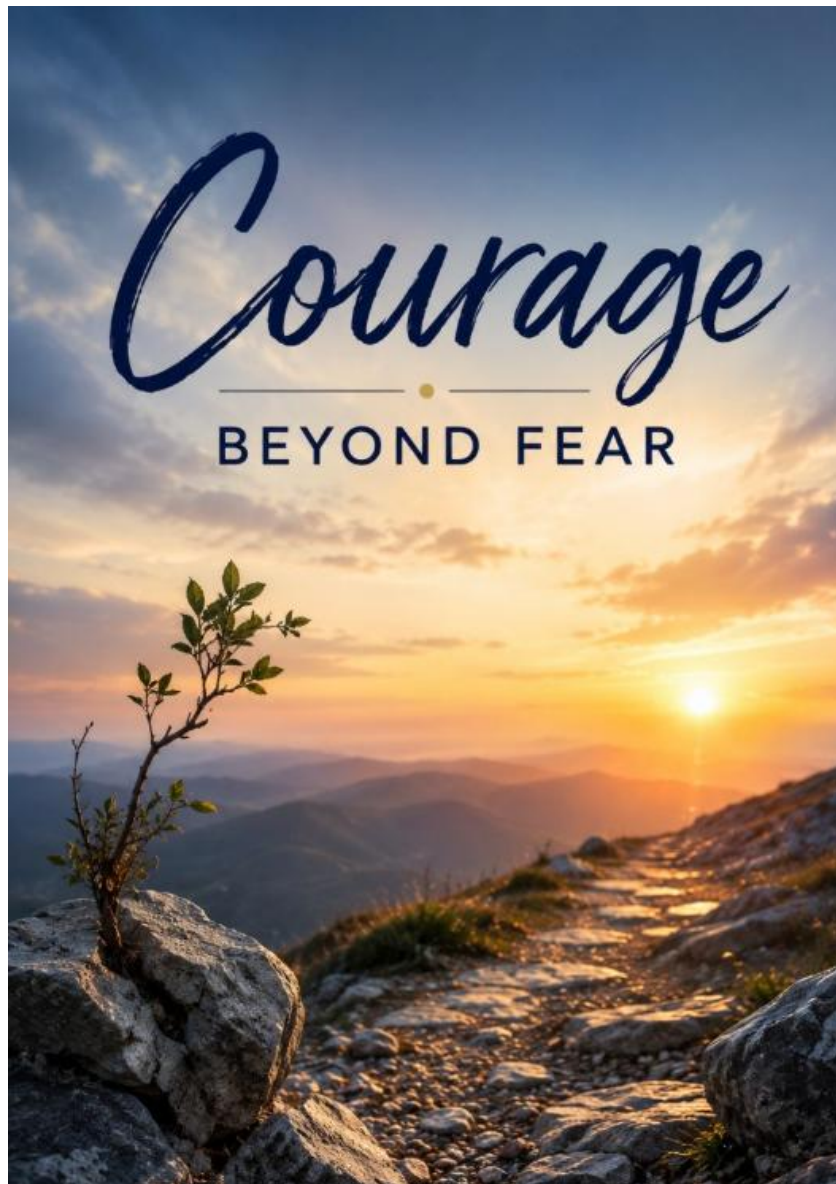


ORDER OF SERVICE

9 August 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

"Rhosymedre" by J.D. Edwards (1805 -1885)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, people of God,
from places of confidence and from places of uncertainty.
Some of us arrive carrying stories of joy;
others carry wounds that still ache from betrayal or disappointment.

"Take heart. It is I. Do not be afraid."

So let us worship the One
whose love is deeper than every betrayal,
whose grace is stronger than every storm,
and whose hope carries us safely home.

SILENCE

GATHERING

God gathers us today from many walks of life,
bringing together those who are confident and those who are uncertain,
those celebrating and those grieving,
those who have weathered many storms,
and those who feel caught in one right now.
Here there is room for every story.
May this be a place where faith is renewed,
hope is rekindled,
and courage is found for the journey ahead.
Let us worship God together.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

FFS 57 'Song of faith that sings forever'

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.

