

ORDER OF SERVICE

20 September 2026

SEASON OF CREATION



THE HIDDEN STORIES OF THE HISTORY OF MISSION

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, people of God,
not because our history is without shadow,
but because truth calls us into the light.

We come carrying stories of faith and courage,
and stories of power misused,
cultures diminished,
lands taken,
and voices silenced.

We come remembering that the Gospel
has sometimes travelled alongside empire,
colonisation and assumptions of superiority.

SILENCE

GATHERING

From the islands and oceans of Te Moana-nui-a-Kiwa,
from whenua and moana,
from ancestors who carried ancient wisdom
long before missionary ships appeared on the horizon,
we gather.

We honour the stories that have shaped us—
stories of encounter and conversion,

resistance and resilience,
loss and transformation.

Today we dare to look into some of the shadows
within the history of Christian mission.

Not to remain imprisoned by the past,
but to ask what the past might teach us
about who we are called to become.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

LIL 30 'Where the green will rise again'

Words © Shirley Elena Murray Music: Wild Mountain Thyme arr Jim Strathdee

1. Where the green will rise again,
bud and blossom in the breaking,
earth will smile and ease her aching,
drought or flood, through sun or rain,
so the green will rise again.
2. Water, river, clear again,
when, with skill and science blending,
health returns from our befriending;
when we watch and nurture, then,
there the green will rise again.
3. Hands and minds with vision plain,
people with a sense of wonder,
caring lives that do not squander,
plant for futures to sustain,
so the green will rise again.
4. Where the green will rise again,
when God's world knows peace and healing,
common cause and common feeling,
love will make us her domain,
so the green will rise again.

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 oceans and islands,
of peoples, cultures and generations,
you were present in the Pacific
long before the sails of missionary ships
appeared upon the horizon.

You were present in the wisdom of our ancestors,
in their relationships with land and sea,
in their languages and stories,
their hospitality and community,
their searching for meaning and the sacred.

Today we give thanks for those
who carried the Christian story across oceans,
and for the generations who received it,
interpreted it, challenged it,
and made it their own.

But we also acknowledge the shadows.

We remember where mission became entangled with empire,
where the Gospel was confused with Western culture,
where Indigenous wisdom was dismissed,
languages silenced,
identities diminished,
and Christianity used to justify domination.

Give us courage to tell the truth about our history
without turning away.

Give us humility to listen
to voices that were pushed to the margins.

Give us wisdom to recognise
that you have never belonged to one culture,
one people,
one nation,
or one way of understanding the world.

Open our ears to hear.
Open our hearts to receive.
Open our memories to truth.
And open our lives to transformation.

May what we remember today
help shape a more just and generous tomorrow. **Amene.**

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.

‘The Disciple Song’

Words: John A Minor Tune: BRINGING IN THE SHEAVES

1. There were twelve disciples Jesus called to help him,
Simon Peter, Andrew, James, his brother John;
Philip, Thomas, Matthew, James the son of Alpheus,
Simon, Thaddaeus, Judas, and Bartholomew.
2. Jesus calls us too, Jesus calls us too;
We are his disciples, I am one and you;
Jesus calls us too, Jesus calls us too;
We are His disciples, we his work must do.

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

Tony Kirby

Hebrew Bible

Psalm 104:24-32

Gospel

John 10:7-16

CONTEMPORARY READING

a poem by Asanti Candela

Let us unite for climate justice
mother nature deserves just ease
don't just go with the flow
see judge act as you grow
ignore each distraction
turn it into a proper fraction
ignite a speedy traction
take responsibility full action
feel the sun caressing your skin
peel the fun out of a banana's pin

intertwine with earth's rhythm it's beat
interline with the line of trees in a street
it's more important than the sale of gold
yet we kill them for some temporary cold
that's getting old
do you believe that's bold?
believing what's sold and not what's told?
let us unite and strive to safeguard God's creation

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

AA 31 'E te Atua'

Tune: KUM BA YA arr by Nicola and Guy Jansen

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| 1. E te Atua aroha mai (x3)
ake ake tonu e. (x2) | <i>O God love us
forever and ever.</i> |
| 2. E te Atua manaaki mai (x3)
ake ake tonu e. (x2) | <i>O God bless us
forever and ever.</i> |
| 3. E te Atua awhina mai (x3)
ake ake tonu e. (x2) | <i>O God help us
forever and ever.</i> |

REFLECTION

The Untold story of the history of mission

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

HYMN

(Fei to play on guitar)

'Let all the Islands rise and Sing'

A Pasifika Hymn by Ueta Solomona

1. Let all the islands rise and sing,
and to our God their praises bring.
On strings and drum God's might proclaim,
shout the glory of God's name.

Chorus

Pasifika, Pasifika

*with throbbing reef and coral shore,
for fish and shell and mighty whale,
for all God's gifts our thanks we pour.*

2. And when we see the stars at night,
the many worlds which cross the sky,
the sun and moon which give us light,
we lift our hearts to God on high.
3. The children playing on the shore,
the sounds of laughter which we hear,
their love increasing more and more,
remind us that our God is near.

