

# ORDER OF SERVICE

4 October 2026

## SEASON OF CREATION



**“THE HEAVENS DECLARE YOUR GLORY”**

## 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

The heavens tell of the glory of God.

***The earth speaks in colours, sounds, and signs of life.***

Day after day, creation has a story to tell.

***We come to listen, to give thanks, and to find our place within it.***

The vineyard is entrusted to our care.

***We are called to share its fruit, honour its workers, and protect its life.***

Come, let us worship together.

***May our worship bear fruit in justice, compassion, and care.***

### SILENCE

### GATHERING

As we come to the end of the Season of Creation, we gather with gratitude for the earth that sustains us.

We bring our delight in its beauty and our concern for its future. We bring the things we have learned, the questions we carry, and our hopes for change.

Psalms 19 invites us to listen to creation. Jesus' parable asks us to consider what we do with what has been entrusted to us.

Here, we make room to listen together—to the earth, to one another, and to the voices too often ignored.

May this gathering renew our commitment to live generously and tread gently on the earth.

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

## “How Great Thou art “and “Whakaaria mai”

Tune ‘How Great thou art’ Stuart K. Hine & 1885

Canon Wiremu Te Tau Huata 1959

Oh Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds Thy hands have made.

I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,

Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,  
how great Thou art, how great Thou art.*

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee;  
how great Thou art, how great Thou art.*

Whakaaria mai

Tōu rīpeka ki au

Tiaho mai

Ra roto i te pō

He kona au

Titiro atu ai

Ora, mate

He au koe noho ai

*Whakaaria mai*

*Tōu rīpeka ki au*

*Tiaho mai*

*Ra roto i te pō*

*He kona au*

*Titiro atu ai*

*Ora, mate*

*He au koe noho ai*

## 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 lunch in the Hall after church.*

## **OPENING PRAYER**

Help us face these questions honestly,  
and find the courage to change.  
As the Season of Creation draws to a close,  
keep our care for the earth alive.  
Let it shape our choices,  
our use of resources,  
and our life together.  
May the words we speak,  
the thoughts we hold,  
and the actions we take  
express your love for this world.  
**Amen.**

## **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**

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

Pat Booth

Hebrew Bible

Psalms 19

Gospel

Matthew 21:33-46

## CONTEMPORARY READING

Poem "The Theft of the Vineyard"

by Chad Bird

*A poetic reflection on the tragic mechanics of entitlement and human greed.*

The soil was sweet, the boundary stone was laid,  
The tower built, the pressing-trough deep-made.  
The master left a masterpiece of grace,  
And called on human hands to keep the place.  
But ownership is a heavy, blinding wine;  
The renters looked around and muttered, "*Mine.*"  
They grew to hate the dirt they used to plow,  
And swore they'd never let a master bow  
Their proud, entitled heads to pay the rent,  
Rebelling at the terms on which they're sent.  
The first servant knocked upon the wooden gate,  
And met the heavy iron bar of hate.  
They bruised his skin and sent him back in shame,  
For daring to invoke the Owner's name.  
The next was stoned; the third was left to bleed—  
A sacrifice to feed a rising greed.  
How strange the patience that would send a son!  
To walk unarmed where blood had newly run.  
They saw him coming down the dusty trail,  
Not with a sword, but vulnerable and frail.  
No awe or pity stirred their calloused hearts,  
They only saw a chance to claim the parts.  
*"Come, kill the heir! The title deed is clear  
If there is no one left to interfere!"*

They dragged him out beyond the vineyard wall,  
And laughed to watch the beloved cornerstone fall.  
Oh, terrible injustice, blind and deep,  
To murder for a land you cannot keep!  
They thought the silence meant they'd won the day,  
But blood cries out from every vine and clay.  
The architecture of their theft must fall;  
The rejected stone will crush the stolen wall.

## RESPONSE

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

## 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.....*

## REFLECTION

“Entitlement!”

