

ORDER OF SERVICE

16 August 2026

PENTECOST 12



"A WOMAN'S PLEA AT THE TABLE"

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, people of God, from near and far.

We come seeking a place of belonging.

Come, those who have known reconciliation,
and those still waiting for relationships to be restored.

We come trusting that brokenness need not have the final word.

Come, those whose voices have been heard,
and those who have had to struggle to be heard.

We come to listen for God in one another.

Come, for grace cannot be confined,
love cannot be rationed,
and God's table cannot be surrounded by walls.

There is room for us.

There is room for the stranger.

There is room for the outsider.

There is room for all.

Let us worship together

SILENCE

GATHERING

Come, all who carry stories of family
stories of love and belonging,
stories of hurt and misunderstanding,
stories of separation and reconciliation.

Come, all who have ever found themselves on the outside,
wondering whether there is a place for you at the table.

Come, just as you are.
There is room here for your questions,
your hopes, your struggles, and your faith.
Let us worship together.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

CH4 198 'All are Welcome'

Words and music © Marty Haugen Tune: TWO OAKS

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live;
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive,
built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain

All are welcome,
All are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.

2. Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space,
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

Refrain....

3. Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone,
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face.
Let us bring an end to fear and danger:

Refrain....

4. Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim all are welcome:

Refrain....

WELCOME

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

Kia ora tātou.

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

God of grace and surprising encounters,
we come together from many different places,
carrying the stories of the week that has been.

Some of us come grateful.

Some come tired.

Some come carrying worries we have told no one about.

Some come hoping for healing, reconciliation,
or simply a place where we can breathe.

As Joseph was reunited with his family,
remind us that relationships can be restored
even after deep hurt and separation.

And as the Canaanite woman challenged Jesus
to see beyond the boundaries of his own community,
give us courage to listen to voices
we might otherwise overlook.

May our worship open our hearts,
stretch our understanding,
and help us recognise your grace
in unexpected people and unexpected places.

May everyone who enters this space
know that they are welcome,
they belong,
and they are loved.

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

"Tops and Tails." - Part 2

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

Hebrew Bible

Genesis 45:1-15

Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

The free bird leaps
on the back of the wind
and floats downstream
till the current ends
and dips his wing
in the orange sun rays
and dares to claim the sky.

But a bird that stalks
down his narrow cage
can seldom see through
his bars of rage
his wings are clipped and
his feet are tied
so he opens his throat to sing.

The caged bird sings
with a fearful trill
of things unknown
but longed for still
and his tune is heard
on the distant hill
for the caged bird
sings of freedom.

The free bird thinks of another breeze
and the trade winds soft through the sighing trees
and the fat worms waiting on a dawn-bright lawn
and he names the sky his own.

But a caged bird stands on the grave of dreams
his shadow shouts on a nightmare scream
his wings are clipped and his feet are tied
so he opens his throat to sing.

The caged bird sings
with a fearful trill
of things unknown
but longed for still
and his tune is heard
on the distant hill
for the caged bird
sings of freedom.

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

‘She came to Jesus’

Words © Carolyn Gillette TUNE : SLANE(1) WOV 455

1. She came to Jesus from outside the fold —
Canaanite woman! Persistent and bold!
Looking to Jesus, she wanted to see the
one who would help her and set her child free.
2. Claiming a blessing, a touch of God's grace,
she knew God's love was not bounded by place.
Jesus, you listened, debated then healed
for in her asking, her faith was revealed.
3. God, you still bless those who seek you in prayer.
You welcome dreamers who faithfully dare.
In Christ, now risen, your mercy extends to
those on the outside are welcomed as friends.

REFLECTION **“When hurt becomes healing”** Rev Dr Fei Taule’ale’ausumai

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

Just the way you are
by Billy Joel

HYMN

IECS 11 'Come Celebrate the Women'

Words© Shirley Murray Tune: ELLACOMBE WOV 277

1. Come, celebrate the women
who brought the Church to birth!
the gentle revolution
that shall transform the earth:
whose faith was salt and leaven,
whose hearts and minds were free,
and this was their direction –
to peace and unity.
2. The teachers, saints and mothers
who lived and died unsung
kept safe the gospel story
and taught it to the young;
the Christ child Mary cradled,
the living Word to be,
was crucified for pleading
this peace and unity.
3. Daughters of the disciples,
you weave the story still,
the fabric of the future
with warmth and love and skill,
you make the bread of wholeness,
the wine of harmony –
and all shall share your feasting
in peace and unity!

OFFERTORY MUSIC

OFFERING HYMN

AA 36 'Every day I will offer you' (v1)

Words © Shirley Erena Murray Music© Colin Gibson

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!

OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God,
everything we have and everything we are
is held within your generosity.