Chorus

Pasifika, Pasifika

*with throbbing reef and coral shore,
for fish and shell and mighty whale,
for all God's gifts our thanks we pour.*

4. The palms which bend toward the sky,
the clouds which hurry to and fro,
the birds which fly both low and high,
give joy to all below.
5. To God Creator, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, praise be done.
May Christ the Lord upon us pour,
the Spirit's gift for evermore.

Chorus

Pasifika, Pasifika

*with throbbing reef and coral shore,
for fish and shell and mighty whale,
for all God's gifts our thanks we pour.*

OFFERING MUSIC

OFFERING HYMN

Words: Robert Murry Tune STUTTYGART WOV 200

Grant us God the gift of giving
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer thankfully.

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God you call us into fullness of life
life marked by generosity, justice, compassion and love.

Receive these gifts we offer today,
and use them to bring hope where there is despair,
healing where there is hurt,
and possibility where life has been diminished.

May our giving become part of your abundant life
shared freely with all. 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

Barrie Keenan

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Bahrain and Qatar and we pray for muslim people in Bahrain and Qatar and throughout the world. 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 Shanan Halbert (List) and Ryan Hamilton (Hamilton East). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of Gisborne - Gisborne 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

"I am a part of the pulse of Creation"

Words and music © Colin Gibson

1. I am a part of the pulse of creation,
eternity caught in a moment of time,
part of the myst'ry, 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,
mine the unfolding, mine the far reaching,
gift of the infinite goodness of God.
3. I take my share in 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.

4. Born in the Spirit and waking to freedom,
seeking to grow in the measure of Christ,
part of the myst'ry, part of the beauty,
part of the wondrous creation of God.

BLESSING

Go now, not as those who possess all the answers,
but as those willing to listen.

Go, not to make others in our own image,
but to recognise the image of the Divine
already present in every neighbour.

Go with courage to tell the truth about the past,
with humility learn from those whose voices were silenced,
and with hope to imagine what mission might yet become.

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU

to our musician today
Ephraim Wilson

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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.

Open Letter to Politicians - Please Care for Our Common Home

St Andrews on The Terrace has joined with other faith groups around the country in supporting an open letter on climate action prepared by the Centre for Religious Diversity. Paul Barber represented St Andrews at the presentation of the Open Letter - Please Care for Our Common Home at Parliament on Tuesday along with other faith groups. Thanks to Anna Smith from the St Andrews Sustainability Group for initiating St Andrews support for this. The letter is now online with 160+ signatures including Rev Fei on behalf of St Andrews, Anna and Vivienne along with a huge range of faith leaders representing thousands of people. Read the letter online at <https://rdc.org.nz/climate-action-open-letter/> or on Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/religiousdiversitycentreaotearoa#>

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

In the Sustainability Update of the 28th August Anna introduced us to Taking the Jump, and it has occurred to me that although the emphasis is on individual action a number of the steps could also be the basis for a community project. If you are so inspired two Wellington City Council funds are currently open for applications and close on 28th September. The funds are the Climate and Sustainability Fund and the Natural Environment Fund. Proposals do not need to be grand and if you apply and are successful, they are publicly reported which in its turn promotes further action. The priorities for the Climate and Sustainability Fund are reduction of carbon emissions, and climate action awareness and uptake, while those for Natural Environment Fund are projects that protect the city's indigenous biodiversity, restore ecosystems and connect people to nature. A search on the internet, under the fund name, will get all the details for you. I was also encouraged by news from a Climate Change and Business conference held this month. The conference was jointly delivered by the Sustainable Business Council (SBC), Climate Leaders Coalition (CLC) and the Environmental Defence Society. SBC and CLC head Mike Burrell said that maintaining New Zealand's commitments and credibility on the world stage is more important than ever. Even though we are a small country it is so important we act to reduce emissions and restore our environment. Our size does not exempt us from honouring our commitment. I also felt that the group of conference partners highlighted the need to partnership across a wide range of groups in our work towards a sustainable world.

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	Lynette and Brian Burrell
Sound	Frank Cook
Laptop	Cam Smart
Offering	Paul Franken, Katrina Harper
Coffee/tea	Janet Horncy, Jenn Keenan, Sally Gray
Family Time	Rosemary Lawrence
Readings	Tony Kirby
Prayers of the People	Barrie Keenan (CG)
Rainbow Room	
Library	
Musician	Ephraim Wilson
Service Leader	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

On duty September 27th

Welcoming	Pauline and David Patchett
Sound	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Laptop	Sandra Kirby
Offering	Jenn Keenan, Bridget Martin
Coffee/tea	Kath Kerr, Jeni Bryant, Aaron Cook
Family Time	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai
Readings	Tony Kirby (CG)
Prayers of the People	Anna Smith
Rainbow Room	
Library	
Musician	Bruce Cash
Service Leader	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday September 20th 10:00am Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Congregational Conversation and Younger members' (Y) group

Wednesday September 23rd 10:30am: Cuppa and Chat

12:15pm: Lunchtime Concert – NZSM Cello Ensemble

Sunday September 27th 10:00am Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Social Justice Education Group

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	Ataga'i (Ata) Burr
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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