

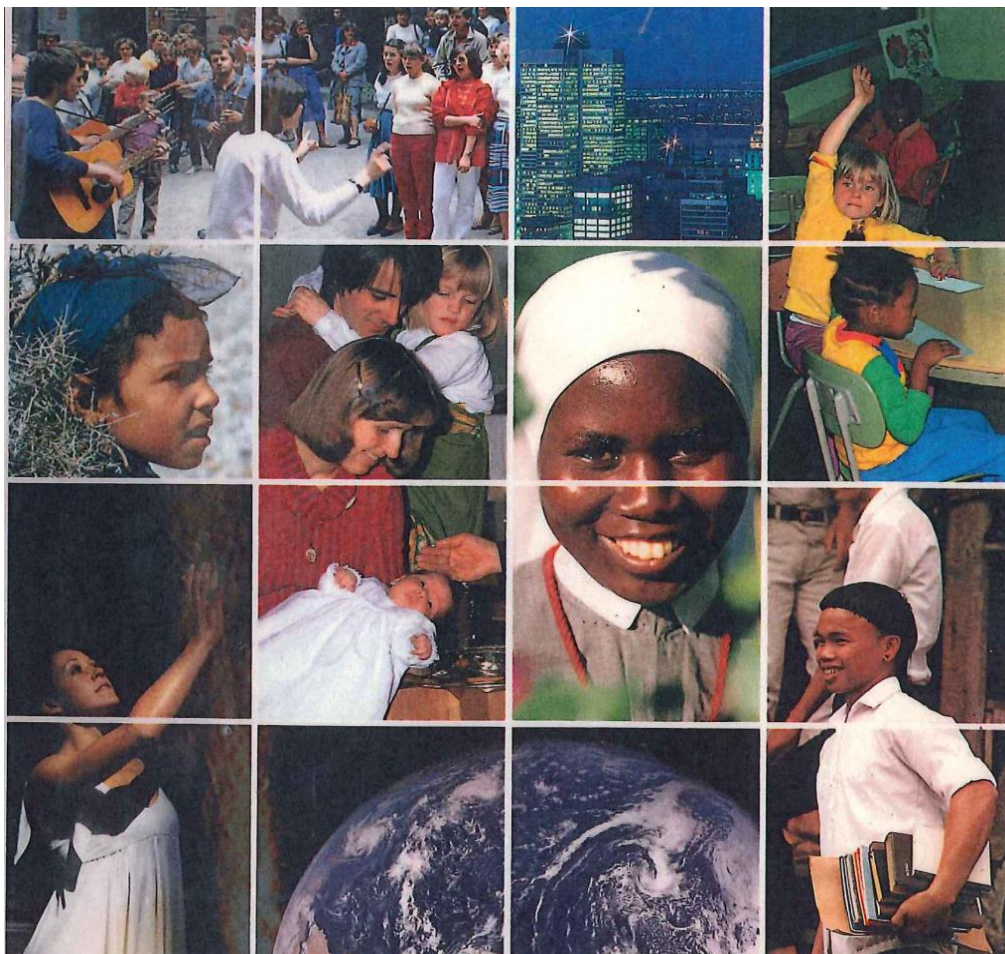


ORDER OF SERVICE

30 JUNE 2024

PENTECOST 6

**What do we understand by Progressive Christianity?
We live in Wellington in a multicultural community and world.**



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.

We recognise that being inclusive is an ongoing journey and we are continuing to learn. We are committed to challenging discrimination within the church and wider society.

Please join in the congregational responses printed in ***bold italics***.

Please stand if you are able, for the hymns and the offering prayer.

We usually sing the hymns without announcement.

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 Members of the Congregation

Rev Barrie Keenan, Rev Doug Lendrum and Cam Smart, with help from
Mike Wespel Rose, Rosemary Lawrence and Mike Stamper

PRELUDE

GATHERING

Haere mai, kia noho tahi ki te haerenga

Come let us be in the journey together

We make this event together

Kia Whakanui tatou I te hinengaro

Let us honour the mind

We listen with open minds

Kia whakohia nga paatai

Experience the questions

We seek the truth that sings anew each day

Whakanui ate haerenga o te tangata

Celebrate the adventure of humanity

We rejoice in being human together

SILENCE

OPENING RESPONSES

With our every act of worship,

let us celebrate the richness and diversity of life.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

AA113 'Our life has its seasons'

Words: © 1992 Shirley Erena Murray Music© Colin Gibson

1. Our life has its seasons, and God has the reasons
why spring follows winter, and new leaves grow,
for there's a connection with our resurrection
that flowers will bud after frost and snow,

*but there's never a time to stop believing,
there's never a time for hope to die,
there's never a time to stop loving,
these things go on.*

2. There's a time to be planting, a time to be plucking,
a time to be laughing, a time to weep,
a time to be building, a time to be breaking,
a time to be waking, a time to sleep,

but there's never a time.....

