



# ORDER OF SERVICE

12<sup>th</sup> December 2021

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## ADVENT 3



READINGS AND CAROLS  
FOR  
ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS  
IN  
NEW ZEALAND

## 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**

### PRELUDE

### GATHERING

We gather to announce that love is about to be born.

***We hear the ancient word,  
looking forward to this announcement.***

We proclaim that light is about to overcome darkness.

***Peace and justice shall be possible for all humanity.***

The heralding is for us.

***We prepare so we can participate in this rebirth of Love.***

Our worship together separates the wilderness from the wasteland.

We affirm the hand of God in the movement of life.

### SILENCE

Let us celebrate life in the presence we name God.

### PROCESSIONAL CAROL

### WOV 228 'O come all Ye faithful'

Music John Francis Wade

Words C. Frederick Oakeley (alt)words

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant  
O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem  
Come and behold Him, born the King of Angels  
*O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

See how the shepherds summoned to his cradle,  
leaving their flocks, draw nigh with holy fear;  
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps:  
*O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

Lo, star led chieftains, wise men, Christ adoring,  
offer him incense, gold and myrrh;  
we to the Christ child, bring our hearts' oblations,  
*O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
sing all ye citizens of heaven above,  
Glory to God, glory in the highest,  
*O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

## **WELCOME**

E te whānau a Te Karaiti  
ngā mihi aroha ki a tātou katoa.  
***Kia ora tātou.***

## **PRAYER**

Source of Life - who called the rich to travel toward poverty,  
and the powerful to know their own frailty;  
who gave to strangers a sense of homecoming in an alien land  
and to stargazers' true light and vision as they bowed to earth –  
***We lay ourselves open to your signs for us.***

Stir us with holy discontent  
over a world which gives its gifts to those  
who have plenty already,  
whose talents are obvious,  
whose power is recognized;  
***And help us both to share our resources  
with those who have little,  
and to receive with humility  
the gifts they bring to us.***  
*(Silence)*

Rise within us, like a star,  
***and make us restless  
till we journey forth to seek our rest in you.***

## 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 ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY

On this third Sunday of Advent  
we remember God's gift of joy  
and that we are called to be people of God's joy.

## PARTNER'S STORY

In Uganda Covid-19 has caused great harm. The official Covid death toll would be much lower if more people had been tested. Medical centres are unprepared and the promise of the People's Vaccine far distant. Schools have been closed for the last 18 months and incomes have fallen. But there has been joy in the southwest where the Centre for Community Solidarity has organised rainwater tanks, distributed facemasks made by young women and taught the HIV and AIDS caregivers how to protect themselves and their communities. Grandmother Sikora says her tank was a blessing from God.

*We seek COVID Justice.*

## LIGHT THE CANDLE

### TOGETHER

*God of abundant joy  
May we be people who  
shine the light of joy in your world  
through our words and by our actions.*

## LIGHTING THE RAINBOW ROOM CANDLE

### TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Cameron Smart

### 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

*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.*

## READINGS AND CAROLS FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

### Introduction

#### Reading:

Isaiah: 9: 2-7 A Great Light

Janet Horncy

(Lloyd Geering translation)

There is widespread rejoicing whenever a new monarch comes to the British throne, or even when a new heir is born. The following poem was written more than two and a half thousand years ago to celebrate the birth of a new heir to the Davidic throne. Christians have long regarded this hymn as particularly relevant to the birth of Jesus, for they came to regard him as the King of Kings and spiritual heir to the throne of David.

The nation that is walking in darkness  
has seen a bright light shining.  
On those dwelling in a land shadowed by death  
light has at last dawned.  
You have caused them to burst out in jubilation.  
You have made them as merry as can be.  
They are overjoyed about what you have done,  
with the sort of joy brought by each harvest.  
Their excitement is what people feel

when they parcel out unexpected wealth that falls in their lap.  
For, just as in the day when you gave to Gideon  
the victory over the Midianites,  
so you have shattered the burdensome yoke  
that weighs heavily on their shoulders -  
the rod imposed by their taskmasters.  
At last the boots of every marching soldier  
and all their uniforms stained with blood  
will go into the incinerator  
to be fuel for the fire.  
For a child has been born to us.  
We have been given a son!  
All authority shall rest on his shoulders.  
His name shall be called,  
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,  
Father forever, Prince of Peace.  
So powerful shall his dominion become,  
that endless peace will prevail  
over the throne of David and over his Kingdom.  
He will set it up, and with justice  
and righteousness he will support it,  
from this time forth and for evermore.

