

ORDER OF SERVICE

6 September 2026

“SEASONS OF CREATION”



“UNCONDITIONAL LOVE”

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, you who have known the joy of belonging,
and you who have sometimes felt far from home.
Come, you who have offered care and nurture,
and you who have received love from unexpected places.
Come, remembering those who have shaped our lives—
parents and grandparents, whānau and friends,
mentors, teachers, caregivers, and companions.

SILENCE

GATHERING

Jesus tells of a child who wandered far from home,
and of a parent who watched and waited,
who ran with compassion,
and welcomed the child home with open arms.
So come, whoever you are,
wherever you have travelled,
whatever your story.
There is room for you here.
There is grace enough for us all.
Come, let us worship together.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

AA113 'Our Life Has its Seasons'

Words: © Shirley Erena 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.....

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 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 compassion and extravagant love,
you meet us on the roads we travel
and welcome us into places of belonging.
We give thanks today
for all who have nurtured us,
encouraged us, protected us,
challenged us, forgiven us,
and helped us become who we are.
We remember with gratitude
those whose love has reflected something of your grace.
We also hold gently before you
those for whom this day is difficult—
those grieving someone they love,
those carrying painful memories,
those separated from family,
and those longing for relationships that might yet be restored.
Teach us the compassion of the one
who saw the returning child while still far away
and ran to meet them.
May our worship become such a place:
a place where no one needs to earn belonging,
where dignity is restored,
where wounds may begin to heal,
and where there is always room at the table.
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

Frank Cook

BLESSING THE CHILDREN

And now children you may go to the Rainbow space.

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

John Harper

Hebrew Bible

Exodus 12:1-14

Gospel

Luke 15:11-22

CONTEMPORARY READING

Springtime Jesus

by Joy Cowley

You, Springtime Jesus,
just as I'd settled down for winter,
you broke into my heart
and danced your love right across it
in a mad excess of giving.
Just as I'd got comfortable
with bare branches and unfeeling,

just as my world was neatly black and white,
there you were,
kicking up flowers
all over the place.

Springtime Jesus,
I tried to find a way to tell you
that there were places
where you could or would not dance.
I wanted to guide you on my paths
and have you sign the visitors' book;
but you laughed right through my words
and sang to me your melting song,
causing sap to fire the branches,
causing the flames of buds
to flicker into green bonfires,
causing a windquake of blossom,
causing burstings, searings, breakings,
causing growth-pain,
causing life.

Springtime Jesus,
the fullness of life can be frightening
and I'm lacking in courage.
It isn't easy to live with a heart
that's wide open to invasion.
Teach me, Jesus, how to move with you,
step for step, in your love dance.
Touch my fears with your melting song.
Gift me with your laughter,
and, in the mystery of your Springtime,
show me the truth of the blossoming Cross.

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

AA77 “Jesus comes to me as a springtime tree”

Words © Joy Cowley Music © Ian Render

1. Jesus comes to me as a springtime tree
and I receive him as a springtime tree.
Fragrant the blossoming of the child,
fresh with laughter, free and wild,
and carrying the green of summer.
2. Jesus comes to me as a summer tree
and I receive him as a summer tree.
Warm in the sun and richly laid
with patterns of growth through light and shade,
and carrying the fire of autumn.
3. Jesus comes to me as an autumn tree
and I receive him as an autumn tree.
Season of ripeness, brightly ablaze
like a torch in the quietness of closing days
and carrying the wood of winter.
4. Jesus comes to me as a winter tree
and I receive him as a winter tree.
Gentle the cross and gentle the snow,
gentle the path where he and I go,
carrying the buds of spring.

REFLECTION

“A PARENT’S LOVE”

Rev Fei Taule’ale’ausumai

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

Por ti mi corazón (For My Heart)

by Mexican composer Manuel Ponce

Mike Wespel-Rose

1. For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing
for everyone born, a star overhead.

Refrain

*And God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!*

2. For young and for old, a place at the table
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hand of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong.

Refrain....

3. For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free.

Refrain....