3. There's a time to be hurting, a time to be healing,
a time to be saving, a time to spend,
a time to be grieving, a time to be dancing,
a time for beginning, a time to end,

but there's never a time...

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 coffee/tea in the hall after church.

THE CANDLES ARE LIT

We light the Christ candle as a symbol of the light Jesus of Nazareth brought upon the world.

We light the Rainbow Candle as a sign of our inclusivity and for our children.

PRAYER OF AWE AND WONDER

We stand here as mortals travelling the human journey stardust to stardust,
We stand here in awe before the opportunity of cocreation and participation in the unfolding of the cosmos.

We stand here in awe of the divine responsibility we bear in the serendipitous reality that is life, the incompleteness that our search for truth reveals, the mystery of limitless unknowing, the ambiguity that maintains questions, the blessing of the unfinished and the possible as gift to us. We meet our past as but a moment ago and our future as that of dreams from long ago. Our present is rich with our uniqueness and our common sense.

Our prayer is that we might acknowledge that our part in the cosmos and in our daily relations, are equally calling us to responsibility and thankfulness, and that we might engage with purpose in the loving as life changing enhancement in our relationships both with the planet and with each other.

Our prayer is that we might recognize the loss of connection with a deeper reality and truth that comes in harmony. Harmony of beauty, goodness and the unfolding evolution of nature that has held the awesome wonder of the cosmos.

Our prayer is that we might stop our unprecedented exponential utilization of resources in the interest of the divine sacredness in everything.

Our prayer is that we might stand in awe and absorb the wonder of what it means to be human.

And let us say together the Abba prayer

**God, lover of us all, most holy one,
help us to respond to you.**

To create what you want for us here on earth.

Give us today enough for our needs.

Forgive our weak and deliberate offences,

just as we must forgive others when they hurt us.

Help us to resist evil and to do what is good.

**For we are yours, endowed with your power
to make our world whole. Amen.**

Think of the word God when you hear the word 'Almost.'

Just when we think we have it all figured out, things change again. I am 'almost' there. It is as if the rug is pulled out from under my feet, I don't know where to put my foot, but I am 'almost' there and I need to take the step.

The 'Almost' has within it the promise of knowing what comes next. I see the 'almost' that transcends all time, that created the stars and set them in place,

The 'almost' is never there, yet always calling us to the already present, it authenticates 'promise' and confirms grace. The being there is affirmed in the not yet, the changes that are about to invite the freedom and the possible; the almost that is already present in the now yet still unfolding.

The 'almost' fills us with wonder and awe, and beauty and possibility and hope. The 'almost' releases us from the may not be and pushes aside the chains of complacency, and binds us to an ever-present, ever-moving Spirit of transformation by imagination

The 'almost' takes the truth and renews it as markers of the possibility of unquenchable, unconditioned love. 'Almost' reminds us that memory of the dynamic, ever-moving, evolving, unfolding, emerging is an invitation to see life as of journey or flow. 'Almost' is entry into the possibility of a world without a fear that paralyzes, and with a way into and out of a grief that cripples us with anger; that imprisons us in a loss of what had been. The 'almost' restores our relations with the other which is the cosmos.

Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

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

What did we see as “Progressive” in our visit to Ely Cathedral? and What do we see now from these images from there?

HYMN**AA 59 ‘He came singing love’**

Words and Music: © Colin Gibson Tune: SINGING LOVE

At the request of Russell Feists family as they celebrate his 90th birthday

1. He came singing love
and he lived singing love;
he died singing love.
He arose in silence.
For the love to go on
we must make it our song:
you and I be the singers.
2. He came singing faith
and he lived singing faith
he died singing faith.
He arose in silence.
For the faith to go on
we must make it our song:
you and I be the singers.
3. He came singing hope
and he lived singing hope;
he died singing hope.
He arose in silence.
For the hope to go on
we must make it our song:
you and I be the singers.
4. He came singing peace
and he lived singing peace;
he died singing peace.
He arose in silence.
For the peace to go on
we must make it our song:
you and I be the singers.

THE WORD IN TEXTS

John Harper

HEBREW BIBLE:

1 Samuel 17

RESPONSE

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

REFLECTION 3 AND FAMILY TIME

Cam Smart

Being a young boy – in Palestine long ago or in a farm here and now.

