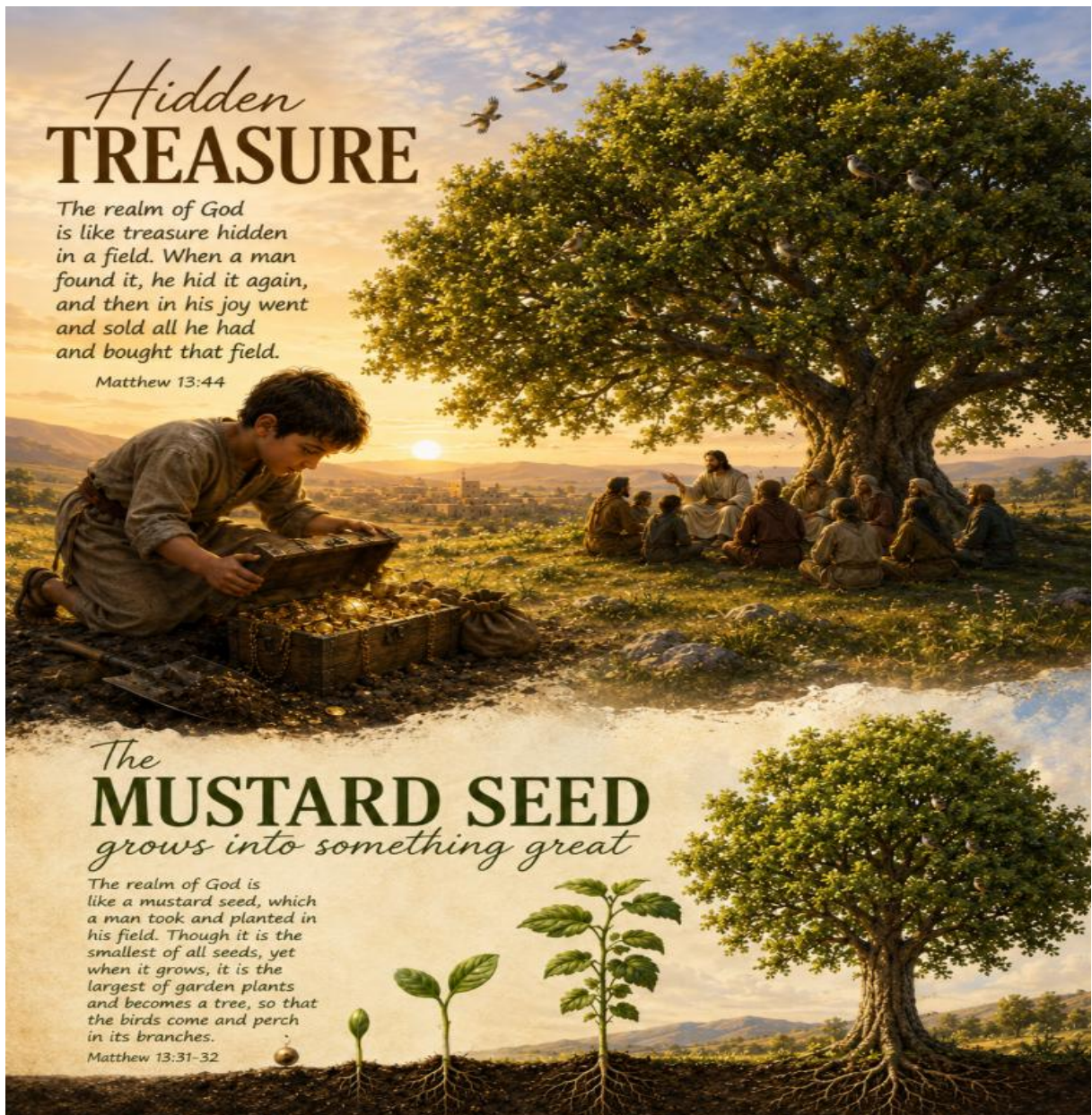


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26 July 2026

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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'ausuma

PRELUDE

Song 1 by Orland Gibbons (1583 - 1625)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, you who arrive with hopes and dreams.
Come, you who have known disappointment and surprise.
Come, you who are searching for treasure hidden in ordinary places.
The kingdom of God is like a tiny seed planted in the earth,
growing quietly and faithfully beyond our imagining.
The kingdom of God is like treasure hidden in a field,
waiting to be discovered by those who seek with open hearts.
Jacob sought one thing and found his life taking an unexpected turn.
So too, our lives are shaped by moments we never planned and blessings we
never anticipated.
Come, let us gather in wonder.
Come, let us worship the God who meets us in the small, the hidden, and the
unexpected.

