

ORDER OF SERVICE

8 OCTOBER 2023

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REFLECTIONS ON GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2023 “AUTHENTIC AND HOPEFUL IN CHRIST”



Some of the Pacific Ministers attending General Assembly 2023

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 Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gathered here, we sense the Sacred in this place.

May we be awakened again to

the mysteries that humble us,

the realities that orient us,

the beauty that informs us,

the fellowship that sustains us,

and the creativity that heightens and deepens our living,

that we may give ourselves in honesty and openness

to the larger life before us.

Adapt/Re. Dr Clarke Wells

SILENCE

GATHERING

This day let the hills around us shelter us,

the waters of the harbour sooth us,

the birds of Zealandia excite us,

the reassuring structure of this building bring us comfort.

And let the spirit within and around us

lead us to dance within our souls.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

HIOS 129 'Who would walk cheerfully'

Words: Shirley Murray
Tune: MONKS GATE WOV 467

1. Who would walk cheerfully
through storm and shadow,
these hearts beat staunch and free,
wise to the rainbow:
 no threat will cloud our sight,
 we'll work for what is right,
 we'll trust the Inner Light
 to live as Christians.

2. Who lets the world look dark
is no companion,
we'll let no dire remark
change our opinion,
 we'll walk the stony track,
 strong hope within our pack,
 we'll counter gloom's attack,
 to live as Christians.

3. Who live the simple life,
give honest labour,
plant seed to grow belief,
honour their neighbour,
 ring freedom's sounding bell,
 visit the prison cell,
 undo the hurt of hell
 to live as Christians.

4. We'll walk the world for peace,
makers and menders,
we'll promote in every place
peaceful agendas:
 hands-on to teach and tend,
 to see all colours blend,
 to meet each soul as friend,
 to live as Christians!

WELCOME

E te whānau a Te Karaiti,
Ngā mihi aroha ki a tātou katoa.

Kia ora tātou.

Ou te faatalofa atu I le Suafa o Iesu Keriso

Talofa lava, we too greet you in the name of Jesus Christ

A special welcome to those who are visiting us, please join us for fellowship in the hall after church.

OPENING PRAYER

Somewhere someone is kind when others are unkind,
somewhere someone shares with another in need,
somewhere someone refuses to hate, while others hate,
somewhere someone is patient - and waits in love,
somewhere someone returns good for evil,
somewhere someone serves another, in love,
somewhere someone is calm in a storm,
somewhere someone is loving everybody.
Is that someone you? **Amen**

JESUS' PRAYER

Dr Henry Horton, Author, Pastor (adapted)

***Our Mother, whose body is the Earth,
sacred is your being. Your gardens grow
your will be done in our cities, as it is in nature.
Thanks be this day for food and air, and water.
Forgive us our sins against Earth, as we are learning to
forgive one another.
And surrender us not unto extinction, but deliver us from our
folly.
For the beauty and the power, and all life, from birth to death,
is yours,
From beginning to end. Amen.
So be it forever.
Blessed be.***

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW CANDLE

We light the rainbow candle as a sign of our inclusivity and for our children.

REFLECTIONS ON GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

PASSING THE PEACE

Our practice is to pass the peace without shaking hands and say "peace be with you".

THE WORD IN TEXTS

Marilyn Wallace

Hebrew Bible

The Song of the unfruitful vineyard

Isaiah 5:1-7

New Testament

The parable of the wicked tenants

Matthew 21:33-46

Contemporary Reading

by Rev Glynn Cardy

Live as gently as you can,
wherever you can,
whenever you can.
For this is the path of whanaungatanga.

Let go as gracefully as you can,
wherever you can,
whenever you can.
For this is the path of manaakitanga.

Love as much as you can,
wherever you can,
whenever you can.
For this is the path of awhitanga.

And may these blessings
of community, hospitality, and kindness,
grace our lives anew,
and bring us peace.

