

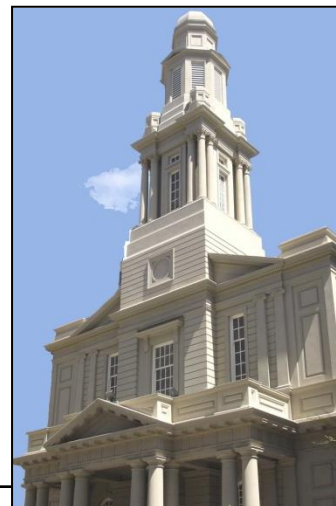
St Andrew's on The Terrace

Hato Anaru o Te Parehua

Founded 1840

ORDER OF SERVICE

13 November 2016



Pentecost 26



‘Letting doubt turn on the light’

WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ON THE TERRACE

Wherever you are on your faith's journey,
wherever you have come from and wherever you are going to,
whatever you believe, whatever you do not believe, you are welcome here.

Please join in the congregational responses printed in ***bold italics***.

Please stand if you are able, for the hymns and the offering prayer.

We will sing the hymns without announcement.

To use the loop system in the church, turn your hearing aids on to the appropriate setting.

Please note your nearest fire exit.

The church and hall have been earthquake strengthened. In an earthquake: drop, cover and hold.

GATHERING

Here we gather,
in various states of doubt and certainty,
sure of each other, but not necessarily sure of everything
Sometimes not even sure of each other or of what to do next;
So today as the world changes suddenly around us
wondering what will happen next,
we ponder doubt and contemplate certainty
in order to discern what to keep and what to let go;
In this sacred space,
we seek the wisdom which is divine.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

FFS 32 'God who sets us on a journey'

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God who sets us on a journey
to discover, dream and grow,
lead us as you led your people
in the desert long ago;
journey inward, journey outward,
stir the spirit, stretch the mind,
love for God and self and neighbour
marks the way that Christ defined.

Exploration brings new insights,
changes, choices we must face;
give us wisdom in deciding,
mindful always of your grace;
should we stumble, lose our bearings,
find it hard to know what's right,
we regain our true direction
focused on the Jesus light.

End our longing for the old days,
grant the vision that we lack
once we've started on this journey
there can be no turning back;
let us travel light, discarding
excess baggage from our past,
cherish only what's essential,
choosing treasure that will last.

When we set up camp and settle
to avoid love's risk and pain,
you disturb complacent comfort,
pull the tent pegs up again;
keep us travelling in the knowledge
you are always at our side;
give us courage for the journey,
Christ our goal and Christ our guide.

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou. *Kia ora.*

PRAYER

JESUS PRAYER

Jim Cotter paraphrase on card

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Ellen Murray

BLESSING THE CHILDREN *(All stand)*

We send you to the Rainbow Room programme to hear stories, ask questions
and have fun together. *We bless you. Amen.*

PASSING THE PEACE

Feel free to pass the peace with those nearby or move to greet others further away. Passing the peace consists of shaking hands and saying "Peace be with you." The response is "Peace be with you" or just "And with you." Or, simply saying "Hello" is a good idea. Also feel free to simply observe if you wish!

THE WORD IN TEXTS

Margaret Rushbrook

Hebrew Bible

Isaiah 65:17, 24-25

Contemporary reading

"Doubt: The Tides of Faith"

By Brian McLaren

...In a sense a person keeps finding faith and then becoming frustrated with it and in a sense losing it, and then finding a better version of it, and so on, maybe like a software upgrade....

That's what has happened for me. At this stage in my life, I have sifted and re-sifted, and some beliefs I've had to release, while others have proven themselves as "keepers." This is where Jesus is so wonderful and helpful to a person whose faith is in low tide, because Jesus looked at the whole

religious system of the Pharisees, which was enormously complex and full of inconsistencies, and in essence, he doubted it. He sifted out a lot of clutter, and boiled all the rest down to some beautiful essentials ... like loving God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength, and loving your neighbour as yourself. I would rather have someone be sure of those few essentials, and live by them, than have them be sure of a million fine points of systematic theology, and not live by Christ's call to love.