## Hymn

## WOV 202 'The people that in darkness walked'

(Scottish Paraphrase)

The people that in darkness walked  
have seen a glorious light;  
the light has shined on them who dwelt  
in death's surrounding night.

To hail the Sun of righteousness,  
the gathering nations come:  
rejoicing as when reapers bear  
their harvest treasures home.

To us a child of hope is born,  
to us a Son is given;  
him shall the tribes of earth obey,  
him all the hosts of heaven.

His name shall be the Prince of Peace,  
for evermore adored,  
the Wonderful, the Counsellor,  
the great and mighty Lord.

His power increasing still shall spread,  
his reign no end shall know;  
justice shall guard his throne above  
and peace abound below.

**Reading:**

Luke 2: 1-7 The Birth

**Anna Smith**

(James Veitch translation)

The next thing that happened  
occurred about the time Caesar Augustus gave orders  
to record the names of all the people who lived in Israel.  
(This was the way taxes were determined.  
When Quirinius was governor,  
he ordered such a census to be taken.)

According to instructions,  
everyone had to go to their family town  
to have their names recorded.  
Joseph was required to travel from Nazareth,  
a village in Galilee,  
to Bethlehem, a town in Judea,  
in order to be registered.  
Bethlehem was King David's home town in ancient times so,  
as a descendant of the king,  
Joseph had to report there.  
Mary, his fiancée who was contracted to become his wife,  
accompanied him to Bethlehem.  
Her pregnancy was near its full term as they set out.  
Soon after they arrived, she gave birth.  
It was her first born son.  
She wrapped him in a blanket  
and placed him in an animal feed-box to sleep.  
There were so many people in Bethlehem  
that the only space in the house where they stayed  
was in a stable with the animals.

**Poem:**  
*St Joseph*

**Rosemary Lawrence**  
by Eileen Duggan

We could not love you better had you lived here,  
and had a quarter acre in the north,  
doing piecework with saw and nails and hammer  
till Caesar bade you forth.

You might have come from Tokomaru for the counting,  
along the hot, dust-deep December road,  
sighing for Mary in the saddle near you,  
short-breathing with her load.

A tall, grave, country workman in the city,  
answering questions with an absent nod,  
and puzzled by some power, some dignity about him –  
protector of a God.

You might have made your way out to Karori,  
and stumbled on some open cattle shed,  
half-thankful, half-ashamed, to lead her to it,  
to rest her weary head.

We could not love you better had we seen you  
in your own province, planing on a board,  
and droning tender lullabies at twilight  
unto a sleepy Lord.



**Carol:**

**COC 8 'Child of Christmas Story'**

Words© Shirley Murray; Music© Richard Madden

Child of Christmas story, stable straw and star,  
small and sweet and gentle: tell us who you are.

Child whose baby finger round our own is curled,  
come to melt our hearts, and come to change the world.

Child of Jew and Gentile, child of white and black –  
teach us how to love you, teach us what we lack.



Child of Mary's courage, birthed in human pain,  
tell us what your name is – be our hope again.

**Reading:**

Luke 2: 8-14 -

The Angels (James Veitch translation)

**Ben Gray**

That night,  
workers were out in the fields  
looking after sheep  
when the sky around them lit up  
with a brilliance no-one had ever seen before.  
The shepherds were startled and very scared!  
Then one of God's messengers spoke:  
*Don't be alarmed!*  
*I've good news for you!*  
*News that will make your day!*  
*News that will change your lives for ever!*  
*Today in Bethlehem, King David's home town,*  
*a very special baby was born.*  
*This baby will become God's representative – the Messiah –*  
*the person who will put everyone onside with God.*  
*If you go into town you will recognize him.*  
*He's wrapped in a blanket and asleep in a feed box.*  
Out of the blue a whole group of God's messengers appeared  
and broke into a song of praise.  
*Great is the Living God!*  
*All praise be to God's name.*  
*Hear God speaking!*  
*Receive God's Peace!*

