

ORDER OF SERVICE

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Advent 2

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**, and 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.

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 Fiona McDougal and Rev. Dr Jim Cunningham

GATHERING

We gather here today,

each from our own homes and families, work and lives,

bringing fresh experiences, old troubles and future excitements.

Some have come quietly and thoughtfully,

some wondering or weary,

Some happy and glad

to be with each other, to share who we are and to open to what may become.

We have travelled on different tracks, wandered far and near.

but choose to be together here,

to walk together a wise and ancient path, a way of truth and life.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

COC 30 (i) 'Look toward Christmas'

Words © Shirley Erena Murray, Music © Jillian Bray 1996 (3 verses)

Look toward Christmas!

Advent is here:

welcome December

changing the year,

whistle up, shepherds!

saddle up, kings!

chorus up, angels,

flexing your wings.

Refrain: Sing, sing alleluia! Sing, sing alleluia!

Sing, sing out the Story,

sing about hope and peace!

2. Set the world singing,
make the world glad!
Now is the reason
not to feel sad,
hear John the Baptist
shout to prepare:
Good News is coming,
earth, be aware.
Refrain

3. Mary and Joseph
soon is the day,
ready the donkey,
start on your way:
you are the chosen,
willing to trust,
joyful your burden
carrying Christ.
Refrain

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou. Kia ora.

CWS ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Janet Newdick

PRAYER

Spirit of love, we hear within our hearts your call to us. In our longing for the profound realities of life, and our wonder at the beauty around us, we know your nearness.

Through our experiences of love and in our yearning for what is good and true we feel your presence.

There are times we have been distracted by the pull of other voices and been drawn away from the direction we truly want go. In the wildernesses of our lives we have become disorientated and lost our sense of purpose and direction. Sometimes we have acted hastily, returning to well worn paths of doubt and fear. But we have had adventures too. times of exploration and learning as we risked walking on unknown ground and down beckoning alleyways to places new. Our wandering has led us to fresh horizons and unplanned experiences, opening our minds and expanding our consciousness.

Be with us in the busyness of this Advent season, that we may hear your voice resonating richly within us, creating each day, a way to walk.

May we be led to places of refreshment and healing as we dip our toes cautiously, or plunge boldly into the joyful flow of life and the sparkling pools of shared wisdom, present in this place.

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

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY

HYMN

COC 8 'Child of Christmas story'

Words: © 1992 Shirley Erena Murray, Hope Publishing Company Music © 1992 Richard Madden

- 1. Child of Christmas story, stable straw and star, small and sweet and gentle, tell us who you are.
- 2. Child whose baby finger round our own is curled, come to melt our hearts, and come to change the world.
- 3. Child of Jew and gentile, child of white and black, teach us how to love you, teach us what we lack.
- 4. Child of Mary's courage, birthed in human pain, tell us what your name is, be our hope again.

BLESSING THE CHILDREN (All stand)

We give thanks for the life and energy you bring to our community. May each of your Christmases be filled with fun, happy times with your whānau, good food and presents.

We bless you. Amen.

THE WORD IN TEXTS

Hamish Dick and Liz Weinberg

Gospel Mark 1:1-8 NLT

CONTEMPORARY READING

"Blessing the Way"

by Jan Richardson

With every step you take, this blessing rises up to meet you.

It has been waiting long ages for you.

Look close and you can see the layers of it,

how it has been fashioned by those who walked this road before you,

how it has been created of nothing but their determination

and their dreaming,

how it has taken
its form
from an ancient hope
that drew them forward
and made a way for them
when no way could be
seen.

Look closer and you will see this blessing is not finished,

that you are part of the path it is preparing, that you are how this blessing means to be a voice within the wilderness

and a welcome for the way.

RESPONSE

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

INTRODUCTION TO REFLECTIVE ACTIVITY

WELCOMING MICHAEL PARKER

PASSING THE PEACE

Traditionally we shake hands to pass the peace and say "peace be with you. Now that Covid is here we ask that you pass the peace without shaking hands.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

St Andrew's is an open community and all are invited to Christ's table. 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 to participate in the communion. This is God's meal for all people.

COMMUNION HYMN

COC 48 'Where is the room?'