SILENCE

GATHERING

We gather today as people still becoming who we are called to be. Some of us
come with carefully laid plans; others arrive wondering what comes next. We
bring our joys and our disappointments, our questions and our hopes.
The stories we hear today remind us that life rarely unfolds exactly as we
imagine. Jacob's journey was one of love, patience, and unexpected turns. The
mustard seed teaches us that even the smallest act of kindness, faith, or
courage can grow into something beautiful. The hidden treasure reminds us
that what matters most in life is often found in places we least expect.

In this community of faith, may we have eyes to see the treasure that surrounds us, hearts willing to nurture the smallest seeds of hope, and the courage to embrace the surprises that life places before us.
You are welcome here, exactly as you are.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

AA 36 'Every day I will offer you'

Words: © Shirley Murray Tune: © Colin Gibson LYNNEFRITH

1. Every day I will offer you,
loving God, my heart and mind,
every way I discover you
in the work your hand has signed;
help me see I'm your image, and
you have dreamed what I might be -
every day in your Spirit,
I'll find the love and energy!
2. 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!
3. Every day I will take your word,
answer your compassion's claim,
celebrate every sign of hope,
every deed done in your name;
help me see you are always there,
and your light can shine through me,
every day in your Spirit,
I'll find the love and energy!

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

Loving God, we give thanks that you are present in all the twists and turns of our lives. When our plans are interrupted, remind us that your possibilities are often greater than our own.

Help us to recognise the small seeds you have planted within us, seeds of compassion, justice, joy, and love that quietly grow and flourish in their own time.

Open our eyes to the hidden treasures in our lives: the friendships we cherish, the communities that sustain us, the moments of grace that so easily go unnoticed.

Teach us to trust that even when life surprises us, we are never beyond your care. Give us patience when we must wait, wisdom when we must choose, and courage when we are called to let go of what we expected in order to embrace what is becoming.

May this time of worship nurture the seeds of hope within us and help us discover anew the treasures that lie hidden in our midst.

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

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."

Hebrew Reading

Genesis 29:15-28

Gospel

Matthew 13:13-33, 44-52

Contemporary Reading

Hidden Treasure

by Butterfly Ann

A man went for a walk one day. He seemed to be searching for something as he hurried about, "Just a rock covered in dirt nothing special" he says while he walks away. A little girl walking down the same path carefully inspects each rock. She examines each one and then picks up the same rock that the man had rejected.

She holds it in her hands lifts it up toward the sun and says, "you may not look like much outside, but I have a feeling that your true worth lies within you". She excitedly skips down the path and brings it home and proudly presents the rock to her father. He carefully takes the rock and breaks it open and discovers the treasure that lies within, a geode that is sparkling like diamonds in the light. In life people at times are too quick to judge according to appearances alone. They hurry through life seem to be searching for something but not taking time to discover what life has to offer us through one another. They might even perceive that another person is like dirt, and with that misconception they miss out in discovering another's true worth. Upon closer examination they might discover that the other person has many great qualities and can become a treasured friend. If only they would slow down and take the time to take a closer look so that they don't miss the hidden treasure that lies within.

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

AA 26 'Come to our land'

Words: © Shirley Murray Music: © Colin Gibson Tune: HAEREMAI

1. Come to our land, come to our hearts,
Spirit of peace, Spirit of truth,
bring in the spring, the hope and the green,
Spirit of growth and Spirit of youth.

Refrain

*And all our people will sing together:
Wairua Tapu, holy your name,
there's one great Spirit in all creation,
one great Spirit of God!*

2. Come to our land, come to our hearts
Spirit of life, breath of new birth,
teach us to care for water and air,
nourish the seed and cherish the earth,

Refrain

*And all our people will sing together:
Wairua Tapu, holy your name,
there's one great Spirit in all creation,
one great Spirit of God!*

3. Come to our land, come to our hearts
Spirit of bush, Spirit of bird,
speak to the soul of Aotearoa
joy in your world and joy in your Word,

Refrain

*And all our people will sing together:
Wairua Tapu, holy your name,
there's one great Spirit in all creation,
one great Spirit of God!*

