

ORDER OF SERVICE

23 August 2026

PENTECOST 13



***"WE MUST DEAL SHREWDLY WITH THEM OR THEY WILL
BECOME EVEN MORE NUMEROUS - EXODUS 1:10"***

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.

We recognise that being inclusive is an ongoing journey and we are continuing to learn. We are committed to challenging discrimination within the church and wider society.

Please join in the congregational responses printed in ***bold italics***.

Please stand if you are able, for the hymns and the Offering Prayer.

We usually sing the hymns without announcement.

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

Air from Suite No. 3 (J. S. Bach, arr. Philips)

CALL TO WORSHIP

When fear sees strangers as a threat,
when difference becomes something to control,
when people are reduced to numbers, labels, or stereotypes

***God calls us to another way:
the way of dignity, justice, and belonging.***

The Israelites grew in number,
and Pharaoh allowed fear to become oppression.
Neighbours became foreigners,
foreigners became threats,
and threats were turned into slaves.

***We will not let fear decide who belongs.
We will not build our security upon another person's suffering.***

SILENCE

OPENING RESPONSES

For we are many, yet we are one body.
Different in culture, story, experience, and identity,
and gifted in wonderfully different ways.

***We bring our gifts to the community—
gifts of compassion and courage,
teaching and serving,
generosity, leadership, wisdom and hope.***

In a world still wounded by xenophobia, racism,
fear of the stranger and suspicion of difference,
God invites us to be transformed
by the renewing of our minds.

***So we come to worship,
not as strangers competing for a place,
but as one human family,
many members, many gifts,
each one worthy, each one needed,
each one belonging.
Come, let us worship together.***

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

FFS 57 'Song of faith that sings forever'

Words © Shirley Murray Music © Colin Gibson.

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 Suafa o Iesu Keriso

Talofa lava, we too 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 every people and every place,
you created a world of extraordinary difference
and called it good.

Yet we confess how easily difference becomes something we fear.
Like Pharaoh looking upon the growing Hebrew community,
we can turn people into numbers,
neighbours into strangers,
and strangers into threats.

Forgive us when fear becomes suspicion,
when suspicion becomes exclusion,
and when exclusion becomes injustice.

Renew our minds and transform our hearts.

Free us from the xenophobia, racism and prejudice
that divide the human family.

Remind us that we are many,
but we belong to one another.

We carry different stories, cultures, languages and experiences,
and each of us brings gifts that enrich the whole.

As we worship today,
open our eyes to recognise the gifts in one another,
especially in those whom society overlooks, fears or pushes aside.

May this be a place
where no one is stranger,
no one is less than,
and no one is without something precious to offer.

Gather us into your generous love
and transform us for the work of justice and peace.

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'ausuma

BLESSING THE CHILDREN

We send you to the Rainbow space to hear stories, ask questions and have fun together. ***We bless you. Amen.***

PASSING THE PEACE

*Our practice is to pass the peace, the rangimarie, with or without shaking hands,
and say "Peace be with you."*

Hebrew Bible

Exodus 1:8- 2:10

Epistles

Romans 12:1-8

Contemporary Reading

Xenophobia

by Zaan Van Vuuren

As teargas fills the streets,
an innocent body bleeds.
A brother kills a brother,
all love is lost for one another.
The rise of an unreasoned fear,
to that what is foreign or peculiar.
People are losing their humanity,
to secure the purity of their own identity.
Differences should be put aside,
to stop these acts of genocide.
Heed the words of Romans 2: 11.
We are equal through earth and heaven.
What happened to the rainbow nation?
Are we all not part of God's creation?
Hold hands to stand bold and true.
Fight against this corruptive flue.
Do not be overcome by evil,
instead live by a gracious free will.
Love yourself and love one another,
instead of killing, lift up your brother.
Show the world, a nation's true light.
Live in peace and lay down the fight.

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

AA 59 'He came singing love'

Words and Music: © Colin Gibson Tune: SINGING LOVE

1. He came singing love
and he lived singing love;
he died singing love.
He arose in silence.
For the love to go on
we must make it our song:
you and I be the singers.
2. He came singing faith
and he lived singing faith
he died singing faith.
He arose in silence.
For the faith to go on
we must make it our song:
you and I be the singers.
3. He came singing hope
and he lived singing hope;
he died singing hope.
He arose in silence.
For the hope to go on
we must make it our song:
you and I be the singers.
4. He came singing peace
and he lived singing peace;
he died singing peace.
He arose in silence.
For the peace to go on
we must make it our song:
you and I be the singers.

REFLECTION

“When Fear Turns the Neighbour into the Enemy”

Rev. Dr. Fei Taule’ale’ausumai

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

Concerto in D min (extract) Bach/Vivaldi

HYMN

WOV 558 “When I needed a neighbour”

Words and music: and music: Sydney Carter © Stainer & Bell Ltd

1. When I needed a neighbour, were you there, were you there?
When I needed a neighbour, were you there?

Refrain

*And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter.
Were you there?*

2. I was hungry and thirsty, were you there, were you there?
I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?

Refrain

*And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter.
Were you there?*

3. When I needed a shelter, were you there, were you there?
When I needed a shelter, were you there?

Refrain

*And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter.
Were you there?*

4. Wherever you travel, I'll be there, I'll be there.
Wherever you travel, I'll be there.

Refrain

*And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter.
I'll be there.*

OFFERING MUSIC

OFFERING HYMN

AA36 'Every day I will offer you'

Words © Shirley Murray Music © Colin Gibson

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 the Spirit,
I'll find the love and energy!

OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God,
we bring these gifts from what we have received.

But today we remember
that money is not the only gift we bring.

We bring our voices and our listening,
our compassion and our courage,

our cultures and our stories,
our wisdom and our questions,

our hands for serving
and our hearts for loving.

Take these gifts,
and take the gifts within each of us.

May they help build communities
where fear gives way to friendship,
where strangers become neighbours,
where difference is celebrated rather than feared,
and where everyone has a place at the table.

Bless what we give
and bless who we are becoming together.

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 Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia and we pray for the Union of the Armenian Evangelical Churches in the Near East. 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 Barbara Edmonds (Mana) and Tākuta Ferris (Te Tai Tonga). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of Featherston - St Andrew's Union Church (Pres-Meth).

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 67 'We are many we are one'

Words and Music © Colin Gibson Tune: HAMILTON

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

Go now into a world
that too often teaches us to fear the stranger.
Where others build walls,
make room.
Where others speak suspicion,
speak understanding.
Where people are reduced to numbers, labels or stereotypes,
learn their names and hear their stories.
And remember:
***We are many,
but we belong to one another.***
So take the gifts that are ours to give
our compassion,
our courage,
our wisdom,
our generosity,
our laughter,
our love
and use them well.
May the love we call God surround you,
the courage we see in Jesus inspire you,
and the Spirit of life move within and among you,
until strangers become neighbours,
fear gives way to hope,
and all find a place of belonging.
Amen.

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

Siyahamba: We Are Marching in the Light of God
(Zulu song, arr. Behnke)

THANK YOU

to our musician today
Judy Dumbleton

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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.

A MUSICAL SUNDAY SERVICE - SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

On Sunday 13 September I will be leading the Service and am looking for volunteer participants and input. 🎵

Please let me know if:

- you have a favourite hymn/song you would like us to sing and b) you are happy to tell us what it is about the hymn/song that makes it a favourite b) is optional.
- you would like to sing and/or play a song/hymn during the service
- you have a favourite hymn/song tune you would like to be played by the musician of the day during the service.
- you have a hymn/song you would like us to learn/practise during the service.

I will have my clipboard at the ready each Sunday but please feel free to email me at rosemaryruthlawrence@gmail.com Thank you.

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.

CLIMATE CHANGE COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

Sunday 6 September, 2pm - 4.30pm

Karori Community Centre

Our climate is changing now and we need to change too. Come along to this engaging community workshop in Karori, to explore and discuss climate change, what it is, what causes it, what the impacts are globally and locally, and what we can do about it. We'll carry out simple household carbon footprint calculations and make personal plans for action. This is an opportunity to meet and connect in a friendly, supportive local setting. Koha/donations are appreciated to cover room hire. Everyone is welcome.

Register: <https://events.humanitix.com/climate-change-community-workshop>

SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

With the effects of environmental crises showing up more and more frequently in Aotearoa and around the world it can feel tempting to think it's all too big and to not engage. However, I've found connecting with other concerned people in our local communities an effective way to counteract that feeling. In early August I attended the Wellington eco churches regional gathering in Tawa. Over 30 of us explored this year's Season of Creation theme, Living Water, talking about the health of our waterways, and the changes and challenges facing Wellington water at present. The biggest gift though was making and renewing

connections with others just as passionate about doing their little bit in our communities.

There are a couple of upcoming local events in September that may be of interest:

The Great Transport Forum - St Peter's on Willis, Te Whanganui-a-Tara

Wellington and online, 3rd of September, 5.30pm: Come along to the Free Fares Report launch and Great Transport Forum hosted by Free Fares. Snacks and drinks provided, children welcome. Further information at:

<https://anglicanmovement.nz/blog/great-transport-forum-69cdy>

Turn Your Climate Concern into Confident Action for a Better World, Home of Compassion, Island Bay, 5th of September, 9am – 4 pm

Feeling powerless or frustrated about the climate crisis and other global challenges? Want to feel better, connect with like-minded people, and find easy ways to make a positive difference through small actions in your daily life? Then join this one-day interactive workshop based on the international programme Work That Reconnects, as described in the bestselling book Active Hope by Joanna Macy and Dr Chris Johnstone. The registration fee is \$50 for waged, \$30 for unwaged, with scholarships available. Snacks and hot drinks provided.

Register for the event at: <https://events.humanitix.com/twtr>

Sonia Groes-Petrie, 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	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	Judy Dumbleton
Service Leader	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

On duty August 30th

Welcoming	Pat McGiven, Pam Fuller
Sound	Simon Miller
Laptop	Sandra Kirby
Offering	Paul Franken, Jenn Keenan
Coffee/tea	Vivienne Mountier, Simon Miller, Aaron Cook
Family Time	Cam Smart
Readings	Tony Kirby (CG)
Prayers of the People	Hamish Dick
Rainbow Room	
Library	Closed
Musician	Peter Franklin
Service Leader	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

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

Wednesday August 26th 10:30am: Cuppa and Chat

12:15pm: Lunchtime Concert – Wellington Viola Academy – Middle Fiddles

Sunday August 30th Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

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
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