

ORDER OF SERVICE

18 October 2026

PENTECOST 21



“RENDER UNTO CAESAR WHAT IS CAESARS”

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

Extemporisation on Abbots Leigh

CALL TO WORSHIP

Moses prayed, "Show me your glory."

We come seeking the presence of the holy one we name God.

A presence that accompanies us through uncertainty,
a goodness that cannot be contained.

Open our hearts to glimpses of the sacred among us.

Jesus asked whose image was on the coin.

Today we ask whose image we bear.

We bear the image of God, as does every neighbour.

Come, bringing your questions, your hopes, and your whole selves.

SILENCE

GATHERING

We gather from different places,
carrying the joys and burdens of the week.

Some come with confidence;

some with questions;

some simply needing a place to rest.

Here, there is room for each of us.

Here, we remember that our worth
is deeper than wealth, status, or achievement.

As we draw near to one another,
may we become attentive to the presence of God:
in the person beside us,

in the stories we hear,
and in the quiet spaces between our words.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

FFS 10(i) 'Come and find the quiet centre'

Words © Shirley Murray

Tune: GAELIC TRADITIONAL MELODY arr John Bell

1. Come and find the quiet centre
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.
2. Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, touches base,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to see the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.
3. In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our lives and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare!

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 mystery and presence,
Moses longed to see your glory,
and we, too, long for reassurance
that we do not walk alone.
When the way ahead is uncertain,
give us courage for the next step.
When easy answers fail us,
help us remain open to your wisdom.
When we overlook your goodness,
awaken us to its traces in ordinary life.
Jesus, who faced the questions of power,
help us discern what we owe
to our communities, to our neighbours,
and to the earth that sustains us.
When competing loyalties claim our attention,
keep us grounded in love.
May our responsibilities as citizens
deepen our commitment to justice.
May we question power when it diminishes human dignity,
and recognise your image in those it overlooks.
Receive all that we bring today.
Through our worship, renew our compassion
and prepare us to live with generosity and courage.
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

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 33:12-23

Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

CONTEMPORARY READING

Every Poem

for Teresia Teaiwa by Josua Tuwere

Every poem is a memory, every rhyme has a face
Every line has a story, every word has a place
Every whisper has an echo, every breath,
Every sinew, every nerve, every ounce
Explodes on the page
Every writer has a muse, every pen has a fuse
Every moment has a record, every page has a turn
Every dance has a journey, every step has a plan,
Every clock has a pace, every timer has a race,
Every ship has a sail, every sailor has a fear,
Every wave has a reason, every wind has a season,
Every word has a sword, every edge has a spill
Every peak has a champion, every down has an up
Every fear has an antidote, every heart has a beat
And us gang, as we so beat, let us so explode
So that every poem has a sword

And every word has a place
And every memory has a sea
That we can still sail on

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

AA85 "Let justice roll down like a river"

Words and Music © Colin Gibson

Refrain

*Let justice roll down like a river,
let justice flow down to the sea;
let justice roll down like a river
let justice begin through me.*

1. Justice for all who go hungry,
crying to God to be fed,
left in a world of abundance
to beg for a morsel of bread. ***Refrain***
2. Justice for those who are homeless,
victims of war or of need,
trapped on the borders of nowhere,
lost in the canyons of greed. ***Refrain***
3. Justice for all who are powerless,
yearning for freedom in vain,
plundered and robbed of their birth-right,
silently bearing their pain. ***Refrain***

REFLECTION

"Promises, Presence, and the Common Good"

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

Intermezzo from Cavalleria Rusticana

TUNE: Crown him with many crowns. Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., © 1996 Hope Publishing Co. Used by permission under OneLicense #A-729857. Tunes: ST. BRIDE, DIADEMATA

(Carl P. Daw Jr., FHS, has created a hymn text based on today's Gospel reading that goes far beyond retelling the story. As we sing Daw's poetry, we also engage in interpreting the Gospel message. In the final two stanzas, we echo the teaching of Tertullian on the divine image imprinted "in ev'ry heart and face" as together we discern how to live out the command to give God what is God's each day.)

