



Hato Anaru o Te Parehua Founded 1840

ORDER OF SERVICE

18th July 2021

Pentecost 8



THE CHURCH IS NOT A BUILDING; THE CHURCH IS NOT A STEEPLE; THE CHURCH IS NOT A RESTING PLACE; THE CHURCH IS A PEOPLE.

*RICHARD AVERY

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 The Rev. Dr Jim Cunningham

ORGAN PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to re-weave the unravelling fabric of community, To re-connect once more with the larger human family, To find once more that place of calm. To remind ourselves that we belong. And to remember what it is we belong to.

SILENCE -preparing to worship.

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Let us celebrate life in the presence we name God

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

'Now Be Aware'

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- Now be aware, and glory in this fellowship with others.
 That learns to give and take with grace: where there is life it gathers.
 It deepens joy, it eases strain, it heartens those who live with pain.
 Each strengthens each, together.
- 2. The wordless touch where sorrow is. The sharing of a vict'ry: the flash of mind when insight leaps to truth, provoked by query. The freedom of our fellowship accepts us as we are, and this is God's own gift of liberty.

3. Now be aware that hearts and hands and minds are rich when sharing: for here within this fellowship the strength of God is growing.

Now life has reason, love has powers beyond our own, for into ours the love of God is flowing.

WELCOME

Kia ora tatou. *Kia ora.*

INTERLUDE 1

GATHERING

We are called as a community of faith, a supportive community, in which we love into being new possibilities for one another, calling out of each other the best we have to offer. In doing so we follow the pattern of Jesus, who accepts us as we are, while drawing us on to realise what we could be. In worship we build the community where the fostering of new possibilities can come to birth and grow.

PRAYER

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

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

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Jim Cunningham

BLESSING THE CHILDREN (All stand)

Children you may return to sit with your family or find some do activities to do from the cupboard at the back of the church.

We bless you. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

Traditionally we shake hands to pass the peace and say "peace be with you." Now that COVID-19 is here we ask that you pass the peace without shaking hands.

INTERLUDE 2

THE WORD IN TEXTS

Valerie Rhodes

Hebrew Bible

Exodus 20: 2-17

Words: Ian Pitt-Watson

The Decaloque – 10 Commandments

Metrical Psalm 139 (sung)

Music: WOV 182 Sursum Corda

- 1. Thou art before me, Lord, thou art behind, and thou above me hast spread out thy hand; such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too high to grasp, too great to understand.
- 2. Then whither from thy Spirit shall I go, and whither from thy presence shall I flee? If I ascend to heaven thou art there, and in the lowest depths I meet with thee.

- 3. If I should take my flight into the dawn, if I should dwell on ocean's farthest shore, thy mighty hand would rest upon me still, and thy right hand would guard me evermore.
- 4. If I should say "Darkness will cover me, and I shall hide within the veil of night", surely the darkness is not dark to thee, the night is as the day, the darkness light.
- 5. Search me, O God, search me and know my heart, try me, O God, my mind and spirit try; keep me from any path that gives thee pain, and lead me in the everlasting way.

Gospel Luke 14: 1-6

Contemporary reading

"Christpower"

by John Shelby Spong. Jesus for the Non-religious/292

Look at him!

Look not at his divinity, but look, rather, at his freedom.

Look not at the exaggerated tales of his power, but look, rather, at his infinite capacity to give himself away. Look not at the first-century mythology that surrounds him, but look, rather, at his courage to be, his ability to live, and the contagious quality of his love.

Stop your frantic search!
Be still and know that this is God:
this love,
this freedom,
this life,
this being;

And

when you are accepted, accept yourself; when you are forgiven, forgive yourself; when you are loved, love yourself. Grasp that Christpower and dare to be yourself!

That is, I believe, the pathway to God, the God whom I have encountered in the profoundly human Jesus.
Shalom!

RESPONSE

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

REFLECTION

'Who is this Jesus?'

Jim Cunningham

HYMN 'Who is this man?'

