God,
from places of certainty and places of questioning.

Come with the stories you carry,
the joys that lift your spirit,
and the burdens that weigh upon your heart.

We gather before the One who calls us into deeper trust,
not through fear,
but through love.

We gather before the One who values compassion over sacrifice,
mercy over judgement,
and welcome over exclusion.

SILENCE

GATHERING

May we discover that even the smallest acts of compassion—
a word of encouragement,
a gesture of welcome,
a cup of water shared in love—
can become signs of your presence among us.

Gather us into a community where all are valued,
all are welcomed,
and all may find hope.

Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'Holy, holy, holy'

Tune: NICÆA Words: © Jim Burklo; Music: ©John Dykes

1. Holy, holy, holy, love now ascending,
early in the morning our song shall rise to you.
Holy, holy, holy, joy that has no ending,
giving, forgiving, breathing life anew.
2. Holy, holy, holy, love without a limit,
care that binds creation in sacred unity.
Holy, holy, holy, birthing every minute,
Christ, Love's revealer, sets our spirits free.
3. Holy, holy, holy, infinite compassion
makes a place for every soul in God's eternal reign.
Holy, holy, holy, truth beyond religion,
love that endures should nothing else remain.
4. Holy, holy, holy, raise your voice in singing.
Join the cosmic chorus in praise of Love divine.
Holy, holy, holy, God beyond all naming,
echoes our song in harmony sublime.

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

We thank you for the gift of this day,
for the breath within us,
for the people beside us,
and for the earth that sustains us.
As we reflect on Abraham and Isaac,
help us to explore difficult questions with honesty and courage.
Teach us that your deepest desire is not sacrifice, but life;
not fear, but trust;
not obedience without thought, but hearts awakened to compassion.
As we hear the words of Jesus,
remind us that greatness is often found in small acts of love.
A cup of water offered to one who thirsts,
a welcome extended to a stranger,
a kindness shown without expectation—
these are holy gifts that help build your realm among us.
Open our minds to new understanding,
our hearts to deeper compassion,
and our hands to acts of generosity.
May our worship today inspire us
to live with justice,
to walk with humility,
and to share your love wherever we go.
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

Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

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

Michael Parker

Hebrew Bible

Genesis 22:1-14

Gospel

Matthew 10:40-42

Here is a glass of water from my well.
It tastes of rock and root and earth and rain;
It is the best I have, my only spell,
And it is cold, and better than champagne.
Perhaps someone will pass this house one day to drink,
and be restored, and go his way,
Someone in dark confusion as I was
When I drank down cold water in a glass,
Drank a transparent health to keep me sane,
After the bitter mood had gone again.

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

FFS 57 'Song of faith that sings forever' v1-3

Words: Shirley Murray Music: Colin Gibson Tune: ABBEYFIELD

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.

REFLECTION “ THE KNIFE AND THE CUP, SACRIFICE VERSUS COMPASSION”

By Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

HYMN

CH4 528 'Make me a channel of your peace'

Words and Music: Sebastian Temple (1928-1997)
Tune: PRAYER OF ST FRANCIS (CHANNEL OF PEACE)

1. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love;
where there is injury your pardon Lord;
and where there's doubt true faith in you.

Refrain

*Please grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand
to be loved as to love with all my soul.*

2. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

Refrain

*Please grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand
to be loved as to love with all my soul.*

- O, Spirit, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Refrain

*Please grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand
to be loved as to love with all my soul.*

OFFERTORY MUSIC

OFFERING HYMN

'Every day I will offer you' - AA 36 (v.2)

Words © 1992 Shirley Erena Murray Music: Cllin Gibson, ©1993 Hope Publishing Co.

Every day I will look to Christ,
and give thanks for wine and bread,
through the pain and the emptiness
where your world cries to be fed;
help me see I can work for change,
and wherever I might be,
every day in your Spirit,
I'll find the love and energy!

OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God,
from your abundance we have received so much:
life and breath,
love and friendship,
hope and encouragement,
and countless cups of cold water along our journey.
As we bring these gifts today,
may they be used to nourish those who are thirsty,
welcome those who feel excluded,
and support the work of justice, compassion, and peace.
Bless these offerings and bless the lives that will be touched through them.
In the spirit of Christ,
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

Sonia Groes-Petrie

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Yemen, and we pray for people and organisations working towards global poverty eradication. 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 Gerry Brownlee (List) and Mike Butterick (Wairarapa). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of Petone - St David's Multicultural Parish.

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

WOV669 'I am the Light of the World'

Words: Howard Thurman. Music: © Jim Strathdee

Refrain:

*I am the light of the world.
You people come and follow me!
If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.*

1. When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and the shepherds have found their way home,
the work of Christmas is begun:

Refrain.....