Words ©Shirley Erena Murray Music ©David Dell 1993 AA154

- 1. Where is the room, where is the house of Christmas? Where shall we welcome Jesus, where are the signs of home? Where are the signs of home?
- 2. Let Christ have space, place at the heart of living, centre for birth's new breathing, cradle for hope and peace, cradle for hope and peace.
- 3. Let there be room,
 room for the friend and stranger,
 room without hurt or anger,
 room for whoever come,
 room for whoever come.
- 4. Let love be here, love from the Christmas stable, love at our open table, love to be shared all year, love to be shared all year.

COMMUNION LITURGY

Communion is served by intinction. You are invited to come to the front of the church and receive the bread, or a gluten-free cracker, taking a piece large enough to dip into the wine (silver cup) or grape juice (pottery cup). Eat the bread dipped in wine or juice.

Or, remain in your seat to be served if mobility is difficult. If you don't wish to receive communion, please remain in your seat – we're glad you are here with us.

Opening responses:

In this waiting season – in a time between times when hope seems distant

we gather to remember one

who called out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way."

In this waiting season– in a time between times when living seems restricted.

we gather to remember one

who embraced constraint while waiting for birth. In this waiting season– in a time between times

when joy seems curtailed,

we gather to remember one who shared a feast while waiting for death.

Approach:

Emmanuel, God with us in the past, as we recount your story

teach us that waiting

is not dead time but a dreaming time through which new ideas and insights are engendered.

Emmanuel, God with us in the present, as we share your supper

teach us that waiting is not lost time but a liminal time within which new possibilities and patterns take form.

Emmanuel, God with us in the future, as we celebrate your Vision,

teach us that waiting is not quiescent time but a quickening time

from which new life and love emerges.

Emmanuel,
God with us in all time,
as we look for your coming
teach us how to inhabit this waiting time.

Confession:

Emmanuel

through your Presence you have shown us what it is to live imaginatively, love expansively and act creatively.

We confess that sometimes we have waited without thought and so have stifled fruitful possibility ...

silence

We confess that sometimes we have waited without generosity and so have constricted fruitful connection ...

silence

We confess that sometimes we have waited without hope and so have limited fruitful action ...

silence

We confess that sometimes we have simply been too busy or too distracted to wait and so have missed your moment ...

silence

And so as we look once more for you, forgive the poverty of our waiting, touch our dreaming, stretch our living and energise our acting that we may be ready for your coming.

Invitation:

This is the table of Emmanuel – a place where bread and wine remind us how to live and love as those who inhabit God's time, and work to build a peaceful world.

A place where we recognise that the one for whom we wait is also the one who is already, and always, here with us.

So come

whether you are watching for the dawn, or dreading first light, whether you are waiting with hope, or hiding your face, come with quiet confidence because here it is Emmanuel who watches for our coming, and who waits with love and joy to welcome us in.

Communion narrative:

The story of Emmanuel is the story of God – waiting to inhabit time, and lived among us,

so that we might re-imagine life.

It is the story of Jesus – waiting to be betrayed, who shared supper with his friends blessing and breaking bread (bread is broken) and pouring and sharing wine (wine is poured) so that we might re-imagine love.

It is the story of one who knows what it is to wait, and who shows us what it is to wait well.

Thanksgiving:

And so, taking this bread and wine, we remember and celebrate the waiting

which began to change the world; and we join our voices with all who still wait and work for that change to come to completion:

The sharing of the gifts:

Bread and wine are shared.

Closing words:

May the peace of Emmanuel,

the dynamic peace of imaginative dreaming, the challenging peace of radical loving,

the powerful peace of engaged action, fill you to overflowing in this season of waiting.

Pat Bennett (Adapted)

OFFERING PRAYER (said together)

As we have shared these gifts of bread and wine so we share what we have been given with others, money, energy and time. May these sustain and encourage those who journey on rough roads this Advent. 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

Cameron Smart

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of China and the China Christian Council. 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 David Seymour (Epsom) and Dr Gaurav Sharma (Hamilton West). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Marton.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

Renew your people, God, and renew our life in this place. Give us a new spirit of unity with all who follow the Way of Jesus and new bonds of love with people of other faiths.

Bless the city in which we live that it may be a place 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

HYMN

COC29 'Light of lights beholden'

Words and Music © Jenny McLeod 1983 AA89 (2 verses)

- 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,

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

BLESSING

Bless to us, O God, the road that is before us.

Bless to us, O God, the friends who are around us.