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

'Certain of Uncertainty'

Words: G Stuart, Tune: FOREST GREEN WOV 240

1. In life with such uncertainty
we long to feel at peace;
but with no proven guarantee
we feel our stress increase.
When in the maze we grope each day,
'Confusion' is our name;
when change can ruin life we say,
"Please, let things stay the same."
2. Sometimes our journey feeds our fear,
can lead us to despair.
But in these times we need to hear
from Jesus and his care.
He trusted 'Love' would find a way
to ease his troubled soul;
he found that 'Love' would always say,
"My strength shall make you whole."
3. We find our true humanity
when 'Love' directs our course.
Inspired by Jesus' melody
of hope, with all its force.
He is our guide when life is grim,
he's with us in our strife.
We stride together; trust in him
who came to bring us life.

4. We cannot see what lies ahead;
it mostly is unknown.
But 'God in us' shares every dread;
we need not feel alone.
Together we can help 'Love' grow,
together stand as one.
Our human love can make it so;
our future can be won.

MORE REFLECTIONS ON GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Marilyn Wallace

HYMN

AA 36 'Every day I will offer you'

Words © Shirley Murray Music: ©Colin Gibson

Tune: LYNNEFRITH

1. Every day I will offer you,
 loving God, my heart and mind,
every way I discover you
 in the work your hand has signed;
help me see I'm your image, and
 you have dreamed what I might be,
every day in your Spirit,
 I'll find the love and energy!
2. Every day I will look to Christ,
 and give thanks for wine and bread,
through the pain and the emptiness
 where your world cries to be fed;
help me see I can work for change,
 and wherever I might be,
every day in your Spirit,
 I'll find the love and energy!
3. Every day I will take your word,
 answer your compassion's claim,
celebrate every sign of hope,
 every deed done in your name;
help me see you are always there,
 and your light can shine through me,
every day in your Spirit,
 I'll find the love and energy!

OFFERING MUSIC

OFFERING HYMN

AA127 'Take my gifts and let me love you' v1

Words: Shirley Murray Music: Colin Gibson

Tune: TALAVERA TERRACE

Take my gifts and let me love you,
God who first of all loved me,
gave me light and food and shelter,
gave me life and set me free.
Now, because your love has touched me,
I have love to give away;
now the bread of love is rising,
loaves of love to multiply!

OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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:

If you have a notice to share, please come forward. Thank you.

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

Wendy Matthews

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Chile and the Pentecostal Church of Chile. We hold all refugees in our hearts and pray in particular for those who are still detained in Australia. We give thanks for recent progress and pray that their calls for justice might yet be answered with compassion. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Hon Andrew Little (List) and Jan Logie (List). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of First Presbyterian Church, Martinborough.

PRAYER FOR ST ANDREW'S

*Bless your people, God
and renew our life in this place
Refresh us with a spirit of love and respect
for all who follow the Jesus Way,
for those whose pathways differ from our own,
and for care of the Earth and its creatures.*

*Bless the cities in which we live
that they may be places
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.*

CLOSING HYMN

IECS 59 'Sing a song for peace and justice'

Words: Shirley Murray; Music: John Hughes

Tune: CWM RHONNDA

1. Sing a song for peace and justice,
speak for those who cannot speak!
claim the world for peace and justice:
let the strong support the weak.

*Light a candle in the darkness,
hope and freedom must not die!
hope and freedom must not die!*

2. You who live in happy places,
who can laugh and speak and sing,
listen for the other voices
mute with fear and suffering.

*Light a candle in the darkness,
hope and freedom must not die!
hope and freedom must not die!*

3. Thousands cry in nameless prisons --
plead with powers that hold the key:
plead that human rights be honored,
that the innocent go free.

*Light a candle in the darkness,
hope and freedom must not die!
hope and freedom must not die!*

BLESSING

As we leave this place, may our lives be the presence of hope and justice in the communities in which we live and work and have our being. May grace and peace abound in our lives and in this world. **Amen.**

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU

Bruce Corkill
our musician today

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AUDIO REFLECTIONS

Sunday reflections are usually available on our website.