4. For gay and for straight, a place at the table,
a covenant shared, a welcoming space,
a rainbow of race and gender and colour,
for gay and for straight, the chalice of grace.

Refrain....

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

Receive now the gifts we offer—
our money, our time, our abilities,
our compassion and our commitment.
May these gifts help create communities
where those who are hungry are fed,
those who are lonely find companionship,
those who have been pushed aside are welcomed,
and those searching for home discover belonging.
May our giving become an expression
of your generous and inclusive love.

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 Austria and we pray for the Ecumenical Council of Churches in Austria. 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 Paulo Garcia (New Lynn) and Julie Anne Genter (Rongotai). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of Feilding - St Paul's 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.*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

St Andrew's is an open community and all are invited to Christ's table. 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 to participate in the communion. This is God's meal for all people.

WELCOME TO THE TABLE

At this Table we give thanks for justice, love, peace and freedom.
At this Table we give thanks for friends and strangers together
in community in this safe place.
For everyone born a place at the Table.
We are all invited.

1. Spirit who draws our fragile selves together,
Spirit who turns a stranger to a friend,
be at this table where we greet each other,
be in the peace we pass from hand to hand.
2. Let us not die from poverty of caring,
let us not starve, where love is to be shared.
Come, break us open to receive your healing:
your broken body be our wine and bread.

THE STORY...

We remember the stories from our tradition....

How on many occasions Jesus would share a meal with friends.

Bread and wine, the very basics of life, shared in community.

How bread would be taken, a blessing offered, and then shared amongst them.

And all ate.

How some wine would be poured out, a blessing offered, and then passed amongst them. All of them drank.

When they gathered in this way it was a time of concern,
conversation and celebration.

The bread and the wine symbolised
human lives interconnected
with other human lives,

and the power of giving and receiving.

We remember that on the night before his death
he shared the Passover Meal with his disciples
and gave the meal a new significance and purpose.

May the passion for life as seen in Jesus
and in the lives and struggles
of many other committed and faithful people then and now,
enable us to dream and to risk....

Together may we re-imagine the world.

Together may we work to make all things new.

Together may we celebrate the possibilities and hope
we each have and are called to share.

For everyone born, a place at the Table.

THE BREAD IS BROKEN

We break the bread for the broken Earth,
ravaged and plundered for greed.
May there be healing for our beautiful blue and green planet.
We break the bread for our broken humanity,
for the powerful and the powerless
trapped by exploitation and oppression.
May there be healing for humanity.
We break the bread for those who follow other paths;
who travel on a different road from us;
those who think and act differently;
those whose belief system is different to ours;
those who see our world through different eyes
of ethnicity and culture.
May there be healing where there is pain and woundedness.
We break this bread for the unhealed hurts and wounds
that lie within us all.
May we, too, be healed.

THE WINE IS POURED

This is the cup of peace and of new life for all.
A sign of love for the community of hope.
A reminder of the call
to live life fully,
to love wastefully,
and to be all that we can be.
Come then, life-giving Spirit of our God,
brood over these bodily things,
and make us one body with Christ;
that we may no longer be in bondage
to the principalities and powers that enslave creation,
but may know your liberating peace
such as the world cannot give.

THE BREAD AND THE WINE ARE SHARED

(If you are able, please come forward otherwise you will be served where you are.)

COMMUNION CHANT

CH4 661 'Eat this bread, drink this cup'

Music: Jaques Berthier (1923-1994)

Tune: EAT THIS BREAD

OSTINATO RESPONSE: *Meditative* (♩ = 80)

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). The tempo is marked as 'Meditative' with a quarter note equal to 80 beats per minute. The first system of music has the lyrics: 'Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun - gry.' The second system of music has the lyrics: 'Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst. 2. Your'. The second system ends with a 'Fine' marking. The music is an ostinato response, meaning it is a short, repeated musical phrase.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give thanks, God
that we have gathered together
in this sacred place,
that we have been refreshed at this meal.
We thank you for each person here.
We recommit to being your community
for each other
for our city
and our world. **Amine**

1. Where the road runs out and the signposts end,
where we come to the edge of today,
be the God of Abraham for us,
send us out upon our way.