Bless to us, O God, your love which is within us.

Bless to us, O God, your light which leads us home.

SUNG AMEN



POSTLUDE

Chorale Prelude on "How brightly shines the morning star"

by Dietrich Buxtehude (1637 - (1707)

THANK YOU

Thank you to Bruce Cash

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.

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.

The Advent Pathway

You are invited to spend some time in reflection. What could you do to make way for the sacred as you journey towards Christmas? Are there any words, symbols, pictures, memories or actions you could take, that would sustain and encourage you and perhaps be a support for others?

You may wish to write something to represent this on the stones at the edge of the path in the picture below.......



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 Quay, 02-0534-0004022-02

ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES

LECTIO GROUP

Our Lectio group meets on Tuesday (8th December) at 7pm in the Rainbow Room, for a period of silent meditation and contemplation on a poem/passage. This will be our last meeting for the year. Please do join us. Further information from fionaredsquirrel@gmail.com

WELCOME HOME CONCERT FOR THE ORGAN

We weren't able to hold our Going Away concert in April this year before the organ was dismantled and shipped to the factory in Timaru due to the lockdown.

But we are certainly planning a Welcome Home concert for 2021. It will be a variety concert featuring singers, brass players and percussionists as well as the restored organ as well as the piano and baroque organ. A pretty exciting programme is shaping up with something for everyone. Please put **Sunday 2 May at 7 pm** in your diaries so as not to miss out!

LUNCHTIME CONCERT COORDINATOR MARJAN VAN WAARDENBERG RETIRES

Marjan has been organising and hosting the lunchtime concerts at St Andrew's for 15 years. The story she tells is that she agreed to take on the role for a 'few weeks' back in 2005. Like all good professionals (although it is a completely voluntary role) she has found someone to replace her and that person is Kristina Zuelicke. Kristina is a musician who often performs at St Andrew's. Kristina ran a lunchtime series in Palmerston North for a number of years.

With this change we are planning to establish a roster of concert hosts so that the requirement to be there very week doesn't fall on just one person. Kristina will however do all of the behind the scenes organisation. If you are interested in being part of such a roster please contact Jillene Everett in the office: office@standrews.org.nz St Andrew's on The Terrace has been very fortunate to have Marjan in this role and is very grateful to her for all the work she has done to bring together the lunchtime concerts. We welcome Kristina into the role. Concerts in 2021 will not start until late March as the organ will be reinstalled from mid-February through to mid-March.

CUPPA N CHAT

Our last meeting for the year will be 16 December. We start again on 13 January .

CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The theme of the 2020 Christian World Service Appeal is 'When I Was Hungry'. This December Christian World Service marks 75 years since the first Christmas Appeal for "the millions in the east and the west, who are hungry, cold, and homeless". These words from Archbishop West Watson from the then National Council of Churches have shaped work that started in Greece and moved from Palestine to the rest of the world. Your gifts have touched three generations of people, sharing food, warmth, shelter and justice.

Your donations to the 2020 Christmas Appeal for people facing hunger and fear will give them food and a path to a better livelihood.

This Christmas give families the basics of a sustainable life.

Donation envelopes are available at the back of the church or you can donate directly online at: christmasappeal.org.nz.

AMNESTY NEWS

International Human Rights Day - 10th December

Each year Amnesty International organizes a "Write for Rights" global campaign in December. John Morgan and I will be organising an event at the back of our church and in the entrance on the Terrace on 10th December (Thursday). We did this last year. We hope to:

- 1. Raise awareness of Amnesty International
- 2. Welcome people off the street to write letters and/or sign petitions This will be between 12 noon and 2pm.

Church letter writing event

On Sunday 13th December we have a shared lunch at church. We will have Amnesty materials available for you to write letters/ sign a petition. It will be set up at the end of the hall.

Case Materials

It would be great if you could join us for either event.

There will be a new display on the board above the library at back of church showing this years' cases. In case you want to pre-prepare a letter, you can examine any of the present cases at the following web address: https//write.amnesty.org.nz/resources Thanks for any way you can contribute to this work. John Morgan and Mike Wespel-Rose

John Morgan and Mike Wesper-Rose

LAST BRUNCH FOR THE YEAR – SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER

Our last brunch for the year will be a special one during which we will be celebrating Valerie and Alan Rhodes' 65th wedding anniversary. They are very kindly providing ham and salad and other delicious food. Please come as usual and bring something to supplement this, perhaps something sweet. If you feel unsure, you might like to be in touch with Valerie and ask if she has a suggestion. Also as usual, if you forget, please do still come after church and enjoy this special occasion, there will be enough for everyone.