## REFLECTIVE MUSIC

(A surprise)

## HYMN

### AA160 ‘Will you offer me compassion?’

Words © John Weir Music © Douglas News

1. Will you offer me compassion?  
Will you walk the road with me?  
Brother, sister will you feed me  
ripe fruit from the Mercy Tree?
2. Will you utter words of comfort?  
Will you bless me with your peace?  
Mercy is the gift I long for:  
mercy from the Mercy Tree.
3. I do not deserve your loving,  
brother, sister, yet I plead –  
I am human, I have need of  
mercy from the Mercy Tree.
4. If you offer me your friendship,  
if you make your peace with me,  
mercy will most surely touch you:  
mercy from the Mercy Tree.

## OFFERING MUSIC

## OFFERING HYMN

### WOV 561 ‘Kneels at the Feet’

Words: Tom Colvin Ghana Folk Melody verse 1

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends,  
silently washes their feet:  
master who acts as a slave to them.  
***Refrain***  
*Yesu, Yesu,*  
*fill us with your love,*  
*show us how to serve,*  
*the neighbours we have from you.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God,  
we bring these gifts with gratitude  
for all that sustains our lives.  
May this offering, and the time and care we share,  
bear fruit in our community:  
food for those who are hungry,  
welcome for those seeking belonging,  
and care for the earth we share.  
Help us use what is entrusted to us  
with wisdom, justice, and 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

**Anna Smith**

## CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Lesser Antilles and we pray for the Presbyterian Church in Trinidad & Tobago. 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 Rt Hon Chris Hipkins (Remutaka) and Hon Andrew Hoggard (List). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people Gisborne - St David's 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.***

## **COMMUNION**

**We celebrate the Christian meal of thanksgiving**

## **THE INVITATION**

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; 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.

## **THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

God is the heart of life.

***And we are the heartbeat.***

May our hearts be filled with thanks and praise and songs of joy.

***We rejoice in the miracle of life and delight in our participation.***

With those who have gone before us, and those who will come after us, we join the whole creation in the hymn of praise:

***Holy, holy, holy, vulnerable God,  
the whole creation is full of your glory;  
hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed are we who come to celebrate Shalom;  
hosanna all around.***

We give thanks to you, O God, for you love the world.

***You look upon your creation and on us and name us good.***

***You conceive in us possibilities, and carry us on into the timeless***

***struggle of bringing to birth your reign of love.***

We give thanks for Jesus our brother,  
who gave hope to ordinary people like us,  
and broke through the barriers which separate us from life.

***He proclaimed Good News to the poor.***

***He healed those who were sick, and set free those who were  
captive to illness of the mind.***

***He sends us out to continue his work and nurture life in his name.***

We thank you, Spirit of Life, for strengthening and empowering us  
to share the Good News of God's love with others.

***For you desire that all Creation know this love and experience the  
gift of new life. Come then, life-giving spirit of our God; brood over these  
bodily things and make us one body in Christ; that we may no longer be  
in bondage to the principalities and powers that enslave creation,  
but may know your liberating peace. Amen***