**St Andrew's Singers**

***The First Nowell/Pachelbel's Canon***

Carol

WOV 235 'Angels from the realms of glory'

Words : James Montgomery (alt)

Music French Traditional Melody

Angels from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story,  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
*Come and worship Christ, the newborn King.*  
*Come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King!*

To the weary comes refreshment,  
To the grieving, strength and peace;  
To the anxious, sweet contentment,  
To the captive soul, release:  
*Come and worship.....*

Wise folk, leave your contemplations,  
brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great Desire of nations,  
you have seen his natal star:  
*Come and worship.....*

**Poem:**

*Christmas*

**Paul Franken**

by Janet Frame

In my country Christmas is frangipani ....  
jacaranda.... pohutukawa  
is the flotsam holiday court in residence;  
the king of the golden river  
in swimming trunks, rubbed with sun oil,  
saving the stupid who would drown outside the flags.

In my country Christmas is sun  
is riches that never were rags  
is plenty on the plate  
is nothing for hunger who came unseen  
too soon or too late;  
is holiday blossom beach sea  
is from me to you  
is from you to me  
is giving giving  
in a torture of anxiety

panic of pohutukawa  
jacaranda that has lost all joy.

In my country the feast  
of Christmas is free;  
we pay our highest price  
for the lost joy of the jacaranda tree.

**Reading:**

Luke 2: 15-20

The Shepherds

**John Harper**

(James Veitch translation)

When the song was over  
the workmen said to one another:  
We've nothing to lose!  
Let's go off into town  
and see if we can find this child.  
They went off and soon found the place.  
Mary and Joseph were there  
and the baby was sleeping in a feed-box.  
They told everyone who would listen,  
including the baby's parents,  
what had happened.  
Everyone was terribly surprised – it was all very unusual.

Mary, however, thought deeply  
about the reports that she heard  
and tossed everything over in her mind.  
The workers went back to their sheep,  
feeling very different about life.  
They thought God was amazing!  
Nothing like this had ever happened before  
to help them take God seriously,  
or even believe in God.  
Everything they had seen  
was just as the messenger had said it would be.

**Carol:**

**WOV 236 'Silent night, holy night'**

Words: Franz Gruber; Music: Joseph Mohr

Silent night, holy night: all is calm, all is bright  
round yon virgin mother and child,  
holy infant so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night: shepherds quake at the sight;  
glories stream from heaven afar,  
heavenly hosts sing 'Alleluia';  
Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour is born.

Silent night, holy night: wondrous star, lend your light;  
with the angel's let us sing  
Alleluia to our King;  
Christ our Saviour is born, Christ our Saviour is born.

**POEM:**

*Advent*

**Maxine Cunningham**

by Joy Cowley

Look now! It is happening again!  
Love like a high spring tide  
is swelling to fullness  
and overflowing the banks  
of our small concerns.

And here again is the star,  
that white flame of truth  
blazing the way for us  
through a desert of tired words.  
Once more comes the music,  
angel song that lifts our hearts  
and tunes our ears  
to the harmony of the universe,  
making us wonder  
how we ever could have forgotten.

And now the magi within us  
gathers up gifts of gold and myrrh,  
while that other part of ourselves,  
the impulsive, reckless shepherd,  
runs helter skelter with arms outstretched  
to embrace the wonder of it all.

We have no words to contain our praise.  
We ache with awe,  
we tremble with miracle,  
as once again, in the small rough stable of our lives,  
Christ is born.

### **St Andrew's Singers**

*Do you hear what I hear?*

#### **Reading:**

Matthew 2: 1-12 The Wise Men

**Tony Pears**

(James Veitch translation)

Jesus was born in Bethlehem,  
a village to the south of Jerusalem  
in the area known as Judea.  
Herod the Great was king.  
Shortly after his birth,  
astrologers from Persia arrived in Jerusalem  
searching for the child.  
They said that,  
according to their observations,  
the child was destined  
to eventually become king of the Jews.

Their attention had been drawn to a star  
which they said had moved across the night sky  
and stopped over this part of Israel.  
They wanted to acknowledge and pay homage  
to the baby who would become king.

