

ORDER OF SERVICE

13 September 2026

“Season of Creation”



“Ah music, a magic beyond all we do here.” Dumbledore - J K Rowling

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 Rosemary Lawrence

PRELUDE

Aria from Holberg Suite (Grieg)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Today we meet to celebrate liturgical music - music that can be a balm for those in need of healing and comfort, a source of hope for the down hearted, a mind opener for seekers of new understandings, a source that gives the spirit wings and binds us as a community.

SILENCE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'Praise, my soul, the wondrous beauty'

Words: Scott Kearns Tune: WOV 68 PRAISE, MY SOUL

1. Praise, my soul, the wondrous beauty
to discover everywhere:
painted sunset, morning glory,
cooling rain, and breezes fair.
Praises singing, praises bringing,
for the wonder that we share.
2. Praise, my soul, the sense of myst'ry,
knowledge we have yet to find,
much awaiting our discovery,
life details of every kind.
Praises singing, praises bringing,
for the questing, searching mind.

3. Praise, my soul, the sense of justice,
seeing others equally;
full respect for rights and honour,
full respect for dignity.
Praises singing, praises bringing,
t'wards a whole humanity.

WELCOME

Kia ora tātou
Good Morning
Talofa lava

A special welcome to those who are visiting us. Please join us for morning tea in the Hall after church.

OPENING PRAYER

JESUS' PRAYER

Dr Henry Horton, Author, and Pastor

*Our Mother, whose body is the Earth,
sacred is your being.
Your gardens grow,
your will be done in our cities, as it is in nature.
Thanks be this day for food, and air, and water.
Forgive us our sins against Earth,
as we are learning to forgive one another.
And surrender us not unto extinction,
but deliver us from our folly.
For the beauty and the power and all life
from birth to death, is yours,
from beginning to end.
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

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."

SPEAKER

Jim Cunningham

HYMN

"Now be aware"

Words © 1965 Iris McCoy,

1. Now be aware, and glory in
community with others.
That learns to give and take with grace:
where there is life it gathers.
It deepens joy, it eases strain,
it heartens those who live with pain.
Each strengthens each, together.
2. The wordless touch where sorrow is
the sharing of a vict'ry:
the flash of mind when insight leaps
to truth, provoked by query.
The freedom of our community
accepts us as we are, and this
is God's own gift of liberty.
3. Now be aware that hearts and hands
and minds are rich when sharing:
for here within this fellowship
the strength of God is growing
Now life has reason, love has powers
beyond our own, for into ours
the love of God is flowing.

THE WORD IN TEXTS

Rosemary Lawrence

Gospel

Matthew 26: 26-30

Hebrew Bible

Psalms 23:1-4

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,

he refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff -
they comfort me.

CONTEMPORARY READING

'Ahh Music'

excerpt from Pinches of Wisdom

by Rev Glynn Cardy, Minister St Lukes Remuera

Music is a magic that can inflame the passions, move the feet to a beat and bind a community. It's a magic that can calm our conflicts, centre our complexities and turn our cacophonous thoughts in to a single serene river that as it flows gives life. Music has a power beyond words, laws, creeds and all those things that try to regulate and contain. It is a language of its own. A way of its own. A power of its own.

RESPONSE

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

REFLECTION

Rosemary Lawrence

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

Bridge over troubled water

Heather Cameron

Words and music© Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel

1. When you're weary
feeling small
when tears are in your eyes
I will dry them all.
I'm on your side.
Oh, when times get rough
and friends just can't be found
like a bridge over troubled water
I will lay me down.
Like a bridge over troubled water
I will lay me down.

2. When you're down and out,
when you're on the street,
when evening falls so hard
I will comfort you.
I'll take your part.
Oh, when darkness comes
and pain is all around
like a bridge over troubled water
I will lay me down.
Like a bridge over troubled water
I will lay me down.

HYMN

'When in our music God is glorified'

Words © Fred Pratt Green Tune: ENGLEBERG

1. When in our music God is glorified,
and adoration leaves no room for pride,
It is as if the whole creation cried
Alleluia!
2. How often making music we have found
a new dimension in the world of sound
as worship moved us to a more profound
Alleluia!
3. Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always
Alleluia!

SONG/POEM

'The inclusiveness Song'

by David Patchett

SONG

Manu Rere

Mike Wespel-Rose (guitar) Composer unknown

Me he manu rere ahau e,
Kua rere ki tō moenga,
Ki te awhi tō tinana,
E te tau tahuri mai. X2

HYMN**WOV 465 'All my hope on God is founded'**

Tune: GROESWEN

1. All my hope on God is founded;
 he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
 only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.
2. God's great goodness aye endureth,
 deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,
 beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore
from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.
3. Daily doth th'Almighty giver
 bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
 pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.

