

ORDER OF SERVICE

24 November 2019

St Andrew's Day

Pentecost 24



‘Bringing others to the Encounter’

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.

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

Printed copies of the reflection are available at the back of the church for people with extreme hearing loss. For others they can be picked up at the end of the Gathering.

Please note your nearest fire exit.

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

GATHERING

Andrew met Jesus and knew this was a life changing moment

He brought Peter to the encounter

We look at the census and know this is a life changing moment for church

Who will we bring to the encounter?

We look at theology interpreted by depth psychology; a life changing moment for theologising.

Who needs to be at this encounter?

We look at how we encounter spirit in these times

Who will we invite to encounter spirit with us?

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

**'Our delight is in the living'
A hymn of delight in the world**

Words: © Susan Jones 2014-2015 Tune: WOV 68 Praise my Soul

Our delight is in the broadness
of the world dawn brings to sight;
Harbour, beach and islands' structure,
plain and hilltop, mountains' might;
Thanks be giv'n for nature's beauty,
celebrate each new day's light.

Our delight is in the living
of each moment every day,
working, playing, walking, sleeping,
being family, straight, bi, gay;
Grace be giv'n for every minute,
wisdom for each interplay.

Our delight is in the creatures
sharing with us this our place,
moths and birds with stunning markings,
dolphins moving with sweet grace;
Thanks be giv'n for all creation,
celebrate each life, each space.

Our delight is in the loving
of each other as we may;
Searching, finding, liking, loving,
talking, list'ning on the way;
Thanks be giv'n for our affections,
celebrate them night and day.

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou.

Kia ora.

PRAYER

JESUS PRAYER

Jim Cotter paraphrase on card

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Susan Jones

FLUTE SOLO

In which Christopher Robin leads an expedition to the North Pole

Based on a story of Winnie the Pooh by A.A. Milne

Music for solo flute by: Maria Grenfell, **played by Jillene Everett**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

David Douglas, Laura Hurtado Roberts

AFFIRMATION

Seeking to progress in my spiritual walk:

I believe diverse sources of wisdom are available to us;
and following the Jesus Way leads to
awareness of the Sacred and the Unity of all life.

I value community which includes all types and styles of faith, belief and people;
and questions more than absolute answers;
and how the search for wisdom and understanding deepens awareness.

I strive as I am able, for peace and justice among all people;
to protect and restore the integrity of our Earth.

I commit, as I am able, to
a path of life-long learning, compassion, and selfless love,
knowing the true expression of what I believe
is how I behave towards other people.
So may it be.

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.***

HYMN

'When we were young our God was huge'

A hymn of faith stages

Words © March 2019 Susan Jones. Tune: WOV 56 Amazing Grace

When we were young our God was huge, grey bearded, distant, tall;
He ruled the earth and knew each move, judged all, both great and small.

We learned of Love shown by the man who walked here long ago,
but others blotted out, with guilt, the peace we longed to know.

Then as we grew, we changed our view; we questioned, thought and prayed;
Our God became less gruff and cold, her colours more displayed.

So we have learned that God is like a rainbow in the sky,
embracing many different hues; transgender, gay, straight, bi.

A rainbow God is colourful; accepting, bright and gay;
Like joy which shines right through the rain, joy which won't go away.

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

Jenn Keenan

Hebrew Bible

Exodus 3:1-14

Gospel

John 1:35-42

Contemporary reading

from 'The Colour Purple'

By Alice Walker

"...Here's the thing, say Shug. The thing I believe. God is inside you and inside everybody else. You come into the world with God. But only them that search for it inside find it. And sometimes it just manifest itself even if you not looking, or don't know what you looking for. Trouble do it for most folks, I think. Sorrow, lord. Feeling like shit. It? I ask. Yeah, It. God ain't a he or a she, but a It. But what do it look like? I ask. Don't look like nothing, she say. It ain't a picture show. It ain't something you can look at apart from anything else, including yourself. I believe God is everything, say Shug. Everything that is or ever was or ever will be. And when you can feel that, and be happy to feel that, you've found it."

RESPONSE

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

REFLECTION

'Bringing others to the Encounter'

Susan Jones

HYMN (sung seated)

'Let us reach down deep inside us.'
A hymn about finding the Self within

Words © 2015 Susan Jones

Tune: Gaelic Traditional Melody. Arr © John Bell. FFS 10(i)

Let us reach down deep inside us to the place where quiet reigns;
Find the Self who lives inside us knows our joy and knows our pains:
Let our ego stand aside there, shadow sharing space with light.
Let our inner selves rejoice at how Love shines in darkest night.

Wind and fire and earthquake pass but Spirit is not found in them;
Still, small voice is hardly heard, but brings Love which does not condemn.
In lives buffeted by windstorms, rocked by quakes and scorched by fire,
stillness brings surprising solace as we find there, hearts' desire.