Author: Mary Pearson Music: Londonderry Air (Trad) CH4 729

- 1. Who is this man who gathered people to him and touched their lives along each dusty way, who spoke to all with passion and with peacefulness and valued all their ordinary days? Who is this man who at the day's long ending, would draw apart to wait on God and pray? Who, in the mystery that knows no ending, would find God's wisdom and would know God's words to say?
- 2. Who is this man who gave to women dignity in partnership of worth and equal grace? Who listened to the stories that they told him, and honoured each whatever was their place; who let them choose to come and join his company and learned with them God's love for every race, who showed to each the courage of their nature to care and tend each lonely and each suffering face?
- 3. Who is this man who spoke to men of gentleness, showed them all the children at his side; who taught of love and justice for all people, who took a towel and washed away their pride? In him they saw the strength of truth and mercy, and how he trusted God to be his guide, knew how he led them through misunderstanding, and then forgave them when they ran away to hide.

4. Who is this man who calls us now to follow, a shadow presence asking us to be companions on the way through this life journey, to live in truth, to set our tired world free? So, let us find each other now in partnership, with ears to hear and eyes awake to see, that we might grow in grace and understanding, and walk beside that man who comes from Galilee.

INTERLUDE 3

OFFERTORY MUSIC

OFFERING HYMN

Willing hands, to lead the blind, heal the wounded, feed the poor. Love embracing all our kind, charity with liberal store.

OFFERING PRAYER

Wairua Tapu, Creative Spirit, as we bring our gifts, koha of hand and heart, inspire us to bring to life our vision of manu whenua where everyone is valued and understood; where the gifts of the Spirit bud and flower and bear the Spirit's fruit. 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.

Tune: Duke Street WOV 24

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

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Hungary and the Ecumenical Council of Churches in Hungary. We hold all refugees in our hearts. We pray in particular for those detained for many years in Papua New Guinea & Nauru. We give thanks for progress that has been made and pray that their calls for justice might yet find a compassionate response. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Hon Judith Collins (Papakura), Hon Kelvin Davis (Te Tai Tokerau). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of St Timothy's Presbyterian Church, Titahi Bay.

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

INTERLUDE 4

CALL TO SERVICE

You are sent in the daring of God,

to bless the world with JUSTICE.

You are sent in the intent of God,

to bless the world with PROMISE.

You are sent in the longing of God,

to bless the world with HOPE.

You are sent in the love of God,

to bless the world with GOOD NEWS.

You are sent in the reign of peace,

to bless the world with SHALOM.

HYMN

CH4 198 'All are Welcome'

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- 1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live; a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive, built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions: All are welcome in this place.
- 2. Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: All are welcome in this place.
- 3. Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat: a banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space, as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are welcome in this place.
- 4. Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face; Let us bring an end to fear and danger: All are welcome in this place.
- 5. Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: All are welcome in this place.

BLESSING

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

Fugue in D Major BWV 532

by J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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

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.

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.

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

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES

If you are at church you will notice we are trialling a slightly different start to the service. The worship leader will give a call to worship. This will be followed by a short period of silence to help us focus on the service. The processional hymn will then be announced. If you arrive during the "silence", please remain quietly at the back then move to a seat during the hymn.

Any feedback, please talk to the worship team (Jim Cunningham, Mark Stamper, Fiona McDougal, Rosemary Lawrence, Ross Scott, Ellen Murray, Fionnaigh McKenzie).

ngā mihi Ellen

LECTIO GROUP

Our monthly lectio group meets on Tuesday 20th July at 7pm in the centre. We have a period of silent meditation followed by contemplation on a poem or passage. All welcome to come along. Contact Fiona fionaredsquirrel@gmail.com

SOCIAL JUSTICE EDUCATION GROUP - JULY 25TH

Pat Booth will present her thoughts on a Government "discussion paper" on Adoption. Following this we will discuss on what we as individuals might do with regard to the discussion paper. As this is a sensitive issue, respect for views expressed is more important than our usual gatherings.

Graham Howell, SJEG Convenor

EXTRA MUSICAL SUNDAY - 25 JULY - invitation still open.

On Sunday the 28th of February this year I led what I called an "extra musical Sunday," centred around hymns /spiritual songs chosen by members of the congregation. Hymns that inspired, comforted, healed, guided, uplifted, spoke to and/or sustained them. Some chose a favourite hymn tune, others hymn words and the result was, for many, a meaningful community building experience. I am planning a similar Service for July 25th.

THANK YOU to those who have responded to date. There is still room in the Service for more so please be in touch rosel@actrix.co.nz or

021 0235 2612.