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

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

Please sign the visitors' book at the back of the church.

We hope you enjoyed worshipping with us. At St Andrew's we want you to feel at home—to join in with the activities of our community of faith, or to come and find your own spiritual place in your own time. If you would like more information about St Andrew's or to explore becoming a member or associate member, please fill in one of the welcome leaflets (at the back of the church) and hand it to a minister or a welcoming team member.

GENEROUS GIVING

St Andrew's depends on the generous giving of members and friends. If you would like to make a donation or support our work through planned giving, please contact our Parish Office or Treasurer. Bank account for donations is: St Andrews on The Terrace, BNZ Lambton Qy, 02-0534-0004022-02

ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES**COMMUNITY BRUNCH TODAY**

Brunch is after church today in the hall.

JAM JARS

I can't believe I'm asking this, but I need more smallish jars, please. If you can bring them on Sunday, great. Otherwise, have a chat with me and I'll try and arrange to pick them up. Which leads to....

MARMALADE DAY

On Sunday the 15th of October after the service, I will be selling this year's batch of fundraising marmalade (Seville orange, lime, navel orange, mixed citrus: Seville, navel & lemon). If you're looking to buy, please bring cash on the day.

Sue

LINK FOR MARGARET RUSHBROOK'S FUNERAL SERVICE

In case you missed the service and would like to see it here is the link for the service: <https://vimeo.com/867741116/740f563bed>

Please note that you are not required to sign in/log in etc to the Vimeo viewing site. Often the sound doesn't begin until the speaker begins.

I understand it is likely to be available for up to three months, Pam

TABLES & CHAIRS

If you've been in Conference Room 3 in the last week or so, you'll have noticed our lovely new tables. We now have 5 of the old ones available to anyone who would like one (or more). Melteca, 1600 x 800, legs fold away. Edges have seen better days. First come, first served. We also have some of the old red chairs available. We can't deliver them, so you need to be able to arrange to take them away. Contact the office if you're interested.

DCM FOODBANK APPEAL AT NEWTOWN NEW WORLD, SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18TH.

This important Pre-Christmas event is around the corner!
The last Appeal in May was very successful so please let me know if you are willing to volunteer on Saturday Nov 18th for this Appeal.

We will work from 12.00 - 4.00pm, ie four hours.

Eight volunteers are required.

Two people will be needed each hour to hand out flyers and manage goods and donations as they are dropped off by shoppers on their way out.

The work is pleasant (greeting and thanking!), the environment sheltered from wind and rain and of course the outcome very worth your while!

As I will be away for a few weeks from the end of October, I am hoping to get keen supporters signed up ASAP!!

Look forward to hearing from you....

Sally Gray. 021-0279-7472. graygeorgesally@gmail.com

QUESTIONS FOR POLITICIANS

Arising from our Congregational Conversation last month, a small team came up with suggestions for useful questions we can put to political candidates or parties. The questions fall under 3 headings of interest to St Andrew's: the natural world, social justice, and waste management. Any of these can be asked at candidate meetings or street corner meetings, or wherever the opportunity arises.

1. The natural world:

What are the actions that you are proposing for New Zealand to adapt to Climate Change?

2. Social issues:

a. In a world of growing inequity what are you doing to ensure every New Zealander has what they need to live to their greatest potential?

b. Child poverty has been reducing over the past five years. What specific policies will your party implement that will continue to reduce child poverty?

c. Housing costs are high and for people on low incomes, most of whom are renting, too high a proportion of their income is taken up by rent or other housing costs. What policies will your party implement that can make housing more affordable for lower income earners?

d. Too many young people (around 70,000 11% of those aged 15-25 years) are not in employment, education or training. How will your party ensure that every young person can find a pathway to learning, skills and employment that fits their personal, social and cultural needs?

