

ORDER OF SERVICE

12 JULY 2026

Celebrating New Beginnings

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 and Dr Ben Gray

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

As the stars of Matariki rise in the winter sky,
they remind us that every ending carries the promise of a new beginning.
We come remembering those who have gone before us,
giving thanks for the lives that have shaped our own.
We come with gratitude
for the gifts of the earth,
for the generosity of community,
and for the blessings we often overlook.

We come with hope,
looking towards a future waiting to be nurtured with justice, compassion, and love.

The Creator who formed the stars also knows each of us by name.

Come, let us gather in gratitude.

Come, let us worship with hope.

Come, let us celebrate the gift of life together.

SILENCE

GATHERING

As the Matariki cluster shines above us, we gather as one people bringing memories, joys, disappointments, hopes, and dreams.

We remember with love those whose journeys have ended, giving thanks for the ways they continue to live in our hearts.

May this gathering strengthen our commitment to one another and to the flourishing of all creation.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

‘WHAKAARIA MAI’

Whakaaria mai, tōu rīpeka ki au.

Tiaho mai, rā roto i te pō.

Hei konā au, titiro atu ai.

Ora mate, hei au koe noho ai.

(Repeat)

Show your cross to me.

Let it Shine in the darkness.

There I will be looking.

In life, in death, let me rest in thee.

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 morning tea in the hall after church.

OPENING PRAYER

Creating and sustaining God,
long before we named the stars,
you placed them in the heavens.
Long before we learned their stories,
they proclaimed your wonder.

Today, as we celebrate Matariki,
we remember those who have gone before us with gratitude.
We give thanks for the harvests of the past year,
for moments of joy,
for lessons learned,
and for the people who have walked beside us.

As we begin another season,
plant within us fresh hope.
Help us to seek peace where there is conflict,
generosity where there is need,
welcome where there is loneliness,
and courage where change is required.

May our worship today deepen our love for one another,
our care for the earth,
and our commitment to building a community where every person belongs.
We offer these prayers in the Spirit of Christ,
whose love continues to renew all things.

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

Cam Smart

HE WAIATA MATARIKI

‘He waiata Matariki’ composed by Rahera Davies

Matariki, Matariki
e ara e.

Te mātahi o te tau,
te kohinga whetū
i te uma o Ranginui.

E piataata mai ana,
whakaataata i te rangi
e tohu ana i te tau hou Māori e.

Ko Tupuānuku, ko Tupuārangi,
ko Waitī, Waitā,
Waipuna-ā-Rangi,
Ururangi e.

Ko Pohutukawa e,
ko Hiwaiterangi e,
Matariki, e ara e.

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te kohinga whetū
i te uma o Ranginui.

E piataata mai ana,
whakaataata i te rangi
e tohu ana i te tau hou Māori e.

Matariki, Matariki
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Matariki, Matariki
is rising

The first month of the year,
the collection of stars
In the chest of Ranginui.

Shining brightly,
reflecting in the sky,
Indicating the Māori new year.

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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

Hebrew Bible

New Testament

John Harper

Genesis 1:26-28

Matthew 6:25-30

Contemporary Reading:

“What is Culture” by David Ricky Matsumoto

A culture is a dynamic system of rules—explicit and implicit—
established by groups to ensure survival,
involving attitudes, values, beliefs, norms, behaviours, shared by a group,
but harboured differently by each [individual] within the group,
communicated across generations,
relatively stable but with the potential to change across time

RESPONSE

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

REFLECTION **Is Matariki part of my culture?**

Ben Gray

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

Pepeha Six 60

HYMN:

OUR LIFE HAS ITS SEASONS AA113

Words © Shirley Murray; music © Colin Gibson

1. Our life has its seasons, and God has the reasons
why spring follows winter, and new leaves grow,
for there's a connection with our resurrection
that flowers will bud after frost and snow,

Refrain

*so there's never a time to stop believing,
there's never a time for hope to die,
there's never a time to stop loving,
these three things go on.*

2. There's a time to be planting, a time to be plucking,
a time to be laughing, a time to weep,
a time to be building, a time to be breaking,
a time to be waking, a time to sleep,

Refrain

but there's never a time to stop believing.....

3. There's a time to be hurting, a time to be healing,
a time to be saving, a time to spend,

a time to be grieving, a time to be dancing,
a time for beginning, a time to end.

Refrain

but there's never a time to stop believing.....

OFFERTORY MUSIC

OFFERING HYMN:

E te Atua

© Mona Riini, Hoki Tawa, Kitty Temara

E te atua, aroha mai, e te atua, aroha mai, e te atua, aroha mai.
Ake ake ake tonu e,
ake ake tonu e.