Sacred calm means minds can settle, hearts grow quiet, souls grow still;
Busy thinking slows its rhythm, gives compassion chance to fill.
Even long-forgotten scars heal as new balm brings a new way;
Every space and every crevice warms as Love arrives to stay

OFFERING PRAYER *(said together)*

We give back what we have already been given. We give out of gratitude and love. May these gifts reach the people they need to reach and achieve the purpose for which they are intended.

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

Barrie Keenan

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Syria and the Syrian Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East. We remember the detainees of Manus and Nauru Islands, yearning that their cases be resolved. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Amy Adams (Selwyn electorate) and Jacinda Adern (Mt Albert electorate). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of Miramar Uniting Church.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

on card

HYMN

'And did those feet in former times'

A hymn about Jesus walking Aotearoa NZ

Words: © Susan Jones 2000: this version 2014 and 2018

Tune: CH 4 #106 Jerusalem

And did those feet in former times
walk upon scree and tussock brown
and did the man, Jesus the Christ
cross mountains high and rolling downs?
and did he know the morning mist?
and did he know the harbour's sheen?
and did he love the cityscape
its terraced streets, the urban scene?

And does he still walk this our land,
talking and laughing with us yet?
And does he know that stab of need
when neighbours snub, and worse, neglect?
And is he there when wine is poured?
And is he there when bread's prepared?
And does he smile when good is done?
And does he weep when it is not?

Be with us Christ, as we step out.
Come with us on our lifelong quest.
Be our true guide, on our right hand,
be with us, walking and at rest.
So we will know life to the full,
be there to see us through the night.
For we would be your followers,
pursue your Way with all our might.

BLESSING

SUNG AMEN

THANK YOU

Peter Franklin

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>

Wellington City Council now charges for weekend parking on the street. As well as that, there is a two hour parking limit. If you have parked on the street initially and are staying for an after-church activity, it may be possible to move your car into the St Andrew's/Braemar car park but please be careful that you do not block anyone in.

We welcome all visitors and invite you to stay for morning tea or coffee.

As this is Susan's last Sunday we will gather for lunch in the Hall to take the opportunity to farewell Susan and Roger. 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

GATHERINGS FOR DECEMBER 2019

- December 1st Advent 1 – Catriona Cairns – Interim Moderator.
- December 8th Advent 2 – Rainbow Room Children's Service
- December 15th Advent 3 – Service of Readings and Carols for Advent and Christmas led by Sandra Kirby
- December 18th (Wednesday) 12-15pm – Community Lunchtime Carol Service
- December 22nd Advent 4 – Norman Wilkins
- December 24th Christmas Eve - 7-30pm sherry/orange juice and Christmas cake. 8-00pm service led by Jim Cunningham.
- December 25th Christmas Day – Fiona McDougal
- December 29th First Sunday after Christmas – Jim Cunningham - Reflecting on the meaning of Christmas. -Quiet service of readings, reflections and music.

AMNESTY EVENT

10th December is International Human Rights Day. Also on this day, world wide, Amnesty International is promoting a "Write for Rights" day. People all over the world will be writing letters on behalf of human rights advocates.

We will be organising a letter writing event here at St Andrews on that day between 12 noon and 2pm. We will have case information for several human rights activists, letter writing materials and letter writing guides.

This will be at the back of the church, near the front door. We hope to attract people to come in off the street and take part. But it would also be great if members of the congregation could also attend and write letters.

If you would like to think about this beforehand and maybe prepare a letter, Amnesty resources about the event are available at this link. <https://write.amnesty.org.nz/>

Thanks everyone, Mike Wespel-Rose and John Morgan

ROSTER VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR OPERATING THE LAPTOP

Now new screens have been installed, we need to add another duty to Sunday rosters.

If you would like to operate the laptop, (sitting alongside the sound operator at the back of the church), please let Jillene know by emailing office@standrews.org.nz.

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

METHODIST AND PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ADVENT GATHERING

Sunday 1st December 2019, at 2.30pm at Waiwhetu Uniting Church, Lower Hutt. All welcome. For more information see Lois Robertson.

ASIST APPLIED SUICIDE INTERVENTION SKILLS TRAINING

Wellington, 28-29 November 2019, 9am-5pm.

Info and booking link: www.a-0k.nz/asist

FESTIVAL SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND DRAMA CHRISTI CHILDRENS PLAY

Festival Singers, "High Summer Holds the Earth"

Exquisite Choral Music for the Christmas Season

2:30pm Sunday 1 December 2019, St John's Anglican Church, 18 Bassett Road, Johnsonville, Wellington 6037. Tickets \$10. Book online through Eventbrite at www.festivalsingers.wordpress.com/

The choir will be taking a separate koha / collection at the door for the Wellington City Mission. Free admission for Primary and Secondary School pupils.