HYMN

AA 26 'Come to our land'

Words: © Shirley Murray Music: © Colin Gibson Tune: HAEREMAI

1. Come to our land, come to our hearts,
Spirit of peace, Spirit of truth,
bring in the spring, the hope and the green,
Spirit of growth and Spirit of youth.

Refrain:

*And all our people will sing together:
Wairua Tapu, holy your name,
there's one great Spirit in all creation,
one great Spirit of God!*

2. Come to our land, come to our hearts,
Spirit of life, breath of new birth,
teach us to care for water and air,
nourish the seed and cherish the earth.

Refrain:

*And all our people will sing together:
Wairua Tapu, holy your name,
there's one great Spirit in all creation
one great Spirit of God!*

3. Come to our land, come to our hearts,
Spirit of bush, Spirit of bird,
speak to the soul of Aotearoa
joy in your world and joy in your Word.

Refrain:

*And all our people will sing together:
Wairua Tapu, holy your name,
there's one great Spirit in all creation,
one great Spirit of God!*

REFLECTION 4 What does it mean to be Progressive? Barrie Keenan

How do these five aspirations resonate with you?

We aspire to be people of a deep and transformative spirituality.

We aspire to model our way of life on the life and teaching of Jesus.

We aspire to integrate inner personal transformation and outer social transformation.

We aspire to contribute to a better world for all people and for life on this planet.

We aspire to keep moving forward.

How might they resonate with others you meet and know?

SONG

'Imagine' by John Lennon

Mike Wespel-Rose, guitar

Imagine there's no heaven.

It's easy if you try.

No hell below us,

above us, only sky.

Imagine all the people

livin' for today.

Ah

Imagine there's no countries.
It isn't hard to do.
Nothing to kill or die for,
and no religion too.
Imagine all the people
livin' life in peace.

*You may say I'm a dreamer,
but I'm not the only one.
I hope someday you'll join us
and the world will be as one.*

Imagine no possessions.
I wonder if you can?
No need for greed or hunger,
a brotherhood of man.
Imagine all the people,
sharing all the world

*You may say I'm a dreamer
but I'm not the only one.
I hope someday you'll join us,
and the world will live as one.*

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Mark Stamper

OFFERING PRAYER

We bring these gifts of money, food and our time and talents.
We acknowledge the earth does not belong to us.

We belong to the earth.

All things are connected and interdependent.

Like the blood that unites our families,
we did not weave the web of life.

We are however important strands in it.

Whatever we do to that web, which is our community,

we do to ourselves and those who travel with us at this time.

So, we give thanks for the process of creation and all its opportunities.

We give thanks for the good things of the past, the present and the future.

So may it be. 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. 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. Thank you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Cam Smart

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Ireland and all those working towards peace in Ireland and the Churches Together in Britain and Ireland. We hold all refugees in our hearts and pray in particular for those who are still detained in Australia. We give thanks that we in New Zealand have at last secured the chance to welcome 450 of this group over the next 3 years. We pray that more will have the opportunity to be resettled in the near future. In New Zealand, we remember those in Parliament, and today we name Ryan Hamilton (Hamilton East) and Peeni Henare (list). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of the Wairoa Union Parish (Pres-Meth).

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.*

HYMN

CH4 729 'Who is this man?'

Words: 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

SENDING OUT

Doug Lendrum

Let us grasp the fluidity and ambiguity of life
and discover the unfolding of truth.

Let us bring compassion wherever we go
and transform lives.

Let us love our enemies
and make lasting peace.

SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU

Mark Stamper
our musician today

ST ANDREW'S ON THE TERRACE WELCOMES ALL VISITORS

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

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ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NOTICES

UPCOMING LUNCHTIME CONCERTS



Wednesday 3 July 12:15pm – 1:00pm
NZSO National Youth Orchestra Chamber Music Concert



Wednesday 10th July 12:15pm – 1:00pm
ASQ International Music Adademy 2024 Tutors Concert



Wednesday 17th July 12:15pm – 1:00pm
Box Hill Quartet

EXPLORING FAITH

After our service and morning tea next Sunday 7 July you are welcome to gather in Conference Rooms 1 – 2 for the 5th "Exploring Faith" session for 2024. These 1st Sundays of the month sessions have been absorbing, interesting and thought-provoking. This month it will be two of our members simply sharing their faith journey, what faith has meant to them during their lifetime. For any questions about this, or if you would be interested in sharing your faith story sometime in the future, please contact Barrie Keenan at barrie@keenan.co.nz or 027 285 7275.

PROGRESSIVE AFFIRMATIONS

Kia ora koutou

As discussed at the recent congregational conversation, we would like to hold a workshop based around the Affirmations for Progressive Christians that Mike Wespel-Rose introduced us to earlier this year. The suggested date is Sunday the 7th of July for a couple of hours after Sunday Gathering, preceded by a shared lunch. Could those who are interested please contact Mike (mikewr09@gmail.com) so we can get an idea of numbers.