3. What are you proposing to do to incorporate circular principles into our capitalist economic model?

For more information about the principles of a circular economy, have a look at the Ellen MacArthur Foundation web page:

<https://ellenmacarthurfoundation.org>

FINISHED A LOAF OF BREAD OR BOTTLE OF MILK?

Please save the bread bag and the clip (plastic only) 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 since 1969 and one way we can offer our support is to FILL the food baskets at the back of the church each Sunday.

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 toothbrushes. (Please no fresh fruit/vegetables)

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

UPCOMING WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

Wednesday 11 October 12:15pm – 1:00pm

NZ School of Music Viola Extravaganza

Thursday 12 October 12:15pm – 1:00pm

NZ School of Music – Wind and Brass Student Recital

Wednesday 18 October 12:15pm – 1:00pm

Flute Trio

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

ELECTION SOCIAL POLICY ANALYSIS

1. **NZ Council of Christian Social Services** election webpage <https://nzccss.org.nz/election-2023/> is highlighting policies, promises and perspectives relating to Tamariki | Children, Kaumātua | Older People, Te Tiriti o Waitangi and Our Sector (health, community and social services).
2. **The Salvation Army** is highlighting the Pressing Issues affecting 'our people' the people and communities where they are working [2023 General Election | The Salvation Army](#)

CHRISTIAN CREATIVES



My name is Sylvia Stump, and I am an administrator for ICHC, an organisation that supplies Christian Chaplains to public hospitals around NZ. In my spare time I like to create art and write stories, and I am very keen to meet like-minded people who are Christian and creative. I have been going to the Brooklyn Reformed Church for the past 20 years and have recently decided to form a club for Wellingtonians who are Christian and creative, as a way of providing a supportive, encouraging and inspiring

environment for those of us that God has given a passion for the creative arts. There is no such club in my church, and there wasn't one I could see advertised in Wellington, so I have gone ahead and made one. It is called Christian Creatives and can be found on [meetup.com](https://www.meetup.com)

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	Pat Booth, Pam Fuller
Sound	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Laptop	Hamish Dick
Offering	Katrina Harper, Lynette Burrell
Coffee/tea	Jim and Maxine Cunningham, Kath Kerr, Sally Gray
Family Time	Dawn Cowdry
Readings	Marilyn Wallace
Prayers of the People	Wendy Matthews
Rainbow Room	In Recess
Library	Closed
Musician	Bruce Corkill

On duty Sunday 15 October

Welcoming	Jim and Maxine Cunningham
Sound	Sue Hirst
Laptop	Sue Hirst
Offering	Mike Wespel-Rose, Kath Kerr
Coffee/tea	Vivienne Mountier, Simon Miller Janet Horncy (CG)
Family Time	Rosemary Lawrence
Readings	Gavin Watson
Prayers of the People	Cam Smart
Rainbow Room	In recess
Library	Mike Wespel-Rose
Musician	Ephraim Wilson

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 8 October: 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Congregational Brunch

Wednesday 11 October: 10:30am - Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre

12:15pm - Lunchtime concert: Viola Extravaganza - NZSM

Thursday 12 October: 12:15pm - Lunchtime concert: Wind and Brass Student recital - NZSM

Sunday 15 October: 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Congregational Conversation and Younger members' (Y) group meets after morning tea

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 and Younger members' (Y) group meets after morning tea/brunch
4th Sunday	Social Justice Education Group
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

Minister	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai
Parish Council Convenor	Sue Hirst
Treasurer	Paul Barber
Facilities Management Group	Sandra Kirby
Pastoral Care Team	Pat Booth, Brian Burrell, Maxine Cunningham, Katrina Harper
Theologian in Residence	Lloyd Geering
Presbytery Representative	Lois Robertson
Church Music Coordinator	Vacant
Eco Church Coordinator	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Faith in Action Coordinator	Paul Barber
Rainbow Room Coordinator	Vacant
Roster Coordinator	Pam Fuller
Concert Coordinator	Kristina Zuelicke
Centre Manager	Adelina Reis
Office Administrator	Christine Wilkinson
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