OFFERING PRAYER

Creating and generous God,

As we celebrate Matariki, we give thanks for the abundance we have received:
our loved ones, our communities, the gifts of the earth, and the hope of new
beginnings.

Receive these offerings as signs of our gratitude and our commitment to share
your love with others. May they help bring justice where there is inequality,
hope where there is despair, and welcome where there is loneliness. **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

Hamish Dick

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Afghanistan, and we pray for all those working
towards peace in Afghanistan. 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 Mark Cameron (List) and Hamish Campbell (Ilam). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of Porirua – Pacific Islanders – Church of Christ the King.

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.

'We are many we are one' FFS67

Words and music ©Colin Gibson

1. We are many, we are one,
and the work of Christ is done
when we learn to live in true community,
as the stars that fill the night,
as a flock of birds in flight,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the branches of a tree,
as the waves upon the sea,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.

2. All division is made whole
when we honour every soul,
find the life of God in every you and me,
as the fingers of a hand,
as the grains that form the sand,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the threads upon the loom,
as a field of flowers in bloom,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.
3. We will join creation's song,
make a world where all belong,
build as one in peace and loving harmony,
as the voices of a choir,
as the flames within a fire,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the snowflakes in the snow,
as the colours of a bow,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.

BLESSING/BENEDICTION

As you leave this place, may the stars of Matariki remind you that even in the darkest nights, there is light to guide us.

May you carry with you gratitude for those who have walked before you, compassion for those who walk beside you, and hope for those who will follow after you.

May you care gently for the earth, seek justice for all people, and offer kindness wherever your path leads.

And may the Creator of the stars, the Christ who walks alongside us, and the Spirit who renews all life bless you, sustain you, and fill you with peace, this day and always. **Amen.**

BLESSING (sung together)

Te aroha, te whakapono, me te rangimarie, tātou tātou e. (repeat)

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU TO OUR MUSICIAN TODAY:

Kristina Zuelicke

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

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)

SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

In last week's sustainability update Anna spoke of the focus Matariki brings to our relationship and connection with the natural world. That is very timely as with winter truly biting it's easy to act in less than sustainable ways. Simple things we can do include dressing warmly, using draft stoppers against doors to minimise infiltration losses, maximising our use of natural sunlight and buying ethically produced, sustainable, and largely in-season produce. Outside, use a rake on the leaves and ensure they can compost and return their nutrients to the soil. So often we see a blower dispersing leaves in such a way that they end up in the storm water and out to sea.

It is also helpful to focus on the positives of our winter, its importance to the fauna and flora of Aotearoa and its role in the world at large. Can you come up with ten? And lastly, in these long nights, I wonder if we might reflect on the role

of the oral tradition of many indigenous peoples in living sustainably and in tune with the natural world and consider its use today with our own families and communities. - Frank Cook, 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!

CWS Emergency appeal - Venezuelan Earthquake

Christian World Service through their ACT Alliance partners in South America have launched an emergency appeal to support those affected by the recent devastating earthquakes in Venezuela. ACT Alliance local partners in Caracas, Delta Amacuro, Sucre and Carabobo have shared that communities are drawing on pre-existing community networks and local partner structures to support initial response efforts but the need is enormous. If you are able to donate a link to the emergency appeal website can be found at:

<https://hail.to/christian-world-service/article/Y0lds7G>

Thanks for your compassion,
Sonia Groes-Petrie (CWS Parish Link)

<i>SUNDAY ROSTERS</i>	
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	Pauline and David Patchett
Sound	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Laptop	Sandra Kirby
Offering	Jenn 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	Pauline Patchett
Musician	Kristina Zuelicke
Service Leader	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai & Dr Ben Gray

On duty July 19th	
Welcoming	Lynette and Brian Burrell
Sound	Tania Penafiel-Bermudez
Laptop	Cam Smart
Offering	Bridget Martin and Tony Pears
Coffee/tea/brunch	Jenn Keenan, Hannah Garty, Aaron Cook
Family Time	Rosemary Lawrence
Readings	Michael Perker
Prayers of the People	Sonia Groes-Petrie (CG)
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Closed
Musician	Judy Dumbleton
Service Leader	Rev Ross Scott

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's	
Sunday July 12th 10am: Sunday Gathering – Matariki - led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai and Dr Ben Gray	
Wednesday July 15th 10:30am: Cuppa and Chat	
Wednesday July 15th 12:15pm: Lunchtime Concert – ASQ International Music Academy Tutors concert	
Sunday July 19th 10am: Sunday gathering led by Rev Ross Scott – 40 th anniversary of Homosexual Law Reform – followed by Congregational Conversation	
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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