We bring these gifts today
not simply as money placed in an offering,
but as signs of our willingness
to participate in the work of love, justice,
hospitality and compassion.

May these gifts help create communities
where those who have been separated may find reconciliation,
where those pushed to the margins are heard,
where boundaries are crossed,
and where all people can discover that there is room at the table.
Bless these gifts,
and bless us in the giving. **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

Pat Booth

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Argentina and we pray for the Anglican Church
of the Southern Cone of America. 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 Matt Doocey (Waimakariri) and Reuben Davidson (Christchurch East). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people Eltham/Kaponga Co-operating Church (Pres-Meth-Ang).

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 158 'Who is my mother?'

Words: © Shirley Murray Music: © Ian Render

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.

BLESSING

As you leave this place,
go remembering Joseph,
who discovered that separation did not have to be
the final word in his family's story.
Go remembering the Canaanite woman,
whose courage refused to accept the boundaries
that had been placed around her.
And go remembering
that sometimes grace comes through reconciliation,
sometimes through persistence,
and sometimes through allowing ourselves
to be changed by another person.
May you have courage to cross boundaries,
grace to repair relationships where possible,
wisdom to know when healthy boundaries are still needed,
and compassion for those whose voices struggle to be heard.

And may the love of God surround you,
the way of Jesus inspire you,
and the Spirit of life and hope
go with you into the week ahead.
Amen.

SUNG AMEN

THANK YOU

to our musicians today
Bruce Corkill & Mike Wespel-Rose

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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

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.

Hidden Heroes of Peace display

6th & 9th August are days of remembrance of the American nuclear bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki 81 years ago.

The horrors of death and suffering experienced by the civilians in those cities show us why we need to rid our planet of the curse of nuclear weapons and war.

Wellington writer Linda Hansen published last year a book *Hidden Stories of Heroism for a Peaceful Planet* (<https://lphansen.com/home/hidden-stories-of-heroism-for-a-peaceful-planet/>). The 9 display boards posted around the church are a journey of peace and you are invited to follow the story of peacemakers in our land and further afield beginning centuries ago on Rekohu Chatham Islands right through to today. The invitation is for every one of us to renew the call to be bringers of peace. The display will be in the church until the end of August and Linda Hansen will be speaking at our church on Sunday 23rd August. You are invited to take time to view the stories and be inspired to renew our work for peace.

Paul Barber, Social Justice Coordinator

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** (taniapb19@gmail.com) if you need a ride to Naenae College.

SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

Over millennia new settlers have invariably transformed forested landscapes into agricultural land. Continued global forest clearances -4 million hectares of tropical forest last year - exacerbate climate change and now in New Zealand, as around the world, many are working to 'recloak Papatūānuku'. And whether you are part of a larger group or just working on your own, every planting matters. The best time to plant natives is when the soil is moist but using mulch can extend the planting season at least through to the end of September. Wellington City Council has very helpful advice at <https://wellington.govt.nz/-/media/environment-and-sustainability/sustainability/files/restoration-planting-guide/restoration-planting-techniques-04> and the site <https://pureadvantage.org/recloaking->

papatuanuku/ has lots of useful and inspiring information. The opening page begins with a Māori proverb which translated reads “When the water and land are well, the people are well”.

Also interesting to note that one of the new peace posters around the church is of the inspiring Kenyan woman Wangari Maathai. She started the Green Belt Movement in 1977, empowering women to plant trees and fight deforestation. For all her efforts she won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2004.

To me this is a reminder that what we all do is important on so many fronts, so do consider ‘recloaking’ somewhere this late winter early spring. If you need a few natives for a particular site, I could bring some along to after church later in August. Do let me know.

Frank Cook for 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.

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	Lynette and Brian Burrell
Sound	Frank Cook (CG)
Laptop	Hamish Dick
Offering	Katrina Harper, Kath Kerr
Coffee/tea	Sandra and Tony Kirby, Hannah Carty
Family Time	Rosemary Lawrence
Readings	Rosemary Lawrence
Prayers of the People	Pat Booth
Rainbow Room	
Library	Closed
Musician	Bruce Corkill
Service Leader	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

On duty August 23rd

Welcoming	Maxine and Jim Cunningham
Sound	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Laptop	Cam Smart
Offering	Tony Pears, Bridget Martin
Coffee/tea	Sally Gray, Ata Burr, Jeni Bryant (CG)
Family Time	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai
Readings	Jenn Keenan
Prayers of the People	Lynne Dovey
Rainbow Room	Caroline Korybut
Library	Closed
Musician	Bruce Cash
Service Leader	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday August 16th Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Congregational Conversation

Wednesday August 19th 10:30am: Cuppa and Chat

12:15pm: Lunchtime Concert – Johanna Gruskin & Gabriela Glapska, Flute and Piano

Sunday August 23rd Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Special General Meeting at 11.30am

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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