1. Baited, the question rose
from somewhere in the crowd:
"Teacher, you truly know God's way;
is paying tax allowed?"
Jesus perceived their trap;
"Why do you test me so?
"Bring here the coin the tax requires,
and see what it will show."
2. "Whose image does it bear,
whose names and titles tell?"
"Caesar's, of course," they smugly said
and thought they answered well.
"Give Caesar what is his;
God, what is God's alone."
Strong words, convincing and profound,
like truth already known.
3. May we discern, O God,
your daily gifts of grace;
Show us your image freely coined
in ev'ry heart and face.
Help us fit tribute yield
through prayers and hymns we raise,
but most of all by deeds of love
to give you thanks and praise.

OFFERING HYMN

AA127 'Take my Gifts' v1

Words © Shirley Murray Music © Colin Gibson

1. Take my gifts and let me love you,
God who first of all loved me,
gave me light and food and shelter,
gave me life and set me free.
Now, because your love has touched me,
I have love to give away;
now the bread of love is rising,
loaves of love to multiply!

OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God,
we bring these gifts,
together with our time, our skills,
and our willingness to care.
In a world that puts a price on so much,
teach us to honour what is priceless:
human dignity, belonging,
the wellbeing of creation,
and love freely shared.
May these offerings support the work of this community,
meet real needs,
and help create a world
where everyone has enough.

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.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Belgium and we pray for the United Protestant Church of Belgium. 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. In New Zealand, we remember those who work this election season as candidates, members of all political parties and all voters. Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of Hastings - St Andrew'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.*

CLOSING HYMN

“For the healing of the nations”

Words © Fred Kaan Tune: CWM RHONDDA WOV 478

1. For the healing of the nations,
God, we pray with one accord,
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
Help us rise and pledge our word.
Help us rise and pledge our word.
2. Lead us Jesus, into freedom,
from despair your world release,
that redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
Fear will die and hope increase.
Fear will die and hope increase.
3. All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span
may we hallow life's brief span.
4. You, Creator God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind:
That by our response and service
Earth its destiny may find.
Earth its destiny may find.

BLESSING

Go into the world attentive to the presence of God.
May you glimpse sacred goodness
in unexpected places.
May you recognise God's image
in every person you meet.

May you fulfil your responsibilities with integrity,
and meet injustice with courage and compassion.
And may the love of God,
the companionship of Jesus,
and the life-giving breath of the Spirit
be with you and sustain you,
today and in all the days ahead.
Amen.

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

Prince of Denmark's March

THANK YOU

to our musicians today
Peter Franklin & Robert Whitefield

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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

New Musician Joining the Roster

St. Andrew's is delighted to welcome Robert Whitefield to the Musicians Roster, starting Sunday October 18th.

Robert has played the organ since childhood, where he studied under Arthur Bryant, Ray Stedman and John Morrison. He was made organ scholar of St Patrick's College Silverstream, and post studying there, carried on playing for parishes in Upper Hutt and Lower Hutt. He was Organist and Choirmaster at St Hilda's in Upper Hutt, before moving out of the region, when he became a relief organist at St Alban's in Mt Eden, Auckland. After a time spent overseas, Robert returned to Wellington, where he assists at Our Lady of Grace, Heretaunga, and Wellington Cathedral of St. Paul. In his day job, Robert is a Professional Director as well as Director of Finance at Queen Margaret College, working alongside Fei on the QMC Board. Bringing Robert onto the roster strengthens the bond between QMC and St Andrew's and we are delighted to welcome him as a contributor to the musical life of the church.

Election Issues: Thriving in this Land- a three-part series on Treaty, economic and climate justice

Where? St Andrews Centre, Conference Room 3

When? 11.30 - 1pm Sundays 11th, 18th & 25th October

Over the next three Sundays the Exploring Faith and Social Justice groups combine for three election-focused sessions based on the 'Thriving in this Land' workshop series created by Common Grace Aotearoa designed to help us join the dots between following Jesus and some of the big issues New Zealand is facing. Across three 90-minute open and collaborative sessions, we'll explore how as a nation we can address poverty and the cost of living, respond to our unstable climate, and honour the Treaty. We'll engage with theology, and hear from experts and people on the ground. We'll discuss how to work towards a nation where everyone has enough, our earth is protected, and our promises are kept. We'll watch a short video that introduces [Thriving in this Land here](#). Join us for one or all of the sessions.