REFLECTION

Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

Cavatina by Stanely Myers (1930 - 1993)

HYMN

AA 31 'E te Atua'

Words and Music: Traditional Tune: KUM BA YA AA31

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

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Llangloffan - Welsh Hymn Melody (Anon)

OFFERING HYMN

AA 62 'Here we bring, small or great'

Words: © Shirley Murray Tune: © Colin Gibson ASHLEY

1. 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

Generous God, all that we have and all that we are, are gifts that have come to us in ways both seen and unseen. Like the mustard seed, the smallest offering can grow into something life-giving. Like treasure hidden in a field, the gifts we share today hold possibilities far greater than we can imagine. Receive these offerings of money, time, compassion, and service. Bless them and bless us, that together we may nurture hope, seek justice, and share your love in our community and beyond.

In the spirit of generosity and gratitude, we offer them to you.

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

Anna Smith

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Algeria and we pray for the Protestant Church of Algeria. 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 Karen Chhour (List) and Hon Judith Collins (Papakura). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of Silverstream - St Margaret's Presbyterian Church.

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 45 'Give thanks for life'

Words: © Shirley Murray Tune: SINE NOMINE WOV 384

1. Give thanks for life,
the measure of our days,
mortal, we pass
through beauty that decays,
yet sing to God
our hope, our love, our praise,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. Give thanks for those
who made their life a light
caught from the Christ-flame,
bursting through the night,
who touched the truth,
who burned for what is right,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
3. And for our own,
our living and our dead,
thanks for the love
by which our life is fed,
a love not changed
by time or death or dread,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
4. Give thanks for hope,
that like the wheat, the grain
that lies in darkness
does its life retain
in resurrection
to grow green again,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

BENEDICTION

Go now into the week ahead with hearts open to surprise.

May you recognise the hidden treasures that surround you.

May you have faith in the small seeds you plant each day.

May you find courage when life does not unfold as you had planned.

And may you discover, again and again, that grace is quietly at work within you and among us. ***Amen.***

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

Arrival of the Queen of Sheba by G.F. Handel (1759 - 1985)

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

Community Brunch after Church next Sunday, August 2nd.

It's been proposed that we make this a soup and bread event so we will be needing 5/6 people to each make a pot of soup. Bread rolls to be supplied. If you can help, could you please let Pam Fuller know by this Wednesday. Thanks, <pjfuller@gmail.com>.

SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

Protecting nature and conservation is top of mind for many of us as we look toward the coming election. Forest & Bird is holding a hui on the future of conservation at Parliament on 1 August (<https://tinyurl.com/mryzpb4v>). It will be an opportunity to hear from conservation experts on what's at stake and local political candidates on what they plan to do about it. The hui will feature a keynote address on local conservation issues, including what the Conservation Amendment Bill could mean for the region. This will be followed by a moderated political panel with representatives from across the spectrum. Audience questions will be put directly to the panel, giving people the chance to hear how parties plan to tackle the issues that matter most for nature.

When: Saturday 1 August 2026, 6pm - 9,15pm (programme starts at 6.30pm)

Where: New Zealand Parliament Buildings, Banquet Hall

Cost: Free

Book tickets here: <https://tinyurl.com/2kvsmn9x>

- 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	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	Tony Kirby
Prayers of the People	Anna Smith
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Closed
Musician	Peter Franklin
Service Leader	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

On duty August 2nd

Welcoming	Pat McGiven, Pam Fuller
Sound	Ben Gray
Laptop	Ben Gray
Offering	Bridget Martin, Tony Pears
Coffee/tea	Maxie Cunningham, Vivienne Mountier and Jenn Keenan
Family Time	Frank Cook
Readings	Pat Booth
Prayers of the People	Sonia Groes-Petrie (CG)
Communion	Lynne Dovey, Janet Horncy, Rosemary Lawrence, Vhari McWha, Kath Kerr and Tania Penafiel-Bermudez
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Closed
Musician	Judy Dumbleton
Service Leader	Rev Dr Jim Cunningham

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday July 26st: Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Social Justice Education Group

Wednesday July 29th 10:30am: Cuppa and Chat

12:15pm: Lunchtime Concert – Ozan Biner-McGrath, Solo Piano

Sunday August 2nd : Communion Service led by Rev Dr Jim Cunningham 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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