St Andrew's
on The Terrace

Hato Anaru o Te Parehua
Founded 1840

ORDER OF SERVICE

8 November 2026

PENTECOST 24



ASLEEP ON THE JOB

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 **'Surrey' by H. Carey (1690-1743)**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, people of God, bringing the stories of our faith.
We come to listen, to remember, and to hope.
Bring your lamps, whether burning brightly or flickering low.
We come as we are, seeking light for the way.
When waiting is long and weariness overtakes us,
***May we awaken to love already among us*.**
Let us share with generations to come the wonders of God.
Let us keep hope alive through compassion and justice.
Come, ready to welcome the sacred in unexpected moments.
With open hearts and renewed hope, we worship together.

SILENCE

GATHERING

We gather with the stories of those who have gone before us, and with hopes for those who will follow.
We bring the joys and concerns of this week, the things that give us energy and the things that leave us weary.
Some of us arrive ready and expectant; others need time to find our way into this moment.
Here, we make room for one another. Together, may we become attentive to the presence of God,
to the wisdom of our neighbours, and to the quiet call of love.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN **WOV 46 'Our God, our help in ages past'**

Words: Isaac Watts 1674-1748

1. Our God, our help in ages past,
   our hope for years to come,
   our shelter from the stormy blast,
   and our eternal home:

2. Under the shadow of thy throne
   thy saints have dwelt secure:
   sufficient is thine arm alone,
   and our defence is sure.

3. Before the hills in order stood,
   or earth received her frame,
   from everlasting thou art God
   to endless years the same.

4. A thousand ages in thy sight
   are like an evening gone:
   short as the watch that ends the night
   before the rising sun.

5. Our God, our help in ages past,
   our hope for years to come,
   be thou our guard while troubles last,
   and our eternal home**.**

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 the waiting hours,
God of unexpected beginnings,
we come into your presence with all that we carry.
When our lamps burn low,
renew the hope within us.
When we are distracted,
draw our attention to what matters.
When we grow comfortable,
awaken us to the needs of others.

We give thanks for those who have shared their faith with us:
through stories and questions,
through courage and kindness,
through lives that made your love visible.
Help us to pass on a living faith,
open to discovery,
rooted in compassion,
and expressed through justice.

May our readiness be a willingness
to recognise you in our neighbour,
to respond when love calls,
and to welcome the possibilities of your realm.
Amen.

JESUS' PRAYER **Jim Cotter paraphrase**

Eternal Spirit
Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Love-Maker,
source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
loving God, in whom is heaven:
the hallowing of your name
echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed
by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done
by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test,
strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory
of the power that is love, now and for ever.
Amen.

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW CANDLE
We light the rainbow candle as a sign of our inclusivity and for our children.

FAMILY TIME **Rosemary Lawrence**

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 **Psalm 78:1-7**

Gospel **Matthew 25:1-13**

CONTEMPORARY READING **'The Five Virgins'** by Thomas Merton 1915 - 1968
Merton's playful, subversive twist on the biblical parable of the ten virgins from Matthew 25:1-13.

The Poem
There were five howling virgins
who came
to the wedding of the Lamb
with their disabled motorcycles
and their oil tanks empty.

But since they knew how
to dance
a person says to them
to stay anyhow.
And there you have it.
There were five noisy virgins
without gas,
but looking good
in the traffic of the dance.
Consequently
there were ten virgins
at the Wedding of the Lamb.

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

HYMN **AA36 'Every day I will offer you'**

Words © Shirley Erena Murray Music © Colin Gibson

1. Every day I will offer you,
   loving God, my heart and mind,
   every way I discover you
   in the work your hand has signed;
   help me see I'm your image, and
   you have dreamed what I might be,
   every day in the Spirit,
   I'll find the love and energy!

2. Every day I will look to Christ,
   and give thanks for wine and bread
   through the pain and the emptiness
   where your world cries to be fed;
   help me see I can work for change,
   and wherever I might be,
   every day in your Spirit,
   I'll find the love and energy!

3. Every day I will take your word,
   answer your compassion's claim,
   celebrate every sign of hope,
   every deed done in your name;
   help me see you are always there,
   and your light can shine through me,
   every day in the Spirit,
   I'll find your love and energy!