WELCOME

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

Kia ora tātou.

Ou te faatalofa atu I le Suafoa 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

Loving and Faithful God

You meet us in every chapter of our lives.

When we have been hurt by others,
you remain beside us.

When life feels uncertain,
you walk towards us across the troubled waters.

When fear whispers that we are alone,
your voice reminds us,
"Do not be afraid."

Open our hearts this day
to hear your invitation to trust again.

Help us become a community
that reaches out rather than turns away,
that forgives more than condemns,
and that offers hope wherever despair threatens to take hold.

May your Spirit move among us,
shaping us into people of compassion,
justice, generosity and peace.

Amen.

JESUS' PRAYER

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!***

Jim Cotter paraphrase

*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

Mike Wespel-Rose

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

Jenn Keenan

Hebrew Bible

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Gospel

Matthew 14: 22-33

Contemporary Reading

"Fear"

By Kahlil Gibran

It is said that before entering the sea
a river trembles with fear.

She looks back at the path she has travelled,
from the peaks of the mountains,
the long winding road crossing forests and villages.

And in front of her,
she sees an ocean so vast,
that to enter
there seems nothing more than to disappear forever.

But there is no other way.
The river cannot go back.

Nobody can go back.
To go back is impossible in existence.

The river needs to take the risk
of entering the ocean
because only then will fear disappear,
because that's where the river will know
it's not about disappearing into the ocean,
but of becoming the ocean.

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

AA94 "Loving Spirit, loving Spirit"

Words © Shirley Erena Murray Music David Dell

1. Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,
you have chosen me to be,
you have drawn me to your wonder,
you have set your sign on me.
2. Like a mother, you enfold me,
hold my life within your own,
feed me with your very body,
form me of your flesh and bone.

3. Like a father, you protect me,
teach me the discerning eye,
hoist me up upon your shoulder,
let me see the world from high.
4. Friend and lover, in your closeness,
I am known and held and blessed:
in your promise is my comfort,
in your presence I may rest.
5. Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,
you have chosen me to be,
you have drawn me to your wonder,
you have set your sign on me.

REFLECTION

“Holding On When Life Is Uncertain”

Rev Dr Fei Taule’ale’ausumai

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

Prelude on "Rhosymedre"

by R Vaughan Williams (1872 - 1958)

HYMN

AA 72 ‘In this familiar place’

Words & Music © Colin Gibson Tune: FREELAND

1. In this familiar place
I know the mystery of your grace.
Refrain
*For the love that I receive, for the truth that I believe,
I praise and thank you for this here and now.*
2. In halting song and word
the music of your voice is heard.
Refrain
*For the love that I receive, for the truth that I believe,
I praise and thank you for this here and now.*

3. Among these friends of mine
I taste the company divine.

Refrain

*For the love that I receive, for the truth that I believe,
I praise and thank you for this here and now.*

4. Within this narrow sphere
I learn that you are everywhere.

Refrain

*For the love that I receive, for the truth that I believe,
I praise and thank you for this here and now.*

OFFERTORY MUSIC

"Living Lord" by Patrick Appleford (1925 - 2018)

OFFERING HYMN

Words: Robert Murry (adapt) Tune: STUTTGART WOV 200

Grant us God the grace of giving
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer thankfully,

OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God,
Everything we have is first a gift from you.
As Joseph discovered,
even difficult journeys can become pathways of blessing.
As the disciples discovered,
even in the storm,
your abundance never runs dry.
Receive these gifts,
offered with grateful hearts.
Use them to strengthen those who are struggling,
to comfort those who feel betrayed,
to encourage those who are afraid,
and to bring hope wherever storms are raging.

May our giving become another way
that your love reaches the world.
In Christ's spirit we pray.