## **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.***

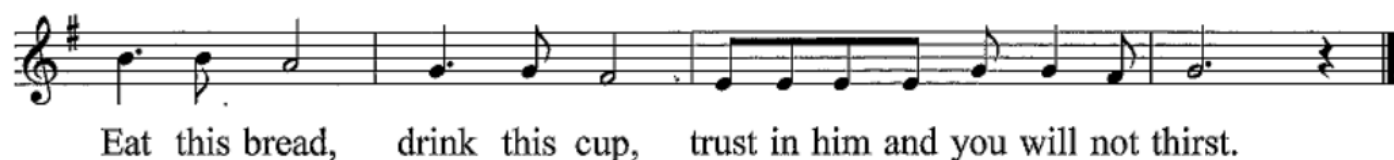
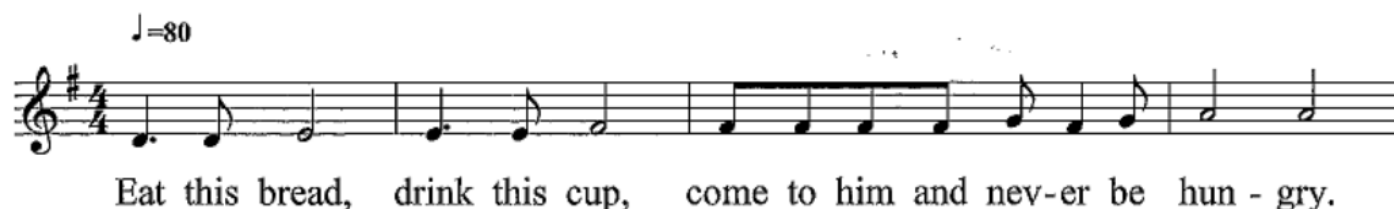
Come then, life-giving Spirit of our God,  
brood over these bodily things,  
and make us one body with Christ;  
that we may no longer be in bondage  
to the principalities and powers that enslave creation,  
but may know your liberating peace  
such as the world cannot give.

## SHARING BREAD AND WINE

The gifts of God for the People of God. Come, for all is ready.  
The Bread of life. The Cup of Blessing.

## COMMUNION CHANT (sung during communion) CH 661 'Eat this bread drink this cup'

Text: John 6; adapt. By Robert J Batastini, b.1942, and the Taize Community.



Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994.

Words & Music: © 1984, Les Presses de Taize, GIA Publications, Inc. agent.

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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

We give thanks for this shared fellowship of bread and wine, for the fellowship of this community of St Andrews on The Terrace, for everyone here has a place at the table. Send us out to share the inclusivity of God's realm in our families and our communities. ***Amen.***

## CLOSING HYMN

## WOV 558 'When I needed a neighbour'

Words 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?

### **Chorus**

*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?

### **Chorus**

*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?

### **Chorus**

*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.

### **Chorus**

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

## BLESSING

Go with your ears open to creation's song,  
and your eyes open to the needs around you.  
May you find joy in the earth's beauty,  
courage to challenge what harms it,  
and companions in the work of caring for it.  
May the love of God sustain you,  
the way of Jesus guide you,  
and the Spirit breathe fresh hope into you.  
And may our care for creation continue  
long after this season ends.

**Amen.**

## SUNG AMEN

## POSTLUDE

## THANK YOU

to our musician today  
**Bruce Corkill**

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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***

### **DCM Foodbank Appeal**

The next DCM Foodbank Appeal will be held on Saturday 21 November. St Andrew's is asked to provide volunteers at Newtown New World from 1-5pm that day. DCM collects food donations from customers on that day and the supplies contribute to the pre-Christmas demands on the food bank. We need around 8 people across the afternoon for a one hour time slot. If you are able to give an hour of your time contact Sandra Kirby - [sandra@thekirbys.co.nz](mailto:sandra@thekirbys.co.nz) or phone 021397169.

### **SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE**

I've come across two really good blogs recently about how to talk to people about climate change. I'm sure we've all experienced the sort of negative reactions that can come back at you if you raise the topic - discomfort, defensiveness, denial or just an unwillingness to engage. This week Climate Club Aotearoa

(<https://tinyurl.com/25aenmt8>) had some great advice. Instead of scaring people with a rundown of all the things that are happening, *try starting with love*. "Love gets us to the heart of the climate crisis immediately. It roots us in place, ties us to our communities and daily lives, and gives people a tangible reason to care about what happens next. It's also a verb. We love things actively, by tending them, showing up for them and defending them. Love is what turns 'that's a shame' into 'I'm not letting that happen.'" So how do you actually do that? There are five suggestions: Start with curiosity, not a case; Follow the feeling, not the facts; Share what you love too; Link love to action gently; Let it be unfinished. Read the blog for more (<https://tinyurl.com/25aenmt8>). The second post I read was from an American group, Talking Climate Collaborative (<https://tinyurl.com/fst72ypn>), who have developed an interactive tool for starting a conversation (<https://tinyurl.com/3n23uvb2>). You can choose what aspect of climate change you want to talk about and who you're talking to e.g. someone in your family, a colleague, someone in your faith community and so on. I'm going to try it out. - 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.