I sometimes think that our churches are like California, built on a San Andreas Fault of suppressed doubt. Under a beautiful surface, the pressure of unexpressed, unresolved doubt is building for more and more people, and sooner or later, the whole landscape will crack and crumble. The situation is intensified by this precarious point in history in which we find ourselves, this transition between a waning modern world, and an emerging postmodern world. As I see it, all of us have been discipled in a thoroughly modern version of Christianity, and here we are in the middle of a transition to a postmodern world. As a result, our modern apologetics and systematic theologies seem increasingly outdated for those of us who are more postmodern people. That's why I believe we are approaching a time of real upheaval, with people raising new postmodern questions that modern Christians haven't begun to answer yet.

RESPONSE

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

REFLECTION

'Doubting the right things'

Susan Jones

HYMN

FFS 67 'We are many, we are one'

Words and music © 1994 Colin Gibson

We are many, we are one,
and the work of Christ is done
when we learn to live in true community,
as the stars that fill the night,
as a flock of birds in flight,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the branches of a tree,
as the waves upon the sea,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.

All division is made whole
when we honour every soul,
find the life of God in every you and me,
as the fingers of a hand,
as the grains that form the sand,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the threads upon a loom,
as a field of flowers in bloom,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.

We will join creation's song
make a world where all belong,
build as one in peace and loving harmony,
as the voices of a choir,
as the flames within a fire,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the snowflakes in the snow,
as the colours of a bow,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Living on the fault line of faith is uncomfortable
Bedrock we thought was solid shows signs of slippage,
We wonder if the centre can indeed hold
And are nervous of the future.*

*Belief in propositions seems to be too unwieldly
For our fast moving world;
As soon as we write them
they become inadequate in changing times
Faith which is trust in the journey
Proves more portable in our mobile world
Faith which is relationship
Provides companionship on the path*

*We affirm the warmth of friendship
We affirm the freedom of pilgrimage
We affirm the value of doubt
and the appropriateness of uncertainty;
We affirm trust, hope and love
and the greatest of these is love.*

OFFERING PRAYER

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 not already in the order of service, 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

Susan Jones

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Tonga and Christian World Service partners The Human Rights and Democracy Movement working for a more democratic form of government and good governance through awareness raising, advocacy and lobbying, and the Tonga Community Development Trust's work focusing on development for women. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Denis O'Rourke and Pita Paraone List MP's. Here in Wellington, we pray for Wadestown Presbyterian Church.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

on card

HYMN

'Celebrate the life we're given'

Words: © Susan Jones 2015 Tune: Austria

Celebrate the life we're given
Grace on grace, where love abounds
Celebrate the world around us
Blue and green, where birdsong sounds
Celebrate sun's rise and setting
'cross the harbour, over hills
Everything reflects its maker
Beauty, love, joy; each heart fills.

We choose to live lives of meaning
even when the sky turns grey.
We choose to continue journeying
Taking brave steps, straight and gay.
We choose wrestling with doubt or danger,
Trials which shadow and haunt our way.
Every moment we're companioned,
Love walks with us, every day.

BLESSING

SUNG AMEN

THANK YOU

Bruce Corkill
Our musician today

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*There is a 2-hour parking limit on the street in the Wellington CBD on Sundays.
If you are staying for an after-church activity, you can move your car into the car park,
or move to a new space on the street.*

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.



AUDIO REFLECTIONS

Sunday reflections are usually available on our website.
<http://www.standrews.org.nz/sunday-gathering/orders-of-service>

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

SUNDAY ROSTERS

A folder with an outline of each duty is now kept on the back table. 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	Linda & Norman Wilkins
Sound	Tony Cowdry
Offering	James Cone, Margaret Pannett
Coffee/tea	Graham Howell, Peter Bacos, Kath Kerr
Time with the Children	Ellen Murray
Readings	Margaret Rushbrook
Prayers of the People	Susan Jones
Musician	Bruce Corkill
Rainbow Room Helper	Molly Seah

On duty Sunday 20 November	
Welcoming	Jim & Maxine Cunningham
Sound	Peter Cowley
Offering	Paul Satherley, Paul Barber
Coffee/tea	Laura Hicks, Melissa Van Echten, Wendy & Andrew Matthews
Time with the Adults	
Readings	Joan Tyler
Prayers of the People	Lynne Dovey
Musician	Mark Stamper
Rainbow Room Helper	Lois Robertson

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 13 November Sunday Gathering led by Susan Jones.