Nga mihi, Rosemary Lawrence.

SPIRITED CONVERSATION, 3 AUGUST

This month's speaker will be David Lowe, NZ atmospheric scientist of many years standing. David was part of a joint project on Climate Change (2007) which earned him a share of a Nobel prize. His topic, and the name of his new book, is 'The Alarmist'. More details next week.

FAREWELL FOR LAETITIA

Laetitia leaves us on 20 August to move to Melbourne in early September. We plan to farewell her during our Sunday worship service on 8 August. Fiona McDougal will be leading the service. We want to acknowledge Laetitia's dedication to the role of Centre Manager at St Andrew's on The Terrace over four and a half years and especially her

role in creating St Andrew's online during lockdown last year. It takes a special person to work in a voluntary setting such as ours, and at the same time efficiently run our meeting and conference centre. Laetitia has been that person and we will greatly miss her, but we think she has some exciting opportunities ahead.

TE KARAKIA O TE ATUA

If you would like to gain more confidence in saying Te Karakia O Te Atua (Lord's Prayer in Maori) there are several videos on youtube which you might find useful. Here is a link to one. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eGp0MAAWRU4&t=2s Give it a go!

Fiona McDougal on behalf of the worship committee

DISCUSSION DOCUMENT - "HATE SPEECH"

Below is the link to another discussion document. This is into potentially expanding who is covered by "hate speech" following the report of the Royal Commission into the Mosque shootings. There are several proposals about expanding who is covered, penalties for offending and other issues. Possible areas of expansion can be so that religion and faith is included, and the Rainbow community. Also beneficiaries, as none of these people are not currently covered.

The closing date for submissions is 6 August unless an extension has been granted. What is or is not "hate speech" is balanced against "freedom of speech" but many victims are not resourced to respond but are nevertheless harmed.. If you wish to discuss, please see me.

https://www.justice.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Publications/Incitement-Discussion-Document.pdf

Graham Howell

FINISHED A LOAF OF BREAD OR BOTTLE OF MILK?!!!

Please save the bread bag and the clip/tie and milk bottle tops. The bags are used at the Compassion Soup Kitchen for "takeaway" lunches and the tags and milk bottle tops get recycled. Please pack separately. There is a collection box on the North Vestry Table. Thanks– Kath, Trish and Brian.

SUPPORT FOR DCM (DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY MINISTRY)

As temperatures fall our thoughts turn to the growing number in our city who find it hard to keep warm and fed, especially during the winter months. We are grateful for the many services provided by the DCM and one way we can offer our support is to FILL the food baskets at the back of the church each Sunday. They are collected every Monday by a DCM worker.

Suggested items:

Tinned - soup, fish, baked beans, stews and fruit
Pasta and curry sauces
Jam, Honey Marmite/Vegemite and peanut butter
Porridge
Biscuits and muesli bars
Instant coffee and tea bags

Soap, toilet paper, toothpaste and tooth brushes

DCM has been working in the city of Wellington since 1969 with a mission to "focus on the needs of, and to help empower those marginalised in the city, with a current focus on people experiencing homelessness, or at risk of homelessness."

For other ways to support the work of the DCM visit https://www.dcm.org.nz
Brian Burrell

TIME FOR ADOPTION LAW REFORM?

On 18th June the Minister of Justice announced a review of the New Zealand legislation regarding adoption.

https://www.justice.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Publications/Adoption-in-Aotearoa-NZ-Discussion-doc.pdf

Pat and Graham Booth are adoptive parents (one of their four children is adopted), and they will be making a

personal submission, but Pat is wondering if there might be others in the congregation who are part of the adoption triangle and who might like to discuss a three-way submission including adoptees, birth parents and adoptive parents. Privacy is paramount over this issue but Pat discloses that the single most important issue for her and Graham will be the need for closed adoptions to be deleted from the legislation, in particular the 1955 Adoption Act. Public consultation closes on 31 August. Contact Pat Booth 027 476 0427 or patriciabooth@xtra.co.nz



MUSIC FUTURES

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WELLINGTON YOUTH MUSIC

Saturday 31 July 2:30 pm St Andrew's on The Terrace Entry by koha

Featuring Polka Dots, Krull Quartet, Beet It! Tri Muzykanta, and The Peruvian Pink Lilies

Plus:

Altissime, Samuel Marsden Collegiate School, National finalists in the Big Sing

Generously supported by St Andrew's on The Terrace

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

OPERATION REFUGEE 2021

CWS (Christian World Service) launched Operation Refugee on June 20, World Refugee Day and it will run until October 24. It is an opportunity to raise funds for the lifegiving work of DSPR in Jordan and Lebanon, learn more about refugees and displaced people and have some fun. You can sign up to take part as an individual, team or church.