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

Lynne Dovey

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Andorra and we pray for the Conference of European Churches. 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 Simon Court (List) and Marama Davidson (List). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of Dannevirke - Knox 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

FFS 63 'These Hills'

Words and music © Colin Gibson Tune: KAIKOURA

1. These hills where the hawk flies lonely,
beaches where the long surf rolls,
mountains where the snows meet heaven,
these are our care.
Pastures where the sheep graze calmly,
orchards where the apples grow,
gardens where the roses cluster,
these are our prayer.
2. Forests where the tree ferns tower,
rivers running strong and clear,
oceans where the great whales wander,
these are our care.
Race meeting race as equals,
justice for age-old wrong,
worth for every man and woman,
these are our prayer.
3. Cities where the young roam restless,
lives brought to deep despair,
homeless and powerless people,
these are our care.
Places where the Word is spoken,
hands held in serving love,
faiths of our many cultures,
these are our prayer.

4. All that the old world gave us,
all that the new world brings,
language, ideas, customs,
these are our care.
Life finding joy and value,
faith seeking truth and light,
God heard and seen in all things,
these are our prayer.

BLESSING

Go now into the world
knowing that God walks with you.
When others disappoint you,
may you discover grace that heals.
When the waters become rough,
may Christ reach out and steady your steps.
May you have the courage to trust,
the wisdom to forgive,
and the compassion to lift up those who are sinking beneath the weight of life.
And may the blessing of God,
surround you,
strengthen you,
and remain with you,
this day and always.
Amen.

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

"Badinerie" by J.S. Bach (1685 - 1750)

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 Quay, 02-0534-0004022-02

ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES

Exploring faith

This Sunday (9th August) Ben Gray will be presenting:

"I am a New Zealander, what is New Zealand culture"?

This will be a continuation of my exploration of the intersection between Māori culture and me. I wonder if we have an agreed description of what it is to be a New Zealander.

Special General Meeting Sunday 23rd August

A short SGM meeting of the parish will be held following the Sunday gathering at 11.30am.

The purpose of the meeting is to approve the annual budget for 2026-27.

Living Wage Election Forum

St Andrew's on the Terrace is a member of the Living Wage Movement alliance and encourages our community to attend the Living Wage Election Forum on **Wednesday 2 September at Naenae College.**

Join people from faith, union, and community groups as we encourage politicians to commit to Living Wage protections for thousands of workers. If you can attend, please contact **Tania** if you need a ride to Naenae College.

SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

It was great to support Forest & Bird and three other climate NGOs on Tuesday at Parliament as they presented a 30,000+ strong petition calling for the Government to protect the unique Denniston Plateau on the West Coast of the South Island. Mining company Bathurst Resources is proposing a massive, open-cast coal mine on the plateau which would destroy this pristine habitat for native species. Over 30,000 people, including some of us at St Andrew's, have signed their name calling for Denniston to become a scientific reserve, protected for future generations instead of destroyed for fossil fuels. We decided nature was with us when, after an hour of sunshine to listen to speeches and hand over the petition, it started to snow! - Anna Smith, Sustainability Group



Lynne, Anna and Vivienne brave the weather with other members of the regular Tuesdays for Tomorrow group to support the Denniston petition.

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

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	Pauline and David Patchett
Sound	Tania Penafiel-Bermudez
Laptop	Mike Wespel-Rose
Offering	Mike Wespel-Rose, Paul Franken
Coffee/tea	Katrina Harper, Aaron Cook, Janet Horncy
Family Time	Mike Wespel-Rose
Readings	Jenn Keenan
Prayers of the People	Lynne Dovey (CG)
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Mike Wespel-Rose
Musician	Peter Franklin
Service Leader	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

On duty August 16th

Welcoming	Lynette and Brian Burrell
Sound	Frank Cook (CG)
Laptop	Hamish Dick
Offering	Katrina Harper, Kath Kerr
Coffee/tea	Sandra and Toni Kirby, Hannah Carty
Family Time	Rosemary Lawrence
Readings	Rosemary Lawrence
Prayers of the People	Pat Booth
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 August 9th: Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Exploring Faith

Wednesday August 12th 10:30am: Cuppa and Chat

12:15pm: Lunchtime Concert – Romancing the Cello" - Robert Ibell, cello & Richard Mapp, piano

Sunday August 16th Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai 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, 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
Facilities Assistant(s)	Fynn Neeley-Grant, Isabella Oakley, Cooper Neeley-Grant, Cafer Kurnaz, Oliver Hope

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