

ORDER OF SERVICE

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HOMOSEXUAL LAW REFORM, 40 YEARS ON

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 Ross Scott

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus went into the temple, unrolled a scroll and read:
the Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
for he has appointed me to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released,
that the blind will see,
that the oppressed will be set free
and that the time of the Lords favour has come.

SILENCE

GATHERING

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We recognize 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.

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.....

WELCOME

Talofa lava,

we too greet you in the name of Jesus Christ

A special welcome to those who are visiting us. Especially those returning to St Andrews for this service and those who have come to be part of a Christian celebration of homosexual law reform. Please join us for morning tea in the Hall after church.

Intro to prayer

In our prayers this morning, I will give you the chance to call out names of people who were significant in homosexual law reform.

OPENING PRAYER

Homosexual Law reform

One small step for Aotearoa New Zealand

One significant step for the Rainbow Community

One large step for Gay Men

The Jesus way is to confront injustice.

The Jesus way is to challenge laws and disregard traditions that marginalize and discriminate against people

The Jesus way is to celebrate people who rise above the cultural norms that dehumanize others

The Jesus way is to celebrate whenever we see people who demonstrate 'love of enemy' as much as 'love of friend'.

The Jesus way is to smile and weep tears of appreciation when we see people that treat the least among us as our neighbor to be loved.

For Jesus's love was unconditional. Love that respected the humanity of the men and woman he encountered

The Jesus way is to love each one of us.

And today we can say the Jesus way was to stand, sit and dine with the gay men of this land forty years ago,

to hear our stories of discrimination, rejection, and the self-loathing that comes from not understanding our orientation in a 'hetero normative' world.

The Jesus way was to find those who would stand with us in the fight for Law reform.

The Jesus way was to bring the transformation of our society.

And the Jesus way is to look at the rest of the Rainbow Community and work in love to break down the powers of discrimination and rejection that hold so many hostage.

The Jesus way is to confront injustice.

I ask you to call the names of those who lead the way for homosexual law reform:

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

Rosemary Lawrence

BLESSING THE CHILDREN

We send you 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

Rosemary Lawrence

Gospel

Luke 7:1-10

The Coming of the Kingdom

Luke 17: 20-21 and 26-36

Contemporary Reading

from ' **Men alone - Men together**'

by Mark Beehre

A reflection on the Homosexual Law Reform Campaign

by Judy Keall, Labour MP and daughter of the Rev Ian Dixon (former Professor of Pastoral Theology at Knox Theological Hall)

'As the campaign went on, I became more and more committed to the passing of the bill. I met a great number of wonderful gay people, but continued to surprise myself with the depth of my involvement. I began to wonder why I was so passionate about this piece of legislation, but it wasn't until after the Bill became law that, in a flash of insight, I realised that my father was gay. There had been pointers along the way - the intensity of his friendships with male colleagues and students - but it was quite some time before I put them all together.

The next day I flew to Christchurch and took Dad out to dinner. I didn't ask him "Are you gay?" Instead I said, "dad tell me about your gayness," and he did. My mother was still alive, but in hospital, and it was a relief for him to speak of it. Six years later at the tender age of eighty he came out.'

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

Thoughts on 40 years of Law reform **Rev Ross Scott**
with Paul Franken, Tony Pears, Hamish Dick and Pauline Patchett

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.
3. Make me a channel of your peace,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all that we receive
and in dying that we're born to eternal life

OFFERTORY MUSIC

"What I Did For Love"
music by Marvin Hamlisch (1944 - 2012).

OFFERING HYMN

AA 62 'Here we bring, small or great'

Music © Colin Gibson Words © Shirley Murray

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

Refrain

Jesus said, "Have a care – your heart will always be
where your riches are,
where your riches are.

OFFERING PRAYER

*All that we are, and all that we have, and all that we may become,
comes from this planet, from God*

For we are made from its dust.

So we bring these offerings and our fabulous-selves

To bring restoration to our relationships with ourselves.

With each other

And with all of creation

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 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 Albania, and we pray for the Orthodox Autocephalous Church of Albania. 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 Kahurangi Carter (List) and Carlos

Cheung (Mt Roskill). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of Rongotea - St Luke's Uniting 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

CH4 729 'Who is this man?'