Followed by Annual General Meeting

2.30pm Music Futures Concert

Wednesday 16 November Cuppa and a Chat from 10.30am in the Centre

Wednesday 16 November 12.15pm Lunchtime Concert | 'Battle for the Barithrone' Jamie Henare, Hoe Haddow, Will King and William McElwee accompanied by Heather Easting.

Thursday 17 November 12.30pm Centering Prayer in the Centre.

Sunday 20 November Sunday Gathering led by Susan Jones.

Followed by Social Justice Meeting

ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES

SPRING SERIES

'Thinking about Important Things in Spring' is a series, continuing on **Sundays 13th and 20th November**. In these Gatherings, Susan wonder out loud on the following themes: Despair/Hope, Doubt/Certainty and Being Whole/Being Partial. The final Gathering will commemorate the International Transgender Day of Remembrance (see below). Where The Glamaphones will join us.

ST ANDREW'S ON THE TERRACE AGM

The St Andrew's on The Terrace Annual General Meeting will take place following the service today. Annual Reports are available for your information.

PLANNING FUTURE GATHERINGS

There will be a brief meeting after church for any interested in assisting with Gatherings in any way on **November 27th** (Advent One and St Andrew's Day) **December 4th** (Advent Two) January 1st (complete service) and **Feb 5th** (Waitangi Day weekend). This will be for initial expressions of interest to be followed by a fuller meeting on **Wednesday November 22nd 7.30pm - 9pm**.

MURAL CARDS ON SALE TODAY - CASH OR CHEQUE

Cards picturing 12 mural stencils and 12 words from the mural on the wall are sale after each Sunday service during November, and from the office during the week. \$10 per packet of 6 cards. The proceeds will be donated to Outerspaces, a Charitable Trust which supports groups working with GLBTQ youth Wellington.

TIME TO PREPARE - ROSTERS DECEMBER 2016 - FEBRUARY 2017

Thank you to everyone who has already sent in their availability for the next roster period December - February. If you haven't done so yet and are planning to be away during this time and know the dates, please let us to know ASAP so that we can take them into account. By doing this you will ensure that you won't need to make swaps once the roster is sent out. Please note that for December there will be separate signup sheets for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services. Please email Karyn in the office at office@standrews.org.nz to advise of only the date/s you are not available. If we do not hear from you then we will assume that you are happy to be called on throughout the roster period. Thank you and kind regards, Rosemary & Karyn

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General Assembly is being held in Dunedin from **15-19 November**. The theme is 'HOPE for the world' You can sign up for daily updates on

<http://www.pcanzassembly.org.nz/>

A Hope Conference runs alongside the Assembly business for anyone who wishes to enrol. www.pcanzassembly.org.nz/.

The Moderator Designate is sending out regular GA updates on this link:

http://www.presbyterian.org.nz/sites/public_files/10_Aug_GA16_Update.pdf

ABOUT TDOR - 20 NOVEMBER

"The Transgender Day of Remembrance was set aside to memorialize those who were killed due to anti-transgender hatred or prejudice. The event is held in November to honour Rita Hester, whose murder on November 28th, 1998 kicked off the "[Remembering Our Dead](#)" web project and a San Francisco candlelight vigil in 1999. Rita Hester's murder — like most anti-transgender murder cases — is yet to be solved. Although not every person represented during the Day of Remembrance self-identified as transgender — that is, as a transsexual, crossdresser, or otherwise gender-variant — each was a victim of violence based on bias against transgender people.

We live in times more sensitive than ever to hatred based violence, especially since the events of September 11th. Yet even now, the deaths of those based on anti-transgender hatred or prejudice are largely ignored. Over the last decade, more than one person per month has died due to transgender-based hate or prejudice, regardless of any other factors in their lives. This trend shows no sign of abating.

