



ORDER OF SERVICE

9 December 2018

2nd Sunday in Advent



"Preparing the Way of Peace"

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.

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.



The Christian World Service 2018 Appeal puts the spotlight on our responsibilities to each other and the planet our home. In 2015, the United Nations agreed to a new agenda for sustainable development made up of 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

Goal 16 is a commitment to [promote peace](#) and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all, and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.

Support the 2018 Christmas Appeal

GATHERING

We gather in this place

looking towards the light of summer

We gather in this place

hoping for laughter and longing for joy

We gather in this place

wondering how to play our part

in preparing the way of peace

And so we gather in this place (Sue McRae)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

AA 155 'Where Mountains Rise'

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Music by Vernon Griffiths © 1971 Faber Music Ltd

1. Where mountains rise to open skies
your name, O God, is echoed far,
from island beach to kauri's reach,
in water's light, in lake and star.
2. Your people's heart, your people's part
be in our caring for this land,
for faith to flower, for aroha*
to let each other's mana** stand.

3. From broken word, from conflict stirred,
from lack of vision, set us free
to see the line of your design,
to feel creation's energy.
4. Your love be known, compassion shown,
that every child have equal scope:
in justice done, in trust begun
shall be our heritage and hope.
5. Where mountains rise to open skies
your way of peace distil the air,
your spirit bind all humankind,
one covenant of life to share!

** aroha = Maori word for "all-embracing love"*

*** mana = Maori for "dignity, prestige"*

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou

Kia ora

LIGHTING THE 2ND ADVENT CANDLE: PEACE

For those whose lives are disrupted by conflict,
For those whose lives are overwhelmed by despair,
For those whose daily lives are crushed by busyness,
We light the candle of peace. (CWS prayer)

PRAYER

Sue McRae

from "Clearing the Way: En Route to an Ecumenical Spirituality" by Gwen Cashmore and Joan Puls

JESUS PRAYER

Jim Cotter paraphrase on card

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rosemary Lawrence

BLESSING THE CHILDREN *(All stand)*

We send you to the Rainbow Room, 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 just observe if you wish!

THE WORD IN TEXTS

Andrew Matthews

Hebrew Bible

Malachi 3:1-2

Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

Contemporary reading

Rex A E Hunt

Australian liturgist and social ecologist

It is impossible to get to Christmas without first meeting up with John, nicknamed the 'dipper' or 'baptiser.' John reminds us:
pay attention.

something new is needed

think outside the square

go beyond the mind that you have been given and have acquired

Preparing for the coming of God's realm means washing and evaluating the lenses through which we read the Bible or understand God or church or traditional doctrine, as well as the transformation of life, individually and as a society, here and now.

RESPONSE

for the Word that was in the beginning,

for the Word reborn in our hearts,

for the word embodied in us

We give thanks. (Bronwyn Angela White)

HYMN

AA 89 'Light of lights beholden'

by Jenny McLeod

1. Light of lights beholden
we from days of olden
sang this song,
for to understand
that peace upon this planet
was pledged to come.
Each to other, sister, brother,
Born for life and song.

2. Darkness all around us,
light has always found us,
light will come
where the dark is deepest,
greater light will keep us
safe from harm.
Troubled times will always find
A voice of troubled doom,

*look towards the light and carry on:
let the simple heart and hope among us
keep our family strong,
let the simple hear and hope among us
keep our family strong.*

REFLECTION 1

Maxine Cunningham

Reflection on Luke 3 reading and Peace Making

Sung response

CH4 528

Make me a channel of your peace,
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness ever joy.

REFLECTION 2

Sue McRae

Peace Making

Sung response repeat as above

REFLECTION 3

Margaret Rushbrook

Peace Making

Sung response repeat as above

OFFERING

As the offerings are gathered we listen to a recording of
"Ev'ry Valley Shall be Exalted" from Handel's Messiah.
Tenor -Thomas Randle Orchestra – BBC Philharmonic.

OFFERING PRAYER

As we bring these offerings of money and food,
may we share the gifts of peace, reconciliation and goodwill.