Words: Mary Pearson Tune: LONDONDERRY AIR

1. Who is this man who gathered people to him
and touched their lives along each dusty way,
who spoke to all with passion and with peacefulness
and valued all their ordinary days.
Who is this man, who at the day's long ending,
would draw apart to wait on God and pray?
Who in the mystery that knows no ending,
would find God's wisdom and would know God's words to say?

2. Who is this man who gave to women dignity
in partnership of worth and equal grace?
Who listened to the stories that they told him, and honoured each,
whatever was their place:
who let them choose to come and join his company
and learned with them God's love of every race,
who showed to each the courage of their nature
to care and tend each lonely and each suffering face.
3. Who is this man, who spoke to men of gentleness
and showed them all the children at his side:
who taught of love and justice for all people,
and took a towel and washed away their pride?
In him they saw the strength of truth and mercy,
and how he trusted God to be his guide,
knew how he led them through misunderstanding,
and then forgave them when they ran away to hide.
4. Who is this man who calls us now to follow,
a shadow presence asking us to be
companions on the way through this life journey,
to live in truth, to set our tired world free?
So, let us find each other now in partnership,
with ears to hear and eyes awake to see,
that we might grow in grace and understanding,
and walk beside that man who comes from Galilee.

BENEDICTION

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU

to our musician today
Peter Franklin

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AUDIO REFLECTIONS

Sunday reflections are usually available on our website.

<http://www.standrews.org.nz/category/sunday-gathering>

We welcome all visitors and invite you to stay for morning tea or coffee.

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

ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES

SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

Over Matariki weekend I heard a wonderful interview on the Saturday morning programme on RNZ National about the role of soil fungi with Katie Field, a Professor in Plant-Soil Processes at the University of Sheffield:

<https://www.rnz.co.nz/national/programmes/saturday/audio/2019042925/the-mysterious-networks-of-fungi-right-under-our-feet>

A particular type of fungi, mycorrhizal fungi, helps to transfer nutrients in the soil to the plants and the plants in turn provide sugars and fats to the fungi, so a fantastic co-operative relationship is happening all the time under our feet! She described them as underground invisible helpers. I love thinking about there being millions of invisible little helpers in the soil when I'm out in the garden.

While much of our garden is resting over winter, Matariki marks the start of a new life cycle so it is a great time for communities to come together to regenerate the land through tree planting. I'm looking forward to getting to this month's working bee at the Waiu Wetland in Wainuiomata. The wetland restoration project is run by the Wellington group of A Rocha Aotearoa New Zealand. The group have been working on restoring the remnant wetland area for almost 15 years. The growth in some of the original planting areas is so encouraging.

<https://arocha.org.nz/blog/waiu-wetland-restoration-report-2025/>

Get in touch if you are interested in joining us - we meet on the 3rd Saturday of each month (10am-12 noon).

Sonia Groes-Petrie, Sustainability Group (email: soniapetrie@gmail.com)

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	Tania Penafiel-Bermudez
Laptop	Hamish Dick
Offering	Bridget Martin and Tony Pears
Coffee/tea	Sally Gray, Janet Horncy and Sue Hirst
Family Time	Rosemary Lawrence
Readings	Rosemary Lawrence
Prayers of the People	Sonia Groes-Petrie (CG)
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Closed
Musician	Peter Franklin
Service Leader	Rev Ross Scott

On duty July 26th

Welcoming	Maxine and Jim Cunningham
Sound	Simon Miller
Laptop	Cam Smart
Offering	Paul Franken and Kath Kerr
Coffee/tea	Vivienne Mountier, Hannah Carty and Aaron Cook
Family Time	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai
Readings	John Harper
Prayers of the People	Anna Smith
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Closed
Musician	Peter Franklin
Service Leader	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday July 19th 10:00am: The 40th anniversary of Homosexual Law Reform led by Rev Ross Scott followed by Congregational Conversation.

Wednesday July 22nd 10:30am: Cuppa and Chat

12:15pm: Lunchtime Concert – The Family Lockdown Quartet Rupa, Lucy, Gemma and Donald

Sunday June 26st: 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
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