When Herod heard all this, he was very agitated  
and so was everyone else in the city of Jerusalem.  
He asked all the chief priests and the scholars to meet with him and asked:

*Where will the representative of God –  
the Messiah, the Christ – be born?*

He was told:

*At Bethlehem in Judea.*

Then they quoted from Micah, one of the books of the Hebrew Bible:  
And you Bethlehem in the province of Judah,  
you are amongst the best in Judah!

From out of your town will come a leader,  
who will care deeply for my people of choice  
in the nation of Israel.

Herod called the astrologers to a secret meeting  
and asked them for details about the star they had seen.  
He then urged them to search carefully for the child in Bethlehem.  
He ordered:

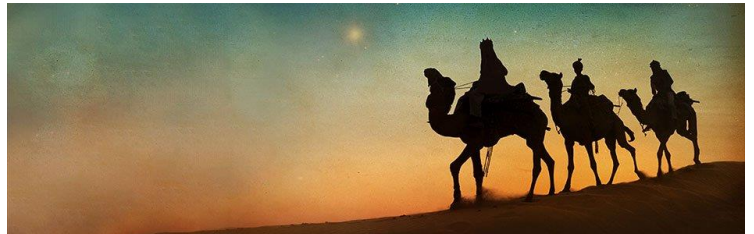
*As soon as you find the child, come and tell me  
because I also want to visit and acknowledge him –  
just as you do!*

The astrologers listened to Herod and then left to continue their search.  
The star they had followed from Persia stopped above the building where  
the child was.

The astrologers were glad to find the house and overjoyed with their  
success.

They entered and found the baby with Mary his mother.  
They knelt before him and presented the gifts they had brought –  
gold pieces, sweet smelling incense  
and fragrant perfumes.

Because they had been warned in a dream  
not to report back to Herod,  
they returned to Persia  
using a different route



**Poem:**  
*Nativity*

**Pat Booth**  
by Peter Cape

They were set for home,  
but the horse went lame  
and the rain came pelting out of the sky.  
He saw the hut and he went to look  
And he said, 'She's old, but she'll keep you dry'

So her kid was born in that roadman's shack  
by the light of a lamp that'd hardly burn.  
She wrapped him up in her hubby's coat  
And put him down on a bed of fern.

Then they came riding out of the night  
(and this is the thing that she'll always swear;)  
as they took off their hats  
and came into the light  
they knew they were going to find her there.

Three old jokers in oilskin coats  
stood by the bunk in that leaking shack.  
One had a beard like a billygoat's  
and one was frail and one was black.

She sat at the foot of the fernstalk bed  
and she watched, but she didn't understand;  
while they put these bundles  
at the baby's head  
and this river nugget into his hand

Gold is the power of a man with a man  
and incense the power of a man with God,  
but myrrh is the bitter taste of death  
and the sour-sweet smell of the upturned sod

Then they went, while she watched through the open door,  
weary as men who had ridden too far;  
and the rain eased off and the low cloud broke  
And through the gap shone a single star.



**Carol:**

**CH3 278 'Now the star of Christmas'**

Words: Shirley Erena Murray

Music: Noel Nouvelet (French Carol Tune)

Now the star of Christmas shines into our day,  
points a new direction: change is on the way –  
there's another landscape to be travelled through,  
there's a new-born spirit broadening our view.

When the Christ of Christmas speaks to hearts and minds,  
clears the clouded vision hurting humankind,  
kindred spirits gather, drawn towards the light,  
sharing revelation, joyful at the sight.

If we choose to follow, we may yet be wise.  
Where the three kings travel, three great faiths arise:  
Jesus Christ for Christians, Jesus, Judah's son,  
Prophet for the Muslim, wisdom in each one.

Where the star enlightens, light is shared around.  
God has drawn no borders, faith sees common ground:  
Peace the hopeful journey, justice without bar,  
God's illumination from the Christmas star.

### **Poem**

24 December

**Catriona Cairns**

by Joy Cowley

The machines shudder into silence.  
The last sheep slides down the chute  
and staggers out of the shed,  
giddy with sudden weight loss.

The shearers, glossed with sweat,  
take the lid of the chilly bin.  
They sit with hands wrapped around cans,  
sweet coldness against cracked fingers,  
while outside a tui gargles the heat  
and spits it out in two long clear notes.

The shed hand rolls a can across his brow, and says,  
"It's beginning to feel like Christmas."