Session 1:**The Treaty** 11th October, Session 2:**The Climate** 18th October, Session 3:**The Cost of Living** 25th October. Let us know if you are coming so we can plan for numbers. Pat Booth (Exploring Faith) and Paul Barber (Social Justice Group)

Amnesty News

There is an active Amnesty group in Karori.

They meet monthly at the café in Karori Library for letter writing on behalf of prisoners of conscience. Their next meeting is on Saturday, 24th October at 9.30 am. All welcome.

There will be a letter writing stall on Saturday 28th November at the St. Ninians Garage sale in Karori.

Thursday 10th December 10 am to 2pm - there will be a Write for rights letter writing stall at the back of our church.

Thanks everyone

Mike WR

Eating for the Planet

November is World Vegan Month and the Sustainability Group is planning to have a focus during the month on Eating for the Planet. We are producing a collection of tasty vegan recipes to encourage everyone in the congregation to take part. If you have one or more favourite vegan recipes you would like to share, please email them to me: annamsmith6012@gmail.com. - Anna Smith, Sustainability Group

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 or phone 021397169.

SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

Last week WWF released their 2026 Living Planet Report (LPR). Commenting on the vast decline in biodiversity the report was able to quantify a 73% decline in the average size of monitored wildlife populations over a 52 year period. But it found that recovery is possible with conservation efforts which can lead to bounce back and passing a positive tipping point where the improvement becomes self-reinforcing. The report cites populations of bluefin tuna, green turtles, tigers and southern African elephants as reaching that positive tipping point. And I would think for us in Wellington kākā have clearly reached that positive tipping point. The LPR also named three critical areas as the drivers of nature and biodiversity loss - energy, food and agriculture, and finance. The first

of these, energy, has seen a positive tipping point with solar power now the cheapest source of new electricity generation in most countries. The second critical area, food and agriculture, the report says is showing signs of progressing toward a positive tipping point through nature-positive production, encouraging healthy and sustainable diets and reducing food loss and waste. For us our focus during November, World Vegan Month, on Eating for the Planet and sharing our favourite vegan recipes is a move toward that positive tipping point. And importantly it does stress that we all have a role in halting this decline in biodiversity. On the third critical area the report noted change is in the early stages and much more needs to be done to stop the financing of harmful activities.

Finally, I note that the UN Biodiversity COP17 starts in Armenia on 19th October. For a preview go to <https://www.cbd.int/conferences/2026> and watch the 5 min Taking Action for Nature video.

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.

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	Brian and Lynette Burrell
Sound	Sue Hirst
Laptop	Sue Hirst (CG)
Offering	Paul Franken, Bridget Martin
Coffee/tea	Maxine Cunningham, Jeni Bryant and Katrina Harper
Family Time	Frank Cook (CG)
Readings	John Harper
Prayers of the People	Pat Booth
Rainbow Room	
Library	
Musician	Peter Franklin, Robert Whitefield
Service Leader	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

On duty October 25th

Welcoming	Pauline and David Patchett
Sound	Simon Miller
Laptop	Hamish Dick
Offering	Paul Franken, Mike Wespel-Rose
Coffee/tea	Vivienne Mountier (CG), Janet Horncy, Ata Burr
Family Time	Mike Wespel-Rose
Readings	Gillian Feist
Prayers of the People	Barrie Keenan
Rainbow Room	
Library	Mike Wespel-Rose
Musician	Kristina Zuelicke
Service Leader	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday October 18th 10:00am Congregational Service led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Exploring Faith and Social Justice Education groups on Election Issues: The Climate.

Wednesday October 21st 10:30am: Cuppa and Chat

12:15pm: Lunchtime Concert – Schubert's Schwanengesang - Roger Wilson and Terence Dennis

Sunday October 25th 10:00am Congregational Service led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Social Justice Education groups on Election Issues: The Cost of Living.

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	Vacant
Roster Coordinator	Pam Fuller
Concert Coordinator	Kristina Zuelicke
Centre Manager	Adelina Reis
Office Administrator	Sara Rokni
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