The Transgender Day of Remembrance serves several purposes. It raises public awareness of hate crimes against transgender people, an action that current media doesn't perform. Day of Remembrance publicly mourns and honours the lives of our brothers and sisters who might otherwise be forgotten. Through the vigil, we express love and respect for our people in the face of national indifference and hatred. Day of Remembrance reminds non-transgender people that we are their sons, daughters, parents, friends and lovers. Day of Remembrance gives our allies a chance to step forward with us and stand in vigil, memorializing those of us who've died by anti-transgender violence." Note: This page was taken from

<http://www.rememberingourdead.org/day/what.html>

BRIDAL SHOWER

Linda Wilkins writes: "We are holding a bridal shower for Melissa and Laura who will be married in the US in January. Everyone is invited for afternoon tea on **Sunday 4th December at 3pm** in Rooms 1&2 in the Centre. This is our opportunity to "shower" this couple with our best wishes and have a little fun!"

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

MUSIC FUTURES – end of year function

Valerie Rhodes writes: It's almost time to wind up another successful year with a celebratory event on **Sunday, 13th November**. Donald Armstrong will talk about his career in music, from an urchin in "Oliver" in the 1960s to his current role as Associate Concertmaster of the NZ Symphony Orchestra, chamber musician and teacher. This will be followed by a concert by four of his students. After the concert in the church, we will meet and mingle over a festive afternoon tea in the church hall. Here's another way you can help us raise a little more money. If you have CDs or music videos that are no longer your favourites, would you please donate them to us? Bring them along on the day and we will have a sales table. All CDs will be \$5 and music videos \$10 (or \$5 per DVD in a set).

2.30 pm on **Sunday, 13th November** at St Andrew's on The Terrace

Pay at the door: \$10 members; \$15 general admission; \$5 students up to age 21.

Just so we have an idea of numbers for catering purposes, would you please contact Rex Benson Ph 971-7485 or email rex.benson@paradise.net.nz

If you decide to come at the last minute, that's fine – I'm sure there will be plenty of afternoon tea. It's going to be a great afternoon – please join us!

For further details, please speak to Valerie Rhodes 473 -2224

BLOOD DRIVE AT ST ANDREWS CHURCH HALL!

Thursday 24th November 9.00am to 2.00pm

Please call 0800 200 430 to make an appointment today! You must bring suitable ID

Please make sure you have had plenty to drink and have had something

substantial to eat in the four hours prior to donating. Some donors have medical conditions, are on medication, or have had treatment that will need to be discussed with a NZBS donor nurse but do not necessarily prevent you from donating.

If you have ANY queries please call us on 0800 448 325.

THE WELLINGTON MALE VOICE CHOIR

Presents "Brothers Sing On" a variety programme on **Sunday 27 November** at 2.30pm

at St Andrew's on The Terrace. Cost \$25 door sales on the day or call Ph 234 6242.

Conducted by Bruce Cash, accompanied by Shona Murray, guest tenor soloist Noel Signal. Proceeds in support of the Wellington Free Ambulance.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL PRESENTS BUILDING HOPE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

An evening with Anna Neistat on Thursday 1st December 5.30pm at Sustainability Trust, Forrester Lane, Wellington. Refreshments provided. For tickets and further information visit <http://us1.campaign->

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FOR YOUR NOTES AND THOUGHTS



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	Susan Jones
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Parish Council Clerk	Maxine Cunningham
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Facilities Management Group	Douglas Wood
Pastoral Convenors	Fiona McDougal, Brian Burrell, Linda Wilkins
Church Music Coordinator	Vivien Chiu
Theologian in Residence	Lloyd Geering
Presbytery Representative	Heather Macfarlane
Concert Coordinator	Marjan van Waardenberg
Rainbow Room Coordinator	Chris Carey-Smith
Church, Conference and Arts Manager	David Medland
Office Administrator	Karyn Bishop
Custodian, SATRS Administrator	Peter Cowley
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