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

FINANCIAL REVIEWER REQUIRED - BENEFIT RIGHTS SERVICE

The Beneficiary Education Advisory Serrice (better known as the Benefit Rights Service) needs a "financial reviewer" to assess its latest Financial Statements. It has a turnover of \$35,000 with alost all of its income via a government grants and donations. The costs are rent, power, stationary, volunteers expenses, a small wage (5 hours a week), and tea and coffee. It ons a printer and computer server and desks, chairs and filing cabinets that are full to the brim. The equipment is all donated. BRS has clients from around New Zealand (435 in the last year - aged 4 months - sort of - to 80) and other than the 5-hour/week employee a staff of two full-time equivalents.

As well as advocacy for our clients we also offer training to other social service organisations and hope to expand this to trade unions and health service organisations. Please contact Victoria Roberts (04-1020) or see Graham Howell

Wellington International Pride Parade (WIPP)

We are excited to announce the launch of a community meeting.

Date: Sunday 13 December, Time: 2pm - 6pm

Location: Garden Room, St Peter's Church, 170 Victoria Street, Te Aro

To ensure we are able to hear from you, we would really appreciate it if I few from your organisation could attend and have your say, representing your community group. Seating space is limited so could you please RSVP via our facebook page or through email to me personally. <tamsmatthews@gmail.com>

We would love you to come meet and celebrate our New Board in all its diversity. WIPP has always offered a platform with a large audience and the perfect space for all organisations to express themselves. This year the council told us, we had 50,000 spectators and it's our hope you will want to utilise this platform.

This is your parade, we are merely the vessels that help make it happen Please come have your say and help create a parade we can all be proud of

CHRISTMAS 2020/2021 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME – NORTHLAND KIDZ CLUB For details, check out our website (www.nkc.org.nz), or contact Jan on cell

(022-140-2612), e-mail (nkc.jan@gmail.com).



NOTES

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	Valerie and Alan Rhodes	
Sound	Tony Cowdry	
Laptop	Hamish Dick	
Offering	Joan Tyler, John Morgan	
Coffee/tea	Frank Cook, Graham Howell, Richard Owen	
Time with the Children	A Christmas Play	
Readings	Hamish Dick and Liz Weinberg	
Prayers of the People	Cameron Smart	
Communion	Frank Cook, Heather MacFarlane, Cameron Smart,	
	(Fiona McDougal tbc), Sonia Groes Petrie	
Rainbow Room Helper	Ellen Murray	
Library	Gillian Feist	
Musician	Bruce Cash	

On duty Sunday 13th December		
Welcoming	Jeni Bryant, Trish McBride	
Sound	Bronwyn White	
Laptop	Margaret Rushbrook	
Offering	Katrina Harper, Sue Hirst	
Coffee/tea	Maxine Cunningham, Linda Wilkins, Sandra and	
	Tony Kirby	
Time with the Children	Cameron Smart	
Readings	Gavin Watson	
Prayers of the People	Lynne Dovey	
Rainbow Room Helper	Lois Robertson	
Library	Ann Barrie	
Musician	Mark Stamper	

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 6 December 10am Sunday Communion Service led by Fiona McDougal and Rev. Dr Jim Cunningham followed by Exploring Faith

Wednesday 9 December:

10.30am - Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre

12:15pm Wednesday Lunchtime Concert - RNZAF wind quintet and sextet with piano for the Poulenc sextet

Sunday 13th December 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev, Ken Irwin Followed by congregational brunch

STANDARD MONTHLY SUNDAY CYCLE OF ACTIVITIES AFTER SERVICE

1st Sunday Communion during service and Exploring Faith after service.

2nd Sunday Congregational Brunch on even months Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct, Dec

3rd Sunday Congregational Conversation

4th Sunday Social Justice

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

Interim Moderator	Catriona Cairns
Parish Council Convenor	Lynne Dovey
Treasurer	Paul Barber
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Pastoral Care Coordinator	Linda Wilkins
Church Music Coordinator	Mark Stamper
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
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