Refrain

*Lord, you were our beginning,
the faith that gave us birth.
We look to you, our ending,
our hope for heaven and earth.*

2. When the coast is left and we journey on
to the rim of the sky and the sea,
be the sailor's friend, be the dolphin Christ,
lead us on to eternity.

Refrain

Lord, you were our beginning.....

3. When the clouds are low and the wind is strong,
when tomorrow's storm draws near,
be the spirit hovering overhead
who will take away our fear.

Refrain

Lord, you were our beginning...

BLESSING

Go now into the week ahead
with the welcome of God surrounding you.
May you have the courage
to travel towards those from whom you have become distant.
May you have the grace
to open your arms when reconciliation becomes possible.
May you notice those standing at the edge of the celebration
and make room for them at the table.
And may the love that watches from the doorway,
runs down the road,
embraces without condition,
and calls us home
travel with you.

Go in peace.
Go in compassion.
Go knowing that you are loved,
and go to make that love known.
Amen.

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

Heather Cameron

THANK YOU

to our musicians today
Bruce Corkill, Heather Cameron & 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

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.

Memorial Service for the Rev. Dorothy Harvey. The family have agreed we hold Dorothy's Memorial Service at St. Andrews on Wednesday 23rd September at 2.30 pm. We are asking for volunteers to bring a plate of something sweet (the family are providing the savoury) towards afternoon tea. Also volunteers to serve and clean up afterwards. It is not expected to be a large funeral. Maxine Cunningham will collect names of volunteers and offers for kitchen help this Sunday.

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>

Housing Election Forum 2026

Join church leaders, community voices, and political representatives for a unique forum on one of Aotearoa New Zealand's most pressing challenges: **Housing**. Hosted by church and community organisations, the Housing Election Forum 2026 will explore homelessness, housing affordability, social housing, and pathways to secure, safe and dignified homes for all. Hear perspectives grounded in faith and community experience, learn about the housing policies being proposed by political parties, and be part of the conversation about creating a future where everyone has a decent home.

Wednesday 23 September 2026

Wellington Cathedral of St Paul

Refreshments from **5:45pm** | Forum begins **6:30pm** | Ends **8:00pm**

Livestream and recording available nationwide.

SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

This year's Season of Creation invites us to reflect on "Living Water", inspired by Ezekiel's vision of water flowing from God's temple to bring life and healing to the world.

But as we enter this season, we do so with the people of Nepal and Tibet very much in our hearts. The catastrophic floods there remind us that the climate crisis is not an abstract concern. Its consequences are being experienced in real communities, affecting lives, homes, livelihoods and futures.

A Rocha Aotearoa has a webpage dedicated to resources for the season of creation: <https://www.ecochurch.org.nz/season-of-creation>

It also includes some inspiring new artwork as part of the Living Water Art Project: <https://www.ecochurch.org.nz/the-living-water-art-project>

Throughout this month, we will share stories from local restoration projects working to care for and restore our precious waterways.

May this Season of Creation deepen our gratitude for water and strengthen our commitment to caring for our common home.

- 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.

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	Ben Gray
Laptop	Ben Gray
Offering	Kath Kerr, Katrina Harper
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, Heather Cameron & Mike Wespel-Rose

On duty September 13th

Welcoming	Maxine and Jim Cunningham
Sound	Tania Penafiel-Bermudez
Laptop	Mike Wespel-Rose
Offering	Mike Wespel-Rose, Bridget Martin
Coffee/tea	Vivienne Mountier (CG), Simon Miller, Kath Kerr
Family Time	Mike Wespel-Rose
Readings	Michael Parker
Prayers of the People	Pat Booth
Rainbow Room	
Library	Mike Wespel-Rose
Musician	Judy Dumbleton
Service Leader	Rosemary Lawrence

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday September 6th 10:00am Communion Service led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

Wednesday September 9th 10:30am: Cuppa and Chat

12:15pm: Lunchtime Concert – Kirstin Eade & Beth Chen, Flute and Piano

Sunday September 13th 10:00am Congregational service led by Rosemary Lawrence followed by Exploring Faith

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	Vacant
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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