2. To find the lonely and the lost,
to heal their broken souls with love,
to feed the hungry children with warmth and good food,
to feel the earth below, the sky above;

Refrain.....

3. To free the prisoners from their chains,
to make the powerful care,
to re-build the nations with strength of good will,
to be at one with people everywhere;

Refrain.....

4. To bring hope to every task you do,
to dance at a baby's new birth,
to make music in an old person's heart,
and sing to the colours of the earth.

Refrain.....

BENEDICTION

Go now in peace.

Put down the knife
and lift up the cup.

Choose compassion over judgement,
welcome over exclusion,
and care over indifference.

May you be a blessing to the vulnerable,
a voice for those who are unheard,
and a bearer of hope wherever you go.

And may the love of the Creator,
the compassion of Christ,
and the courage of the Spirit
go with you this day and always.

Amen.

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU

to our musician today
Ephraim Wilson

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: Pjfiller@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

URGENT

Two parliamentary bills are open for submissions by 2 July: the Summary Offences (Move-On Orders) Amendment Bill, and the Definitions of Woman and Man Amendment Bill.

After church in the hall there will be an opportunity for folk to read submissions which a team has been working on this week, and which hopefully will be able to be signed.

Pat Booth (Convenor, Parish Council) Phone 027 476 0427 email

patriciabooth@xtra.co.nz

SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

Climate Tuesdays

Please come and join Anna, Vivienne and Lynne and others at the Tuesdays for Tomorrow climate change vigil every Tuesday at 12:30 pm at Parliament.

Also see Anna' letter to The Listener (in this week's issue).

Anna Kenna's Upfront column struck a chord (The kids deserve better, June 13-19).

I watch my two-year-old granddaughter with the same delight, mixed with the same fears for the future we are bequeathing her and our precious planet.

Other retirees I know live with a different emotion - sorrow that their children have decided not to bring long hoped for grandchildren into this troubled world.



While we don't have a dedicated 'climate grannies' movement, that I know of, in Aotearoa we do have a dedicated group that protests at Parliament every Tuesday, 12.30 - 1.30pm, calling for urgent action on climate change.

We gather under the banner, Tuesdays for Tomorrow, and several grannies and granddads are there every week. We

would welcome many more, of any age.

Anna Smith (Wellington)

While New Zealand authorities have been preparing for some time for the possible arrival of bird flu, it is with some trepidation that I heard the first cases of bird flu (H5N1) on the Australian mainland were detected in Western Australia last week. I hope like anything it doesn't arrive on New Zealand shores but we do need to be prepared for it to eventually arrive on our shores. The Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI) has an informative short video on what to look for in our wild birds to help stop any spread: <https://youtu.be/TLCgdAZdTBw>

In brighter news, it's that time of year again for the annual New Zealand garden bird survey! In its 20th year, the survey runs from 27 June to 5 July: <https://gardenbirdsurvey.nz/>

How to take part:

1. Choose an hour on one day during the survey period and find the perfect bird counting spot.
2. Use the tally sheet to count the number of birds you see or hear: <https://gardenbirdsurvey.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/GBS-tally-sheet-2026.pdf>
3. Use the garden bird survey website ID resources to help you tell birds apart: <https://gardenbirdsurvey.nz/identification/>
4. Use the form on the survey website (available from 27 June) to submit your final count: <https://gardenbirdsurvey.nz/>

Sonia Groes-Petrie, 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.

heather-rose

hetharose@gmail.com

or text 0212422499

Farewell Lunch:

Laura and David Gehrenbeck invite you to lunch on July 5th

We are both so sad that we are saying farewell to our St. Andrew's faith community.

We are grateful for the welcome and the support you have shared during our too-short time in Wellington - we have learned so much from you.

Please allow us to show our gratitude and treat you to a light lunch in the hall after worship service on Sunday July 5.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Have a lovely day.

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	Maxine and Jim Cunningham
Sound	Frank Cook
Laptop	Hamish Dick
Offering	Paul Franken, 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

On duty July 5th

Welcoming	Pat McGiven, Pam Fuller
Sound	Ben Gray
Laptop	Ben Gray
Offering	Paul Franken, Lynette Burrell
Coffee/tea/brunch	Sandra and Tony Kirby (CG), Aaron Cook, Sue Hirst
Family Time	Frank Cook
Readings	Pat Booth
Prayers of the People	Lynne Dovey
Communion	Maxine and Jim Cunningham, Laura and David Gehrenbeck, Vhari McWha, Tania Penafiel-Bermudez
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Closed
Musician	Bruce Corkill
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 Social Justice Education Group.

Wednesday July 1st 10:30am: Cuppa and Chat

12:15pm: Lunchtime Concert – Papaioea Trio - Liz Patchett, Robert Ibell and Guy Donaldson

Sunday July 5th: Communion Service led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Community 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 (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
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