St Andrew's on The Terrace

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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 Pat Booth and Paul Barber

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy and beautiful is the custom which brings us together:
to face our ideals,
to remember our loved ones in absence,
to give thanks, to make confession,
to offer forgiveness, to be enlightened,
and to be strengthened.

Through this quiet hour breathes the worship of ages,
the cathedral music of ages.

Three unseen guests attend:
faith, hope, and love.
Let all our hearts prepare them place.

SILENCE

GATHERING

We have come into this place of peace:
may its silence heal our spirits.
We have come into this place of memory:
may its history warm our souls.
We have come into this place of prophecy:
may its vision change our hearts.

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

Spinner, Weaver of our lives,
your loom is love.
May we who are gathered here
be empowered by that love
to weave new patterns of Truth and Justice
into a web of life that is strong, beautiful and everlasting.
Amen

JESUS' PRAYER **© Rev Sherri Weinberg**

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 **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."

THE WORD IN TEXTS **Gillian Feist**

Hebrew Bible **Isaiah 61:1-4**

Gospel **Luke 4: 16-21**

CONTEMPORARY READING "**Morning"**

Clinton Lee Scott, Unitarian minister 1887-1985

From the east comes the sun, bringing a new and unspoiled day.
It has already circled the earth and looked upon distant lands and far-away peoples.

It has passed over mountain ranges and the waters of the seven seas.
It has shone upon labourers in the fields,
Into the windows of homes, and shops and factories.

It has beheld proud cities with gleaming towers,
and also the hovels of the poor.

It has been witness to both good and evil,
the works of honest men and women,
and the conspiracy of knaves.

It has seen marching armies, bomb-blasted villages, and "the destruction that wasteth at noon-day".

Now, unsullied from its tireless journey, it comes to us, messenger of the morning,

harbinger of a new day.

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

HYMN **"Come thou fount of every blessing" v. 1**

Robert Robinson 18th century adapted,
vs. 2,3 Eugene Navias 20th century Tune NETTLETON

1. Come thou fount of every blessing,
   tune our hearts to sing thy grace.
   Streams of mercy never ceasing,
   call for songs of loudest grace.
   While the hope of life's perfection
   fills our hearts with joy and love,
   Teach us ever to be faithful,
   may we still thy goodness prove.

2. Come thou fount of every vision,
   fill our hearts to what may come.
   See the lion and the young lamb
   dwell together in thy home.
   Hear the cries of war fall silent,
   feel our love grow like the sun.
   When we all serve one another,
   then our heaven is begun.

3. Come thou fount of inspiration,
   turn our hearts to higher ways.
   Life our gloom and desperation,
   show the promise of this day.
   Help us bind ourselves in union,
   help our hands tell of our love.
   With thine aid, o fount of justice,
   earth be fair as heav'n above.

REFLECTION **"Jesus is Good News for the poor"** Paul Barber

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

HYMN **LIL68 "Where does compassion start?"**

Words © Shirley Murray Tune "Love unknown" **WOV257**

1. Where does compassion start?
   How does compassion grow?
   Her seed is at the heart
   of every faith we know:
      compassion honours others' place,
      while valuing self, so sharing grace.

2. How does compassion thrive
   in worlds of greed and grief?
   Her goodness stays alive
   through those of strong belief:
      compassion, luminous and clear
      outshining wastes of war and fear.

3. Where is compassion's role
   in culture, or in creeds?
   At centre, with the soul
   who feels another's needs:
      compassion brings the touch of friend,
      a bandage that will bind and mend.

4. Dynamic is the power
   that heals, restores and gives,
   connecting at the core
   with everyone who lives,
      transcending culture, colour, race,
      compassion builds the house of peace.

OFFERING MUSIC

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE **Ellen Murray**

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Benin and we pray for the Protestant Methodist Church of Benin. 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 John'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 **LIL 32 "Who will there be to sing"**

Words © Shirley Murray vs.1,3 and 4 Tune DARWALL **WOV 147 ii**

1. Who will there be to sing
if we do not sing well,
if all we know as true
has now no sounding bell?
Let's sing, my friends!
We make the choice
in disarray
or with one voice.