REFLECTION **'When your lamp is empty'** Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

REFLECTIVE MUSIC **Prelude No: 2 from "48 Preludes & Fugues"**
by J.S. Bach (1685 - 1750)

HYMN **'Give me oil In my lamp keep me burning'**
Author: A. Sevison Tune: SING HOSANNA WOV 115

1. Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
   give me oil in my lamp, I pray;
   give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
   keep me burning till the break of day.

   Refrain
   Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
   sing hosanna to the King of kings!
   Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
   sing hosanna to the King!

2. Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
   give me joy in my heart, I pray;
   give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
   keep me praising till the break of day. ***[Refrain]***

3. Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
   give me peace in my heart, I pray;
   give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
   keep me loving till the break of day. ***[Refrain]***

4. Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
   give me love in my heart, I pray;
   give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
   keep me serving till the break of day. ***[Refrain]***

OFFERING MUSIC **"Faithfulness" by G.M. Runyan (1870-1957)**

OFFERING HYMN **AA 62 'Every day I will offer you'**

Words © Shirley Erena Murray Music © Colin Gibson

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

OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God,
we bring these gifts as part of our shared commitment
to the wellbeing of this community and the world.
Receive our money, our time, and our abilities.
May they sustain places of welcome,
support people facing hardship,
and nourish the work of justice and peace.
Teach us to share with care,
so that hope is replenished
and the light of love reaches further.
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 **Lynne Dovey**

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Bolivia and we pray for the Bolivian Evangelical Lutheran Church. 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 worked 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 Hawera 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 **AA156 'Where the road runs out'**

Words & music © Colin Gibson

1. Where the road runs out and the signposts end,
   where we come to the edge of today,
   be the God of Abraham for us,
   send us out upon our way.

   Refrain
   Lord, you were our beginning,
   the faith that gave us birth.
   We look to you, our ending,
   our hope for heaven and earth.

2. When the coast is left and we journey on
   to the rim of the sky and the sea,
   be the sailor's friend, be the dolphin Christ,
   lead us on to eternity.
   Refrain

3. When the clouds are low and the wind is strong,
   When tomorrow's storm draws near,
   be the spirit bird hovering overhead
   who will take away our fear.
   Refrain

BLESSING

Go with hope for the journey
and room in your heart for surprise.
May the wisdom of those before you strengthen you.
May your kindness nurture those who come after you.
And may you recognise the sacred
in the ordinary encounters of each day.
The love of God surround you,
the companionship of Christ sustain you,
and the Spirit awaken you
to each new opportunity to love.
Amen.

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE **Cornet Voluntary by William Walond (1725 - 1770)**

THANK YOU to our musician today
Peter Franklin

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

Unless otherwise stated all hymns are used by permission CCLI Licence 341550 or reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #. A-623996. All rights reserved.
Words/music to new hymns and gathering statement, prayers and affirmation are original unless acknowledged.



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

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

General Fundraising
To help our General Fundraising activities there is a California Villa house available to rent on a daily basis in Whanganui. All proceeds to St Andrew's. For details and arrangements please contact Richard Owen on Ph: 027 247 7757.

Car damaged in car park.

Dear congregation.

Last Sunday when I came out to the car park after morning tea, I found that our car (just new this year) had a big scrape and crash on the right side of the car. Obviously the car that had been parked next door, on backing out, had crashed into our car doing considerable and expensive damage. No message was left for contact. This is very shocking and upsetting for me. Maybe it was a car from church, most likely, that did not realize the damage that had been done. It must have happened between when I arrived at 9.45 and when I left at about 11.45.

I include links to 2 pictures to show where the other car must have been parked, to the right of my car and also the damage to my car. If anyone can help me with this I would much appreciate it. Although we are insured, you still must pay excess and lose no claims bonus. And there is lots of inconvenience with getting the repairs done.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1b6KAnJ8s_p3MvQvVf93SnsXlENNLiYB-/view?usp=drive_link

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SxEtH6LYa08AVSfg8HLsmpFtFRx60BQj/view?usp=drive_link