On the back lawn, near the potato patch,  
the woman creaks the revolving line  
as she unpegs clothes stiff with sunlight.  
The smell of summer is mixed with noise,  
pungent cicadas, loud brass marigolds,  
the grass beneath her bare feet is as warm as cat's fur.  
She looks over her shoulder and reminds herself  
to dig some new potatoes for tomorrow,  
and she thinks with sudden pleasure,  
It's beginning to feel like Christmas.



The children and the dog have been in the pool  
but the dog in the excitement, bit the plastic  
and now the pool is collapsing,  
pouring water over hot concrete.  
The children run through the flood  
making footprints that dry in seconds.  
“Happy Birthday to you,” they sing.  
“Happy birthday, dear Jesus.”

Their granddad at the kitchen window,  
remembers his own childhood.  
He thinks of the small footprints  
that have stamped the earth  
since that little fellow in the stable,  
and he smiles as he dries the dishes.  
It sure feels like Christmas.

**Carol**

**COC 45 ‘There’s straw in the manger’**

Words and Music© Colin Gibson

There’s straw in the manger  
and babies in danger,  
some shepherds possessed by the folly of love.

The register’s ringing  
and shop choirs are singing;  
it’s bargains galore in the folly of love.

It’s midsummer madness,  
and everyday badness:  
the usual scene for the coming of Christ.

It’s parcels and wrapping,  
it’s father caught napping,  
and children awake in the folly of love.

It’s suntan and lotion,  
it’s surf and commotion,  
it’s sand in the sandwiches: folly of love.  
It’s crackers and candles,  
it’s shorts and it’s sandals,  
plum pudding in summer: the folly of love.

It's friends and relations,  
it's neighbours and nations,  
enjoying a moment of peace and good will.  
it's crowds at the local,  
old aunties gone vocal,  
and "house full" signs out: O the folly of love.

It's families united,  
it's grandmas delighted,  
it's long distance calls, in the folly of love.  
It's caravans, camels,  
and fellows in flannels;  
three kings chasing stars for the folly of love.

It's postcard madonnas  
receiving full honours,  
Saint Nicholas wearing a cotton wool beard.  
It's trees hung with baubles,  
angelical warbles,  
and God comes to earth in the folly of love!

## OFFERTORY MUSIC

## HYMN OF DEDICATION

## COC 48 'Where is the room?'

Words© Shirley Murray; Music© David Dell

Where is the room,  
where is the house of Christmas?  
Where shall we welcome Jesus,  
where are the signs of home?

Let Christ have space,  
place at the heart of living,  
center for birth's new breathing,  
cradle for hope and peace.

Let there be room,  
room for the friend and stranger,  
room without hurt or anger,  
room for whoever come.

Let love be here,  
love for the Christmas stable,  
love at our open table,  
love to be shared all year.

## **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 Libya and the All Africa Conference of Churches. 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 Stuart Nash (Napier) and Terisa Ngobi (Ōtaki). Here in the Central Presbytery, we pray for the leaders and people of Eltham/Kaponga Co-operating Church.

### **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*

## THE SENDING OUT *(standing)*

*(Poem by Joy Cowley)*

This year, this year, who comes  
in form of God's befriending?  
What voice to cry for peace?  
A child with human face will plead compassion's case,  
entreat our conflicts' ending –

***Bless this child, O bless this child!***

Make way, make way for signs of angel visitation!  
What daughter or what son may be the coming One,  
new Christ, in love begun, new light of revelation?

***Bless this child, O bless this child.***

Make room, make room!  
The time is near to be awaking,  
for in creation's womb the Word has made a home –  
the seed for summer bloom within the earth is breaking.

***Bless this child, O bless this child.***

## HYMN

### CH3 178 'Christmas in the summer'

Words: Bill Wallace, Music "Cranham" Gustav Holst

Christmas in the summer?  
Heat instead of cold?  
Flowers instead of freezing?  
Skies that shine like gold?  
This is Southern Christmas,  
Seasons in reverse!  
Can the Northern pictures  
speak in Southern verse?

Inner space is timeless  
God is everywhere  
Cries of newborn infants  
reach for Mary's care.  
When we nurture wonder  
'till its grace abounds  
we create new pictures  
outside Northern bounds.

