

ORDER OF SERVICE

05 JULY 2026

PENTECOST 6



Farewell to David and Laura Gehrenbeck

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 and David
and Laura Gehrenbeck**

The hymns today have been chosen by David and Laura.

PRELUDE

Bach Toccata in E minor BWV 914, movements 1-3

CALL TO WORSHIP

Friends, we gather today from many paths,
bringing our stories, our joys, our hopes, and our uncertainties.

Some among us have been here for years.

Others are new.

Some are preparing to leave familiar places and begin again.

Yet wherever we come from,
and wherever we are going,
we are held within the embrace of a love that knows no boundaries.

Let us welcome the stranger.

Let us honour those who journey.

Let us celebrate friendships that distance cannot diminish.

Come, let us worship the One who journeys with us all.

SILENCE

GATHERING

Gather us now into a place of welcome.

Open our hearts to those we do not yet know.

Deepen our gratitude for those whose lives have touched ours.

As we celebrate new beginnings,
give courage to those setting out on fresh adventures,
whether across the street or across the world.

May this community be a place
where every person finds belonging,
every traveller finds hospitality,
and every farewell is wrapped in hope.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

‘This is My Song’

Words: Lloyd Stone and Georgia Harkness Tune: FINLANDIA WOV 48

1. This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine;
this is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine:
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
2. My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
but other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine:
O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
3. May truth and freedom come to every nation;
may peace abound where strife has raged so long;
that each may seek to love and build together,
a world united, righting every wrong;
a world united in its love for freedom,
proclaiming peace together in one song.

WELCOME

E te whānau a Te Karaiti,
ngā mihi aroha ki a tātou katoa.

Kia ora tātou.

Talofa lava, ou te faatalofa atu i le Suafa o Iesu Keriso

Talofa lava, we greet you in the name of Jesus Christ

A special welcome to those who are visiting us. Please join us for lunch in the hall after church.

OPENING PRAYER

Loving and ever-present God,
we thank you for the gift of friendship,
for the people who walk beside us for a season,
and for those whose influence remains with us long after they have gone.
Today we celebrate both welcome and farewell.
We rejoice in new possibilities,
even as we acknowledge the sadness of parting.
Bless those beginning a new chapter in their lives.
Go before them with courage,
walk beside them with wisdom,
and surround them with companions who will offer kindness and care.
Help us to continue creating communities of generosity,
where friends are welcomed,
differences are celebrated,
and every person is treated with dignity and respect.
As we worship today,
open our hearts to your Spirit,
that we might recognise your presence
in the familiar face,
the unexpected visitor,
and the friend who sets out on a new road.
May this time together renew us
to become people of welcome, hope, and love.
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

Frank Cook

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

Leviticus 19:33-34

Gospel

Matthew 18:20

New Testament

Galatians 3:23-29

Contemporary

Excerpt from "The Gift of the Magi" by O. Henry

"The magi, as you know, were wise men--wonderfully wise men--who brought gifts to the Babe in the manger. They invented the art of giving Christmas presents. Being wise, their gifts were no doubt wise ones, possibly bearing the privilege of exchange in case of duplication. And here I have lamely related to you the uneventful chronicle of two foolish children in a flat who most unwisely sacrificed for each other the greatest treasures of their house. But in a last word to the wise of these days let it be said that of all who give gifts these two were the wisest. Of all who give and receive gifts, such as they are wisest. Everywhere they are wisest. They are the magi."

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

In Christ there is No East or West'

Words: John Oxenham Tune: ST PETER WOV 410

1. In Christ there is no east or west,
In him no south or north,
But one great fellowship of love
Thru'out the whole wide Earth.
2. In him shall true hearts ev'rywhere
Their high communion find.
His service is the golden cord
Close binding humankind
3. Join hands, then, children of the faith,
Whate'er your race may be!
Who serves my Father as a child
Is surely kin to me.
4. In Christ now meet both east and west,
In him meet south and north;
All Christly souls are one in him,
Thru'out the whole wide Earth.

REFLECTION

"HOWDY STRANGER"

Laura & David Gehrenbeck

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love,"

by Peter Scholtes, led by David on guitar

1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
and we pray that our unity will one day be restored.

Chorus

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.

Chorus

3. We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
we will work with each other, we will work side by side;
and we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.

Chorus

4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;
and all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son;
and all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.

Chorus

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Beethoven Sonata in B-flat, Op. 22, movement 1 exposition

OFFERING HYMN

"In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"

Taizé Community, led by David on guitar

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid;
Lift up your voices: the Lord is near,
Lift up your voices: the Lord is near.

OFFERING PRAYER

Generous and faithful God,
From your abundance we have received far more than we could ever earn—
the gifts of life, friendship, love, hope, and community.
Today we return a portion of what we have been given,
offering these gifts with thankful hearts.
May they be used to welcome the stranger,
to care for those in need,
to build communities of compassion,
and to bring hope wherever there is loneliness or despair.
Bless these offerings,
and bless each giver,
that together we may become a generous people,
sharing your love in word and action.

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

Lynne Dovey

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Zambia, 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 Willow-Jean Prime (List) and Julie Anne Genter (Rongotai). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people Plimmerton 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.

THE COMMUNION: GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The peace of God be with you.

and also with you.

In the presence of the living God

we lift our hearts in joy and give thanks.

Let us give thanks for those who grow and prepare our food,
for those who educate our children and care for us in old age,
for those who nurse us when sick and support us when dying,
for those who keep us safe.

Let us give thanks for all who contribute to our daily living.

Let us give thanks for the flow of human history; for the events that have shaped and moulded us and all our sisters and brothers; for the ones who question that history; for the ones who unearth the stories of the vanquished, the oppressed, the forgotten, the unrecorded.