There are two streams of activity: Walk the Talk and Food for Life. We invite you or your church to plan a banquet, meal or walk to raise funds for refugees in Jordan and Lebanon. You could choose to live on the equivalent of the Food Box distributed by DSPR Jordan to those in most need as funds allow.

Money raised will fund emergency rations, education and medical care for Syrian and Palestinian refugees. Please contact organiser Eric Park if you want more information: eric.park@cws.org.nz or phone 022 377 6606. https://cwsoperationrefugee.nz/

ORDER YOUR FREE CURTAINS FROM THE WELLINGTON CURTAIN BANK TODAY.

Tēnā koutou katoa - your friends at the Wellington Curtain Bank want to give you curtains.

Did you know that you lose 20-30% of your home's heat through the windows? Did you also know that if you have a Community Services Card or a SuperGold Combo Card holder living with you, you could get free curtains from the Wellington Curtain Bank. Their curtains are made from upcycled curtains and fabric, given an extra layer for warmth and adjusted to fit your windows.

All you need to do is measure your windows and place your order online. There is a six-week wait for curtains, so place your order today.

PEACE MOVEMENT AOTEAROA

Have your say: Help shape the future

Killer Robots Survey, and Youth Focus Group Opportunity

Links: Survey, https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/killerrobots Images to

share, https://www.facebook.com/PeaceMovementAotearoa/posts/41232648610541

85 Tweet, https://twitter.com/KillerRobotsNZ.

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	Trish McBride, Jeni Bryant
Sound and Laptop	Sue Hirst
Offering	Bridget Martin, Graham Howell
Coffee/tea	Richard Owen, David Douglas, Janet Horncy
Time with the Children	Jim Cunningham
Readings	Valerie Rhodes
Prayers of the People	Wendy Matthews
Library	Trish McBride
Musician	Peter Franklin

On duty Sunday 25 July	
Welcoming	Sandra and Tony Kirby
Sound	Tony Cowdry
Laptop	Hamish Dick
Offering	Tony Pears, Kath Kerr
Coffee/tea	Jenny and Gavin Watson
Time with the Children	Ellen Murray
Readings	Gillian Feist
Prayers of the People	Catriona Cairns
Library	Mike Wespel-Rose
Musician	Judy Dumbleton

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 18th July 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev. Dr. Jim Cunningham followed by Congregational Conversation.

Wednesday 21st:

10.30am - Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre

12:15pm Wednesday Lunchtime Concert – Ya-Ting Liou – solo piano, Shostakovich, Schubert and Bizet

Thursday 22nd Lunchtime Concert – Classical Voice Students of the NZSM (New Zealand School of Music)

 $\pmb{Sunday~25^{th}~July~10am}$ Sunday Gathering led by Rosemary Lawrence followed by Social Justice

STANDARD MONTHLY SUNDAY CYCLE OF ACTIVITIES AFTER SERVICE

1st Sunday Communion service followed by Exploring Faith.

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	Rev. Reg Weeks
Supply Minister	Rev. Dr Jim Cunningham
Parish Council Convenor	Lynne Dovey
Treasurer	Paul Barber
Facilities Management Group	Sandra Kirby
Pastoral Care Coordinator	Linda Wilkins
Pastoral Convenors	Linda Wilkins, Maxine Cunningham, Brian Burrell and Pat Booth
Church Music Coordinator	Mark Stamper
Theologian in Residence	Lloyd Geering
Presbytery Representative	Lois Robertson
Concert Coordinator	Kristina Zuelicke
Faith in Action Co-ordinator	Margaret Rushbrook
Rainbow Room Coordinator	Vacancy
Centre Manager	Laetitia Brunell
Office Administrator	Jillene Everett
Facilities Assistant(s)	Tom Crichton and Hayes Francis
Roster Coordinator	Pam Fuller

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