Sing the Christmas story,  
carol South and North.  
Sing of pregnant seasons,  
nature's songs of birth.  
Raise the Christ child's praises,  
lift both joy and pain,  
Touch the realms of oneness,  
live the birth again.

### **BLESSING AND SUNG AMEN**

Go safely towards Christmas Day  
trusting that love is moving towards you.  
And may the God of love go with you,  
the child of Bethlehem touch your life,  
and gifts of grace lie around you as you journey.

### **SUNG AMEN**

### **POSTLUDE**

### **THANK YOU**

**Mark Stamper**  
our musician today

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### **AUDIO REFLECTIONS**



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<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***

## **WEEKEND OF 18 AND 19 DECEMBER**

This is to remind that we have a big weekend coming up. We will host an afternoon tea for our Minister candidate to meet all members of the congregation on Saturday 18 December at 3 pm. This will effectively take the place of the Parish Lunch which normally happens on the second Sunday in the month. Thanks to Pam and her team for doing set up and clean up and those who are bringing food on 18 December.

All members should have received further information about our candidate by now. If you haven't please let the office know.

We will invite the candidate to speak following an introduction by our Interim Moderator/Convenor of the Ministry Settlement Board, Rev Reg Weeks.

You will then have an opportunity to ask any questions or offer any comments you may have in a Question and Answer session led by Reg.

On Sunday 19 December the candidate will lead the service of worship but will not be present at the Special General Meeting which will follow morning tea. Everyone is welcome to attend the Special General Meeting but only members may vote. The votes of full members and associate members only can be reported to Presbytery.

**Don't forget: no Parish lunch on Sunday 12 December; instead we are having an afternoon tea on Saturday 18 December at 3 pm.**

Lynne Dovey, Parish Council Convenor

## **STILLNESS IN YOUR BUSY DAY**

Centering Prayer together

Take a breather, rest in silence, fill your tank.

First Thursday every month except January 12:30 to 1:00 pm, (The first Centering Prayer for 2022 will be on 3 February).

Facilitated by Diane Gilliam-Weeks 027 4978374 [dianegw@outlook.com](mailto:dianegw@outlook.com)

## **LECTIO GROUP**

meets for the last time this year on Tuesday 14th December at 7pm. Come and experience some peace and quiet in the busy run up to Christmas! We meditate in silence for 20 minutes, then contemplate a passage or poem. Contact Fiona [fionaredsquirrel@gmail.com](mailto:fionaredsquirrel@gmail.com) for further information.

## **FAITH IN ACTION**

Ben Gray has taken on the role of Coordinator for Submissions to Select Committees for our Parish. He will welcome ideas and initiatives from our membership and seek support in this role. Thank you in anticipation, Ben, and thank you to Barrie Keenan who held the role over the past two years. (Margaret Rushbrook, Faith in Action Coordinator)

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

Please save the bread bag and the clip (plastic only)/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 fold the bags and pack separately. There is a collection box on the North Vestry Table. Thanks- Kath, Trish and Brian.

## **SUPPORT FOR DCM (DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY MINISTRY)**

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*

***(Please no fresh fruit/vegetables)***

***Some extra Festive Treats for Christmas would be appreciated.***

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

## **AMNESTY NEWS**

"A light in the darkness"

Dear Congregation

On Saturday the 18th December, we have our afternoon tea in our church hall where we meet and greet with our potential new minister. At this same event we (John and Mike) will have the Amnesty letter writing materials available should people choose to write letters regarding the chosen case studies, either to the agencies doing the oppressing or for letters of support to those who are being oppressed for working on behalf of some worthy cause.

I know that many people do this advocacy "on-line" these days. But I still believe, and am assured by Amnesty, that a handwritten letter can still have significant impact. Your letter might make a significant difference. And even if it does not, the act of writing and sending the letter is a contribution to the voice of decency and justice in our world.

On the Saturday the 18th you can write a letter on the day, sign a petition or take information away and write a letter at a time you prefer.