OFFERING MUSICTune **KINGSFOLD** by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)**OFFERING HYMN****AA 62 'Every day I will offer you'**

Words © Shirley Erena Murray Music © Colin Gibson.

1. Here we bring, small or great,
 gifts to offer on this plate,
what we've earned, what we own,
tithe or token, bread or stone.

*Jesus said "have a care - your heart will always be
where your riches are, where your riches are."*

OFFERING PRAYER

*We are grateful for this community,
rich in spirit, music, friendship and thought.
Out of this gratitude we offer the gifts we bring today,
money for the church and food for the hungry.
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 Bahamas and we pray for the Church in the Province of the West Indies. 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 Paul Goldsmith (List) and Hon Nicola Grigg (Selwyn). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of Foxton-Shannon Co-operating Church (Pres-Meth).

SPEAKER

Tony Pears

SONG

'What a friend we have in Jesus'

Words Joseph Medlicott Scriven (1855) Tune: CONVERSE

What a friend we have in Jesus
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer! X2

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.*

HYMN

'I am part of the pulse of Creation'

Words and music © Colin Gibson Frank Hansen's choice

1. I am a part of the pulse of creation,
eternity caught in a moment of time,
part of the mystr'y, part of the beauty,
part of the wonderful gifting of God.
2. Mine is the world of the stars and the galaxies,
limitless energy, movement and mass,
unfolding mine the far reaching ,
gift of the infinite goodness of God.
3. I take my share of the act of creation,
finding new wonders, new worlds to explore,
faith's evolution, hope's resolution,
loving in tune with the music of God.

HYMN

'How shall I sing that Majesty?'

Words John Mason Tune COE FEN Chosen by Eion Cameron

1. How shall I sing that majesty
which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around
thy throne, O God most high;
ten thousand times ten thousand sound
thy praise; but who am I?
2. Enlighten with faith's light my heart,
inflame it with love's fire;
then shall I sing and bear a part
with that celestial choir.
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,
with all my fire and light;
yet when thou dost accept their gold,
Lord, treasure up my mite.
3. How great a being, Lord, is thine,
which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line
to sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore,
a sun without a sphere;
thy time is now and evermore,
thy place is everywhere.

CLOSING HYMN

FFS 57 'Song of faith that sings forever' V1-3

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.

SUNG BLESSING

FFS 49 May the God of new beginnings'

Words © John Murray, Music © Colin Gibson

May the God of new beginnings
start with you and me.
May the God of continuing story,
speak through you and me.
May the God of infinite wisdom,
shine through you and me.

SUNG THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE

Scherzo (Gigout)

THANK YOU

to our musicians today
Judy Dumbleton, Heather Cameron and 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

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.

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

The last two Sustainability Updates introduced us to Taking The Jump, a series of seven shifts to protect our earth, and Living Water, the theme for this year's Season of Creation. The Get Planting shift in Taking the Jump has a focus on wetland restoration, which is so important to living water. Wetlands support biodiversity, filter and purify water and are an important element in flood control. Underway in Mt Cook is an erosion mitigation project which will have the added benefit of enhancing local ecological values and which does include wetland planting. The local Papawai Stream group has been involved throughout and the planting will include an invitation by the contractor to all residents to participate. That is the active co-operation we need to realise our community partnership with the local water entity and Council. There are a number of stream groups throughout Wellington so if you want to be involved look out for one near you.

I would also recommend for inspiration a look at the outcomes from the ten-year Living Water project between Fonterra and DOC, which ended 2024. There were many wetland projects which have done a lot to both inform the rural community and improve water quality. So while the project has ended the benefits will persist and their example will encourage further projects. The Living Water website <https://www.livingwater.net.nz/im:0b9058aa-964a-4259-a19a-59ea06e3ee03/> discusses wetlands.

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.

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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	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	Rosemary Lawrence
Prayers of the People	Pat Booth
Rainbow Room	
Library	Mike Wespel-Rose
Musician	Judy Dumbleton, Heather Cameron & Mike Wespel-Rose
Service Leader	Rosemary Lawrence

On duty September 20th

Welcoming	Lynette and Brian Burrell
Sound	Frank Cook
Laptop	Cam Smart
Offering	Paul Franken, Katrina Harper
Coffee/tea	Janet Horncy, Jenn Keenan, Aaron Cook
Family Time	Rosemary Lawrence
Readings	Michael Parker
Prayers of the People	Sonia Groes-Petrie (CG)
Rainbow Room	
Library	
Musician	Ephraim Wilson
Service Leader	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

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

Wednesday September 16th 10:30am: Cuppa and Chat

12:15pm: Lunchtime Concert – NZSM String Ensemble – Stravinsky, Mozart and Elgar

Sunday September 20th 10:00am 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	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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