

ORDER OF SERVICE

30 August 2026

PENTECOST 14



“STANDING ON HOLY GROUND”

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'ausumai

PRELUDE

Diapason Movement by Maurice Greene (1695 - 1755)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, people of God, to the holy ground where ordinary lives are made sacred.
We come with our questions and our weariness.

Come to the bush that burns but is not consumed, where God speaks through
fire, mystery, and compassion.

We come ready to listen for the voice that still calls our names.

Come and follow the way of Jesus, who invites us not to seek power, but to
discover life through love, courage, and self-giving.

SILENCE

OPENING RESPONSES

We come ready to listen for the voice that still calls our names.

Come and follow the way of Jesus, who invites us not to seek power, but to
discover life through love, courage, and self-giving.

***We come to lose what keeps us from love, and to find the life God has dreamed
for us.***

The great "I AM", who walks with us into freedom, justice, and hope.

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. 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.
3. 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,
fill we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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

Holy One, You meet us in unexpected places: in deserts and city streets, in moments of wonder and moments of uncertainty, in burning bushes that awaken our hearts to the possibility that the world can be different.

Gather us now as one community, bringing our joys and our griefs, our confidence and our doubts, our longing to live more faithfully in your world.

As Moses discovered, you do not call the perfect; you accompany the willing. As Jesus taught, the path of discipleship is not the way of domination, but the way of courageous, self-giving love.

Open our eyes to the sacred ground beneath our feet, our ears to hear your call, and our hearts to respond with compassion and justice.

JESUS' PRAYER

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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

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."

THE WORD IN TEXTS

Tony Kirby

Hebrew Bible

Exodus 3:1-15

Epistle

Romans 12:9-21

CONTEMPORARY READING

The Apostle of the Apostles

by Rev Dorothy Harvey who *(died last Saturday 22 August 2026)*
(From her book: Birthed from the Womb of God) A lectionary for Women

The hill town of Vezelay in France has existed since 860 AD and had no great claim to fame until the beginning of the 11th century when relics of Mary Magdalene were brought here. Thousands of pilgrims took to the roads heading for La Madeleine de Vezelay to pay homage to the one who was the first witness of the resurrection, the apostle of the apostles. Now only the monastic church remains, built to reflect the invisible beauty of God through the harmonic laws of geometry and astronomy, a tribute to an unknown medieval genius.

Mary came from the small town of Magdala and having been cured by Jesus of some serious disorder became one of his travelling companions supporting the company with money and food. Women were allowed to hear the word of God in the Synagogue but were never disciples of a rabbi unless their husband was a rabbi who was willing to teach them.

Mary followed Jesus through all the events leading to his death, attended his burial and returned to the tomb to mourn. Despite the stricture against women serving as witnesses Jesus deliberately commissioned women to witness to the resurrection. Mary's role as messenger, was held in high regard in the early church. In the Orthodox Church she is given the title of Isapostolos meaning "equal to the apostles." She died in Ephesus where she was working with John the Theologian and was buried at the entrance to a cave where Christians had sought refuge. Her remains were later removed to Constantinople.

RESPONSE

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

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them – whom shall I send?

Refrain

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me;
I will hold Your people in my heart.*

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My Word to them – whom shall I send?

Refrain

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me;
I will hold Your people in my heart.*

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them; My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them – whom shall I send?

Refrain

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me;
I will hold Your people in my heart.*

REFLECTION**“Standing on sacred ground”**

Rev. Dr. Fei Taule’ale’ausumai

REFLECTIVE MUSIC**Pastorale (Opus 86) by C.S. Lang (1891-1971)****HYMN****AA8 ‘Brother, sister, let me serve you’**

Words and Music: Richard Gillard Tune: SERVANT SONG

1. Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.
2. We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.
3. I will hold the Christlight for you
in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.
4. I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.
5. When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

OFFERING MUSIC "Lord for the Years" by Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926 - 2024)

OFFERING HYMN

AA36 'Every day I will offer you'

Words © 1992 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

As we offer these gifts today, may they become part of your work of healing and hope.

May our generosity be genuine, our hospitality generous, our compassion without boundaries. Where there is need, may these gifts bring possibility. Where there is hurt, may they help bring healing. Where there is injustice, may they strengthen the work of justice.

Remind us, to rejoice in hope, to persevere in difficult times,
to share with those in need, and to overcome evil, not with more evil,
but with good.

Bless these gifts, and bless the lives through which they are given. **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

Hamish Dick

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Australia and we pray for the National Council of Churches in Australia. 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 Greg Fleming (Maungakiekie) and Andy Foster (List). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of Feilding - Oroua Presbyterian Parish.

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

CH4 533 'Will you come and follow me?'

Words: Graham Maule, Music: Kelvingrove John L. Bell
Words and Music © 1987 WGRG Iona Community

1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known?
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?
3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
5. Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In Your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

BLESSING

Let your love be genuine.
Hold fast to what is good.
Rejoice in hope.
Be patient in difficult times.
Extend hospitality to the stranger.
Rejoice with those who rejoice,
and weep with those who weep.
As far as it depends upon you,
live peaceably with all.
And when you encounter hatred,
answer with love;
when you encounter injustice,
stand courageously for what is right;
when you encounter evil,
do not allow it to have the final word.
Do not be overcome by evil,
but overcome evil with good.

And may the love of God,
the courage of Christ,
and the life-giving Spirit
go with us and remain with us,
this day and always. **Amen.**

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

Entrée Pontificale (Opus 104) by M.E. Bossi (1861 - 1925)

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 Qy, 02-0534-0004022-02

ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES

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 spoke 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

This week I stumbled across a climate action challenge that feels very doable. It's from a grassroots movement called Take the Jump - Kia Māia Te Peke (<https://www.takethejump.org.nz/>). It started in the UK and has spread to Aotearoa New Zealand. 'Taking the Jump' means trying seven shifts for one, three or six months. Trying is enough and there's no shaming if you can't do everything. It's about making a start. The seven shifts are: **End clutter** - keep electronic products for at least seven years. **Holiday local** - enjoy local excursions, be strategic when booking a flight. **Dress retro** - shop second hand. **Travel fresh** - walk or bike, carpool and take public transport. **Get planting** - act to preserve and protect Aotearoa's unique biodiversity. **System change** - at least one shift to help to transform the system. **Eat green** - eat mindfully, more plant-based local food, compost waste. Together these shifts will deliver 27 per cent of the change needed. Interested in Taking the Jump? Let me know (annamsmith6012@gmail.com) and we could set up a St Andrew's team challenge - 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.

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	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

On duty September 6th

Welcoming	Pauline and David Patchett
Sound	Ben Gray
Laptop	Ben Gray
Offering	Kath Kerr, Tony Pears
Coffee/tea	Maxine and Jim Cunningham, Hannah Carty, Sally Gray
Family Time	Frank Cook (CG)
Readings	John Harper
Prayers of the People	Lynne Dovey
Communion	Sonia Groes-Petrie, Katrina Harper, Paul Barber, Hamish Dick, Vhari McWha, Ellen Murray
Rainbow Room	
Library	
Musician	Bruce Corkill
Service Leader	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday August 30th 10:00am Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

Wednesday September 2nd 10:30am: Cuppa and Chat

12:15pm: Lunchtime Concert – Inbal Megiddo (cello) Paul Altomari (bass) & Friends

Sunday September 6th 10:00am Communion Service 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
Centre Assistant	Hannah Gaisford
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