heather-rose      [hetharose@gmail.com](mailto: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             | Pat McGiven, Pam Fuller                                                          |
| Sound                 | Simon Miller                                                                     |
| Laptop                | Cam Smart                                                                        |
| Offering              | Paul Franken, Tony Pears                                                         |
| Coffee/tea            | Vivienne Mountier (CG), Ata Burr, Jenn Keenan, Janet Horncy                      |
| Family Time           | Cam Smart                                                                        |
| Readings              | Pat Booth                                                                        |
| Prayers of the People | Anna Smith                                                                       |
| Communion             | Maxine and Jim Cunningham, Doug Lendrum, Barrie Keenan, Mervyn and Lesley Aitken |
| Rainbow Room          |                                                                                  |
| Library               |                                                                                  |
| Musician              | Bruce Corkill                                                                    |
| Service Leader        | Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai                                                     |

### **On duty October 11<sup>th</sup>**

|                       |                                        |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Welcoming             | Jim and Maxine Cunningham              |
| Sound                 | Tania Penafiel-Bermudez                |
| Laptop                | Sandra Kirby                           |
| Offering              | Lynette Burrell, Kath Kerr             |
| Coffee/tea            | Aaron Cook, Sally Gray, Katrina Harper |
| Family Time           | Rosemary Lawrence                      |
| Readings              | Tony Kirby                             |
| Prayers of the People | Sonia Groes-Petrie (CG)                |
| Rainbow Room          |                                        |
| Library               |                                        |
| Musician              | Bruce Cash                             |
| Service Leader        | Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai           |

### **This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's**

**Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup> 10:00am** Communion Service led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Community Lunch

**Wednesday October 7<sup>th</sup> 10:30am:** Cuppa and Chat

**12:15pm:** Lunchtime Concert – NZSM Brass Ensemble

**Thursday October 8<sup>th</sup> 12:15pm:** Lunchtime Concert – String Extravaganza

**Sunday October 11<sup>th</sup> 10:00am** Congregational Service led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai 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

|                                    |                                                                                                                             |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Minister</b>                    | Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai                                                                                                |
| <b>Parish Council Convenor</b>     | Pat Booth                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Treasurer</b>                   | Paul Barber                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Facilities Management Group</b> | Sandra Kirby                                                                                                                |
| <b>Pastoral Care Team</b>          | Maxine Cunningham, Pat Booth, Brian Burrell, Katrina Harper, Tony Kirby, Vivienne Mountier and Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai |
| <b>Theologian in Residence</b>     | Lloyd Geering                                                                                                               |
| <b>Presbytery Representative</b>   | Ataga'i (Ata) Burr                                                                                                          |
| <b>Church Music Coordinator</b>    | Vacant                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Eco Church Coordinator</b>      | Sonia Groes-Petrie                                                                                                          |
| <b>Faith in Action Coordinator</b> | Paul Barber                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Rainbow Room Coordinator</b>    | Vacant                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Roster Coordinator</b>          | Pam Fuller                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Concert Coordinator</b>         | Kristina Zuelicke                                                                                                           |
| <b>Centre Manager</b>              | Adelina Reis                                                                                                                |
| <b>Office Administrator</b>        | Sara Rokni                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Centre Assistant</b>            | Hannah Gaisford                                                                                                             |
| <b>Facilities Assistant(s)</b>     | Fynn Neeley-Grant, Isabella Oakley,<br>Cooper Neeley-Grant, Cafer Kurnaz, Oliver Hope                                       |

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