Drama Christi presents between the lines

Two children find themselves inside a storybook and discover the characters are not what they expected. 75 Taranaki Street. Thurs 28 and Friday 29th November 7:30pm, Sat 30 and Sun 30 Nov, 1 Dec 4:00pm. www.dramachristi.org.nz Bookings 389 9879. Entry by koha for Christian World Service.

PEACE MOVEMENT AOTEAROA

West Papua flag raising at parliament, Wellington, Monday, 2 December, at 1pm

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/729949114173855>

THE WORLD'S BIG SLEEP OUT HUTT CITY, NEW ZEALAND

On the 7th of December, 50,000 people will be sleeping out under the stars, to help those who have no other choice.

Join us and Sir Richard Taylor at McEwan Park and be part of one of the 50 major sleep out events happening globally.

With performances confirmed from Will Smith, Dame Helen Mirren, The Script, Tom Walker, Travis, Frank Turner, at many of our events across the world, you will be joining a global campaign to call for an end to global homelessness.

Register at <https://www.bigsleepout.com/join-a-sleep-out/hutt-city>

RAINBOW WELLINGTON END OF YEAR LUNCH

Sunday 8 December 2019 12.30pm at The Southern Cross (Tree House area), Abel Tasman St, Wellington. For something different this year we are holding a lunch three course buffet style with Vegetarian/Vegan and gluten free options available.

Cost: \$40 for Rainbow Wellington Financial members, \$50 for Non-Members

Please reserve your place by making an online payment to: Rainbow Wellington, Bank Account 03-0566-0164688-000. In the Payee information please include your name and reference "Lunch".

CELEBRATING 180 YEARS

In 2020, St Andrews on the Terrace will celebrate 180 years.

This is the logo we will be using throughout the year.



Gathering Memories. A lot of historical material is stored in the church cupboards; two complete histories have been already printed and two overviews written – one for the Presbytery 50 Years Celebration and one for our website. There are many other records of actions and declarations St Andrew’s has made in recent years.

We decided we would collect all this material and more for a bound book we are calling “**Our Book of Memories**”. We have permission to use three chapters from the Rev Jack Sommerville’s life story which cover his time at St Andrews and also a Memoir from the Rev John Murray. There are others, including Susan. There will be Orders of Service, hymns and prayers we are using now. Some activities that will be recorded include the building and the operation of the St Andrew’s Centre and ‘Saving St Andrews’.

Several people have already been asked, but we invite any member to write a memory for this book, how they came to attend St Andrews or what they value. There are also three activities planned throughout the year:

A Gathering at the Iona Cross on Petone Beach, 2pm, Sunday 23rd February. This is the anniversary of the landing of the first members of St Andrews Parish with Rev John Macfarlane, a man renowned for his rapport with Maori, his advocacy for Maori and his fluency in te reo. This event is still being shaped and discussions about the final outcome are continuing as we speak.

A Celebration Dinner will be held in July - planning for this will start after Easter.

A Historical Sunday Gathering later in the year will use mainly historical material.

There are a lot of interesting “objects” of significance in the church. We hope to give little talks, as part of a Gathering, on some of these throughout the year.

“Gather the people, Tell the stories, Break the Bread” - Marcus Borg
Lois Robertson

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 and Norman Wilkins
Sound	Bronwyn White
Offering	Graham Howell, Joan Tyler
Coffee/tea/Farewell luncheon	Andrew Matthews, Sue Hirst, Wendy Matthews plus volunteers
Time with the Children	Susan Jones
Readings	Jenn Keenan
Prayers of the People	Barrie Keenan
Musician	Peter Franklin
Rainbow Room Helper	Sandra Kirby

On duty Sunday 1 December

Welcoming	Margaret Rushbrook, Trish McBride
Sound	Tony Cowdry
Offering	Bridget Martin, John Morgan
Coffee/tea	Gillian Feist, Lois Robertson, Mike Wespel-Rose
Time with the Children	Practice for play
Readings	Lynne Dovey
Prayers of the People	Patricia Booth
Communion	Ann Barrie, Frank Cook, Graham Howell, Kath Kerr, Norman Wilkins
Musician	Bruce Corkill
Rainbow Room Helper	Ellen Murray

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 24 November 10am Sunday Gathering led by Susan Jones followed by Susan and Roger's farewell luncheon.

Wednesday 27 November Cuppa and a Chat from 10.30am in the Centre

Wednesday 27 November 12.15pm Lunchtime Concert - Stringendo Wellington Children's Orchestra. Conductor Donald Maurice

Sunday 1 December 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev. Catriona Cairns, communion followed by congregational conversation.

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
Theologian in Residence	Lloyd Geering
Presbytery Representative	Lois Robertson
Concert Coordinator	Marjan van Waardenberg
Faith in Action Co-ordinator	Margaret Rushbrook
Rainbow Room Coordinator	Jules Collinson
Centre Manager	Laetitia Brunell
Office Administrator	Jillene Everett
Facilities Assistants	Julia Caulfield and Nick Lee
Roster Coordinator	Rosemary Lawrence

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