The list of cases highlighted this year are:

1. Zhang Zhan – China – Reporting on Covid -19 got her locked up
2. Mohamed Baker – Egypt – Locked away for defending freedom
3. Rung Panusaya – Thailand – Facing a life sentence for peaceful protests
4. Sphere – Ukraine – Attacked for defending LGBTI and Women's rights
5. Mikita Zalararou – Belarus – Teen , beaten electrocuted, and jailed



6. Janna Jihad – Occupied Palestinians Territories – Harassed for exposing Israeli Violence

You can access the case files here:

<https://amnestynz.sharepoint.com/:f:/s/FileShare/Eg055W1FuAtLkTnRUCwr-8QBYRhH2J93pf5FgAV4BJXmQA?e=TaJtqd>

Here is a video about one case.

She Dared to Report The Truth About Covid-19 in China - YouTube

Other videos are available at the Amnesty site.

W4R 2021: English - YouTube

Thanks everyone, Mike Wespel-Rose

**BRUNCH ON CHRISTMAS DAY**

In recent years some of us who have been at church on Christmas Day have gathered together upstairs after the service for brunch. This has been a fun occasion and much appreciated by those who have come. We're looking for a volunteer to do a little bit of coordination for this this year, very low key. If you're intending to be in church and would be able to help out please speak to Fiona McDougal or email

[fionaredsquirrel@gmail.com](mailto:fionaredsquirrel@gmail.com). Thank you

***WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES***

**PEACE MOVEMENT AOTEAROA**

Human Rights Day: Trans-Tasman #BanKillerRobots Forum

Friday, 10 December 2021, Online

Links to share: Facebook,

<https://www.facebook.com/PeaceMovementAotearoa/posts/4570795552967778>



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HEBR 132

Introductory Biblical Hebrew 2

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Cultures, Migration and Faith

PAST 318/MINS 410\*

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BIBS 223/323/421

Greek NT Exegesis

All papers are taught on campus and by distance learning,  
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## 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	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Laptop	Hamish Dick
Offering	Jenn and Barrie Keenan
Coffee/tea	Wendy and Andrew Matthews, Laura and Melissa van Echten
Time with the Children	Cameron Smart
Readings	Refer inside
Prayers of the People	Lynne Dovey
Rainbow Room Helper	Graham Howell
Library	Ann Barrie
Musician	Mark Stamper

#### **On duty Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

Welcoming	Sandra and Tony Kirby
Sound	Sue Hirst
Laptop	Sue Hirst
Offering	Kath Kerr, Bridget Martin
Coffee/tea	Frank Cook, Maxine Cunningam
Time with the Children	Minister candidate
Readings	Valerie Rhodes
Prayers of the People	Ken Irwin
Library	Catriona Cairns
Musician	Peter Franklin

#### **This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December 10am** Service of lessons and carols led by Rev. Dr Jim Cunningham.

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December:**

**10.30am** - Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre

**12:15pm** - Wednesday Lunchtime Concert – A Christmas Celebration

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December 3pm** Afternoon tea to meet the Minister Candidate

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December 10am** Sunday Gathering led by the Minister candidate followed by morning tea.

#### **STANDARD MONTHLY SUNDAY CYCLE OF ACTIVITIES AFTER SERVICE**

1st Sunday Communion service followed by Exploring Faith.

2nd Sunday Congregational lunch on even months Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct, Dec (but not this month).

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

<b>Interim Moderator</b>	Rev. Reg Weeks
<b>Supply Minister</b>	Rev. Dr Jim Cunningham
<b>Parish Council Convenor</b>	Lynne Dovey
<b>Treasurer</b>	Paul Barber
<b>Facilities Management Group</b>	Sandra Kirby
<b>Pastoral Care Team</b>	Pat Booth, Brian Burrell, Maxine Cunningham, Katrina Harper, Lois Robertson
<b>Church Music Coordinator</b>	Mark Stamper
<b>Theologian in Residence</b>	Lloyd Geering
<b>Presbytery Representative</b>	Lois Robertson
<b>Concert Coordinator</b>	Kristina Zuelicke
<b>Faith in Action Co-ordinator</b>	Margaret Rushbrook
<b>Rainbow Room Coordinator</b>	Riah Tahana-Dawson
<b>Centre Manager</b>	Adelina Reis
<b>Office Administrator</b>	Jillene Everett
<b>Facilities Assistant(s)</b>	Matthias Barber and Evelyn Barber
<b>Roster Coordinator</b>	Pam Fuller

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