***May these gifts feed those who hunger for daily bread and justice,
and support this faith community as we work for justice and peace.***

Amen. (Bronwyn Angela White)

We recognise and bless the gifts brought to the table and those given to support the mission of the church through automatic payment.

LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY OF ST ANDREW'S

People share notices. 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 North Korea and all those working to defend human rights in North Korea. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Julie Anne Genter and Golriz Ghahraman list MPs. Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of Eltham/Kaponga Co-operating Church.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

on card

HYMN

IECS 51 'Now the Greening of the Summer'

Words © 1992 Shirley Erena Murray, Tune Hymn to Joy WOV 92

1. Now the greening of the summer
Tells the turning of the year,
For the coming of the Christ Child
Make the way to Christmas clear!
In the trading, in the traffic,
in the overload of stress,
Craft a cradle for compassion,
Find a place for peacefulness.
2. John the Baptist strode before us,
Prophets shouted in the wild –
Happy those who hear the message,
See the hope within the Child:
Not the packaging of Jesus
in the gift wrap of a toy,
but the meaning of the manger
be our longing, be our joy!
3. As St. Andrew told his brother,
Brought his neighbours and his friends,
Let the Good News waken gladness
As the new-born Word intends;
follow on, St. Andrew's people
where the winds of faith have blown:
In our hearts and in our city
be Christ Jesus loved and known.

SUNG BLESSING (In Maori)

WOV 679 'Ma Te Marie'

Traditional Maori hymn Tune: Old Hundredth

Ma te ma-rie a te A-tua

The Peace of God

ta tou ka-toa e ti-a-ki;

keep us all.

Ma-na a-no e wha-ka-u

God will confirm

O ta-tou nga-kau ki te pai.

our hearts in goodness

SUNG AMEN

THANK YOU

Bruce Corkill

Our musician today

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AUDIO REFLECTIONS

Sunday reflections are usually available on our website.

<http://www.standrews.org.nz/category/sunday-gathering>

*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.

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

Our **CHRISTMAS BRUNCH**, in the Hall, follows today's service. Even if you did not bring food, please join us.

DECEMBER

Sunday 9 December 10am Second Sunday in Advent. Gathering led by the Parish Council followed by a 'plastic-free' Christmas brunch in the hall.

Thursday 13 December - last Parish Council Meeting at Susan and Roger's home

Sunday 16 December 10am Third Sunday in Advent, Carol services led by Susan with the St Andrew's Singers.

Wednesday 19 December 12.15pm Lunchtime singalong Carol Service "Carols Old and New", led by Susan Jones with Bruce Cash, organist.

Sunday 23 December 10am Fourth Sunday in Advent led by Susan.

Monday 24 December 7.30pm for 8pm start: Christmas Eve Gathering with Communion led by Susan.

Tuesday 25 December 10am Christmas Day Gathering led by Susan.

Sunday 30 December 10am Sunday Gathering led by Susan.

MISSING EQUIPMENT

Our mobile equipment has become too mobile.

4 or 5 treble tables have disappeared from the hall, as has one of the trolleys from the kitchen.

We are checking with all our users but we also wanted to check with the congregation in case anyone has 'borrowed' these items.

It goes without saying that we would like them back!

If you do want to borrow anything at all from the Centre can you please first check with the office.

Also, if you are involved in an evening meeting, once everyone has arrived, can you please ensure that the outside door is closed.

We now have bell at the door if anyone arrives late. That will help keep the Centre secure.

CHRISTMAS CAKES

Maxine has 2 medium sized cakes left over from our baking orders (\$22 each).

Available in the hall lunchtime Sunday. Contact Maxine jimax117@gmail.com.

Proceeds will go to the Organ Restoration fund.

HEALTH AND SAFETY PLEASE BE AWARE

The health and safety of everyone in our community is important. It is good that lots of people remain after the Gathering for morning tea. Here we have a lively mixture of hot drinks, elderly people, children and a number of people in a small space. Please watch for children. We have supplied areas to sit and enjoy your conversation. Please feel free to move chairs in the last couple of rows to make more room. 'All' are welcome, let's keep 'all' safe! Susan

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Monday 10th December, 2:45pm – 6:30pm, Old Government Building Lecture Theatre 1 (GBLT1). Register at <https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/70th-anniversary-of-the-signing-of-the-universal-declaration-of-human-rights-tickets-53114546037>.

SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME – NORTHLAND KIDZ CLUB

Every day, we're out-and-about exploring the Wellington area.

We'll be ice-skating, swimming, go-karting and playing mini-golf, seeing kids theatre, productions, going on tours, playing ten-pin bowls, not to mention "Mission Inflatable", "Time Cinema", going to Somes / Matiu Island, doing a Circus Workshop and much more. \$45 per child per day (third child onwards \$20), 8.30 a.m to 6 p.m.

For details, check out our website (www.nkc.org.nz) , or contact Jan on cell (022-140-2612) , e-mail (nkc.jan@gmail.com).



Growing herbs has been a lifeline to Palestinians living in Aqaba village. Thanks to the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees, they have been able to build eight tunnel houses. Every 40 days they harvest a crop that they will dry and blend to make herbal tea bags. The tea bags are packaged for sale, but their machine is too old. They need a new one. The village is surrounded by arable land, but most of it is occupied by the military. Better teabag production will improve family incomes and security.

Be the lifeline to communities standing for peace. Support the 2018 Christmas Appeal.



**St Andrew's on The Terrace invites you
to celebrate Christmas 2018**

Sunday 16 December

10am Lesson and Carols Gathering
with St Andrew's Singers

Wednesday 19 December

12.15pm 'Carols Old and New'
Sing-a-long Carol Concert
(Note corrected time)

Monday 24 December

7.30pm. Sherry/juice and Christmas cake
8pm Christmas Eve Carol service & communion

Tuesday 25 December

10am Christmas Day Gathering

All Sunday Gatherings during December and January
begin at 10am and include morning tea.

St Andrew's Centre re opens Jan 7

Queries: 04 472 9211 or office@standrews.org.nz

See www.standrews.org.nz for recordings of Gatherings



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	Tony Kirby, Pam Fuller
Sound	Sue Hirst
Offering	Barrie Keenan, John Morgan
Coffee/tea/brunch	Andrew and Wendy Matthews, Laura and Melissa Van Echten
Time with the Children	Rosemary Lawrence
Readings	Andrew Matthews
Prayers of the People	Lois Robertson
Musician	Bruce Corkill
Rainbow Room Helper	Roger Jones

On duty Sunday 16 December	
Welcoming	David Patchett
Sound	Frank Cook
Offering	Graham Howell, Kath Kerr
Coffee/tea	Barrie and Jenn Keenan, Roger Jones
Readings	Ann Barrie
Prayers of the People	Catriona Cairns
Musician	Bruce Cash
Rainbow Room Helper	Ross Scott

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 9 December 10am Sunday Gathering led by Parish Council followed by a 'plastic free' Christmas brunch in the hall.

Tuesday 11 December 12.45pm Centering Prayer in the Centre

Wednesday 12 December Cuppa and a Chat from 10.30am in the Centre

Wednesday 12 December 12.15pm Lunchtime Concert - A Christmas Cracker - Seasonal Music including carols old and new with Local Vocals directed by Simon Christie, Andrew Weir (trumpet) and Paul Rosoman (organ).

Thursday 13 December 6pm Parish Council meeting at Susan's place.

Sunday 16 December 10am Sunday Gathering led by Susan Jones with the St Andrew's Singers, followed by Social Justice Education Group.

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
Parish Council Convenor	Lynne Dovey
Treasurer	Paul Barber
Facilities Management Group	Sandra Kirby
Pastoral Convenors	Linda Wilkins, Maxine Cunningham, Brian Burrell and Pat Booth
Church Music Coordinator	Vivien Chiu
Theologian in Residence	Lloyd Geering
Presbytery Representative	Lois Robertson
Concert Coordinator	Marjan van Waardenberg
Social Justice Co-ordinator	Margaret Rushbrook
Rainbow Room Coordinator	Jules Collinson
Centre Manager	Laetitia Brunell
Office Administrator	Jillene Everett
Facilities Assistants	Hamish Dick and Susana-Christie Malaki
Roster Coordinator	Rosemary Lawrence

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