Many thanks

Mike Wespel-Rose

Eating for the Planet

November is World Vegan Month and the Sustainability Group is leading a challenge to Eat for the Planet during the month. We have produced a collection of tasty plant-based recipes to encourage everyone to take part. Paper copies will be available on Sunday or you can download it here: https://tinyurl.com/4sckhhs9. **Here's the challenge: to eat at least one more plant-based meal each week during November than you normally would**. We hope you'll have fun trying some different meals and discovering new tastes. The challenge will come together in the Social Justice Education Group on **Sunday 22 November** when we will hear from different people about what led them to eat a plant-based diet and the surprise benefits of eating this way. We'll also find out how people are doing with the challenge and whether they plan to make any changes to what they eat in the future. Bon appetit! - Anna Smith, Sustainability Group

'After God' – Circa Theatre

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 particularly. 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 Sound interesting?
Circa Theatre 17 October - 14 November.
Thanks
Mike Wespel-Rose

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. The Downtown Community Ministry (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

If you're looking for a film that will leave you feeling more hopeful about the future of our planet, I highly recommend *How to Live on Earth*, presented by British actor Benedict Cumberbatch. It's available to watch for free on YouTube (https://tinyurl.com/59j2jfa8). This beautifully filmed 96-minute documentary takes us on a fascinating journey around the world, exploring how we can build a future where both people and nature thrive. There are some wonderful highlights: elephants helping to restore African landscapes, the hidden networks that sustain rainforests, innovative ways of producing food, and the remarkable benefits of bringing nature back into our cities. It also explores the devastating impacts of mining and habitat destruction, alongside inspiring examples of river restoration and ecosystem recovery. The film's central message is that we need to stop working against nature and start working with it. It's informative, thought-provoking and ultimately uplifting viewing. Well worth making time for!
- 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
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	Jim and Maxine Cunningham
Sound	Ben Gray
Laptop	Ben Gray
Offering	Kath Kerr, Jenn Keenan
Coffee/tea	Janet Horncy, Katrina Harper, Viviene Mountier
Family Time	Rosemary Lawrence
Readings	John Harper
Prayers of the People	Lynne Dovey (CG)
Rainbow Room	
Library	
Musician	Peter Franklin
Service Leader	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

On duty November 15th	
Welcoming	Pat McGiven, Pam Fuller
Sound	Ben Gray
Laptop	Ben Gray
Offering	Lynette Burrell, Tony Pears
Coffee/tea	Aaron Cook, Hannah Carty, Kath Kerr
Family Time	Frank Cook (CG)
Readings	Rosemary Lawrence
Prayers of the People	Lynne Dovey
Rainbow Room	
Library	
Musician	Bruce Corkill
Service Leader	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday October 8th 10:00am Congregational service led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Exploring Faith

Wednesday October 11th 10:30am: Cuppa and Chat

12:15pm: Lunchtime Concert – Stringendo – Wellington Children's Orchestra

Sunday November 15th 10:00am Congregational service led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Congregational Conversation

STANDARD MONTHLY SUNDAY CYCLE OF ACTIVITIES AFTER SERVICE

1st Sunday	Communion Service followed by Community Brunch on even months
2nd Sunday	Congregational service followed by Exploring Faith
3rd Sunday	Congregational Conversation and Younger members' (Y) group (Quarterly)
4th Sunday	Social Justice Education Group
5th Sunday	If there is one, nothing planned

MISSION STATEMENT OF ST ANDREW'S ON THE TERRACE

To create a lively, open Christian faith community,
to act for a just and peaceful world, and to be catalysts for discovery,
compassion and celebration in the capital.

MINISTRY AT ST ANDREW'S – THE TEAM

Minister	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai
Parish Council Convenor	Pat Booth
Treasurer	Paul Barber
Facilities Management Group	Sandra Kirby
Pastoral Care Team	Maxine Cunningham, Pat Booth, Brian Burrell, Katrina Harper, Tony Kirby, Vivienne Mountier and Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai
Theologian in Residence	
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
Facilities Assistant(s)	Fynn Neeley-Grant, Isabella Oakley, Cooper Neeley-Grant, Cafer Kurnaz, Oliver Hope

St Andrew's on The Terrace

www.standrews.org.nz
30 The Terrace – P O Box 5203, Wellington 6145
Office Hours: 9 am – 5 pm Monday to Friday
Phone (04) 472-9211
office@standrews.org.nz

Find us on Facebook

Minister : Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai
Office: (04) 472-9376, Cell: 021-836 060
minister@standrews.org.nz