2. Who will there be to hear
if we do not sing plain
that want of peace and bread
creates the world's deep pain?
Sing justice, friends,
to right the scales
where powers oppress
and greed prevails!

3. Who will there be to speak,
when silence is our song,
to state the Gospel truths,
provoke the powers of wrong?
Sing out, each voice!
One band, one choir,
be instruments
of God's desire!

BLESSING

If here, you have found freedom, take it with you into the world.

If you have found comfort, go and share it with others.
If you have dreamed dreams, help one another,
that they may come true!

If you have known love,
give some back to a bruised and hurting world.

Go in peace.

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE **Aria from Sonata for flute and piano by Taktakishvili**
Anastaia Bell, flute

THANK YOU to our musicians today
Kristina Zuelicke & Anastaia Bell

Acknowledgment: Prayers from "Singing the Living Tradition"
The Unitarian Universalist Association

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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

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 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 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)

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of St Andrew's on the Terrace:
This will be held on Sunday 15 November after the morning service.

Two of our Parish Council members are retiring after six years (thank you Hamish Dick and Janet Horncy) so we need new members. You are welcome to contact Pat Booth, Parish Council Convenor, to discuss. Phone 027 476 0427

After God
Tonight I went to a play at Circa with a goddaughter and my wife. The play was called "After God". It was a play about "God".
Does God Exist?
Do you pray?
To whom?
What do different thinkers think about God?
It is a verbatim play meaning it is all based on real conversations the playwright had with other people.
It deals with the sort of questions I have struggled with all my life. And continue to.
It wasn't about answers pariculary. But it was about respect for the questions.
Here is a link to a summary.
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1O67EQ3-qShpcP7ZTzqFVYQSzPCkKYLFj/view?usp=drive_link
Sounds interesting.
Circa Theatre 17 October - 14 November.
Thanks
Mike Wespel-Rose

Amnesty News
Dear congregation.
There was an error in the Amnesty notice I put in the newsletter last week. This is the correct version.
There is an active Amnesty group in Karori.
They meet monthly at the **Te Kororia café in Karori (170 Karori Road)** for letter writing on behalf of prisoners of conscience and requests from the rapid response

network. Their next meeting is on Saturday, 24th October at 9.30 am. All welcome, **please email karoriamnestyletterwriters@gmail.com to receive details about the cases we will be writing about this month.**
There will be a letter writing stall on Saturday 28th November at the St. Ninians Garage sale in Karori, as part of Amnesty International's global "Write for Rights" campaign.
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	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	Ellen Murray
Rainbow Room	
Library	Mike Wespel-Rose
Musician	Kristina Zuelicke
Service Leaders	Pat Booth and Paul Barber

On duty November 1st	
Welcoming	Pat McGiven, Pam Fuller
Sound	Frank Cook
Laptop	Cam Smart
Offering	Lynette Burrell, Tony Pears
Coffee/tea	Aaron Cook, Hannah Carty, Sally Gray
Family Time	Cam Smart
Readings	John Harper
Prayers of the People	Anna Smith
Communion	Sandra and Tony Kirby, Rosemary Lawrence, Sonia Groes-Petrie, Ata Burr, Paul Barber
Rainbow Room	
Library	
Musician	Judy Dumbleton
Service Leader	Rev Dr Jim Cunningham

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday October 25th 10:00am Congregational Service led by Pat Booth and Paul Barber followed by Social Justice Education groups on Election Issues: The Cost of Living.

Wednesday October 28th 10:30am: Cuppa and Chat

12:15pm: Lunchtime Concert – The Spitfires

Sunday November 1st 10:00am Communion Service led by Rev Dr Jim Cunningham

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
Centre Assistant	Hannah Gaisford
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