Let us give thanks and take our place in the human story, struggling for the unity of humankind.

Let us give thanks for prophets and martyrs and poets; thinkers and preachers and healers; for the ones who have linked thought and action; for reformers and rebels and strikers.

Let us give thanks and join with them in the quest for justice.

Let us give thanks for all who have revealed or discovered deep and lasting truths; let us celebrate their lives and deaths, their thoughts and writings, their continuing witness in the world today.

Let us give thanks and share in spreading this prophetic vision.

Let us give thanks for the generations who preceded us;
the co-dependency of our ancestors;
for our mothers, for our fathers,
and for our new world of independence as we find our way.

Let us give thanks for the legacy of those who went before us and the opportunities open to us today.

Today we give thanks for Jesus of Nazareth, in whom Christians believe God was especially present, one of the channels through which God was made known to humanity.

On the night that Jesus was betrayed, he feasted with his followers; he took bread, gave thanks and broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying words like 'Take this and eat it, broken for you. Do this whenever you eat it in remembrance of me'. In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying words like 'Drink from it all of you, the wine of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many. Do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

For all that Jesus of Nazareth means to us, we give thanks.

So today we share bread and wine together as a sign that we are one humanity, as a pledge that we will work for justice, as a foretaste of that which can be despite what is and what has been. May the Spirit that guides us all be present in this feast, taking this bread and wine, the concerns that we have expressed and the lives that we lead, transforming them all for the unity of all creation and the service of love. God, whose body is all creation, may we come to know you in all the earth and feel you in our blood. So no part of us, or the world, be lost to your transforming grace. Thanks be to God, say all who worship in spirit and truth. Thanks be to God, for the gift of life.

THE DISTRIBUTION

The bread of life broken for you. The cup of blessing poured out for you.

COMMUNION HYMN

CH4 661 'Eat this bread, drink this cup'

Music: Jaques Berthier (1923-1994)

Tune: EAT THIS BREAD

OSTINATO RESPONSE: *Meditative* (♩ = 80)

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun - gry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst. 2. Your

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The feast is ended and the work of the world lies before us.

Many who work for change suffer resistance.

So make us strong.

Many who do new things sometimes feel afraid.

So make us brave.

Many who challenge the world as it is, arouse anger.

So grant us inner peace.

Many who live joyful lives are envied.

So make us generous.

Many who try to love encounter hate.

So we trust in you, the One of gracious love. Amen.

(Liturgy by the Rev Diane Gilliam-Weeks)

CLOSING HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Words: Charles Wesley Tune: HYFRYDOL WOV 148 ii

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of Heav'n to Earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown;
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.
2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
Into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit,
Let us find thy promised rest;
Take away our love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.
3. Come, Almighty to deliver;
Let us all thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy host above,
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

4. Finish, then, thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory
Till in Heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Blessing for David and Laura

Loving God,
today we give heartfelt thanks for David and Laura,
for the gifts they have shared among us,
for their friendship,
their faithfulness,
their laughter,
their wisdom,
and the many ways they have enriched our community.
As they prepare to return home to the United States tomorrow,
we entrust them into your loving care.
Go before them on every road they travel.
Grant them safe flights,
calm skies,
rest for weary bodies,
and joyful reunions with family and friends.
May they always know that they leave behind a community that loves them
deeply,
and that although oceans may separate us,
our friendship remains woven together in love and prayer.
Bless the new chapter that awaits them.
Open doors of opportunity,
surround them with welcoming communities,
and continue to inspire them as they share their gifts with others.

And when they think of St Andrew's,
may they remember this place with affection,
knowing they will always have a home and a family here.

Go in peace.

Go in hope.

Go with courage.

***And may the blessing of the Creator,
the love revealed in Christ,
and the companionship of the Holy Spirit
surround you today, throughout your journey, and always. Amen.***

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

Postlude: Bach Toccata E minor BWV 914, movement 4

THANK YOU TO OUR MUSICIAN TODAY:

Adam Whiskin

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

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)

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

We're now past the shortest day and in the coming week we will celebrate Matariki. As we come into this season of reflecting on the past, celebrating the present and looking ahead with hope, we are reminded that caring for the environment sits at the heart of it all. Matariki asks us, how do we connect with the natural world, what have we inherited and what legacy will we leave for future generations?

For all of us committed to caring for the environment, Matariki is a good time to think about and renew our purpose. How can we live the values of kaitiakitanga (guardianship), respect for natural cycles and care for our communities? Every native tree planted, stream restored, community project supported, every conversation that inspires change contributes to a healthier, more resilient future. As the Matariki stars rise, let's be inspired to do one new thing to protect and nurture te taiao (the natural world).

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.

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	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
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Closed
Musician	Adam Whiskin
Service Leader	Bruce Corkill

On duty July 12th

Welcoming	Pauline and David Patchett
Sound	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Laptop	Sandra Kirby
Offering	Jeen Keenan and Kath Kerr
Coffee/tea/brunch	Simon Miller, Vivienne Mountier (CG) and Janet Horncy
Family Time	Cam Smart
Readings	Tony Kirby
Prayers of the People	Hamish Dick
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Closed
Musician	Kristina Zuelicke
Service Leader	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday July 5th 10am: Communion service led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai and David & Laura Gehrenbeck, followed by farewell lunch with David & Laura.

Wednesday July 8th 10:30am: Cuppa and Chat

Wednesday July 8th 12:15pm: Lunchtime Concert – Jonathan Berkhan, Organ

Sunday July 12th 10am: Sunday gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Exploring Faith

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, Dances of Universal Peace with Heather-Rose

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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