Sue Hirst (Chair, Parish Council)

RECYCLING OF HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES

Household batteries can be dropped off for FREE at Karori Library, Kilbirnie Library, Te Awe Library (Brandon St), Island Bay Community Centre, Newlands Community Centre, Tawa Community Centre, and the Southern Landfill Tip Shop.

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>.

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

NEW CENTRAL HUB FOR RECYCLING, REPAIR AND REUSE

A new recycling and resource recovery centre is opening in central Wellington. Te Aro Zero Waste is a partnership between Wellington City Council and the Sustainability Trust. Based in the trust's building on Forresters Lane, Te Aro, the centre offers recycling, repair and reuse services. People can drop off items for recycling, donate items for reuse, buy second hand goods and return reusable packaging. More information is on the trust's website.

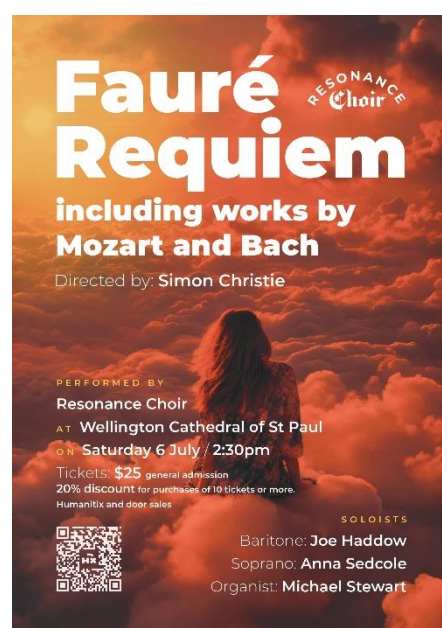
<https://sustrust.org.nz/tearozero Waste>

WELLINGTON AUTHOR - TRISH MCBRIDE

Wellington writer Trish McBride's three books – Faith Evolving, Exploring the Presence and A Love Quilt have been republished in 2024. Read together, they document Trish's 75-year life and faith journey from childhood to her 80s a unique longitudinal record of women's spirituality and thinking. Along the way, Trish moves from a traditional Catholic faith to embracing feminist theology and on into a post- denominational, inclusive, integrated Gospel-centred spirituality. She has used a patchwork metaphor across all three books, connecting writings of many colours, shapes and textures. Her purpose in all three has been to encourage others to ponder and record their own faith journeys.

UPCOMING CONCERT – FAURE REQUIEM SATURDAY 6th JULY 2.30PM

Faure Requiem performed by Resonance Choir promises to be a beautiful event. The Faure Requiem is arguably the greatest, most sumptuous music written in the choral repertoire. The concert starts with well known pieces by Mozart and Bach and crescendos towards the beginning of the Requiem, where, under the wonderful acoustic of St Pauls Cathedral you can sit back and wallow in the music. Directed by Simon Christie with Lexus Song Quest finalist, Joe Haddow as baritone and Anna Sedcole as soprano. The concert is accompanied by the magnificent sounds of the Cathedral Organ with Michael Stewart - Music Director of St Paul's Cathedral Wellington and The Tudor Consort at the helm!



SAVE THE DATE

St. Andrew's Organ Recital – Saturday October 19th

The Wellington Organists Association is delighted to announce there will be a recital at St. Andrew's on the Terrace by international concert organist Martin Setchell [Martin Setchell](#) at 3pm on October 19th. Martin is a well known performer and believes in promoting entertaining organ music to a wide audience. Please save the date, and extend an invitation to family and friends to come and hear Martin playing the newly restored Croft organ. Admission is free and all are welcome - koha invited.

CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE GAZA PALESTINE EMERGENCY APPEAL

Christian World Service has launched an **emergency appeal** to assist people who have been affected by the current conflict in the Middle East, particularly Gaza. Nearly 85% of the population – 1.9 million people have been displaced in Gaza.



They are in urgent need of food, water, shelter and safety. “The people of Gaza are living in harrowing conditions with limited resources, and we cannot stand idly by while they suffer... Our collective efforts can make a significant difference in

the lives of those trapped in this nightmarish situation,” DSPR. **Donations can be made through CWS:**

- Online and by direct deposit via <https://cws.org.nz/donate-to-the-gaza-palestine-appeal/>
- By Phone with a credit card: 0800 74 73 72

RELIEFAID APPEAL FOR GAZA



Another option is ReliefAid which is on the ground delivering emergency aid to families

The situation in Gaza is catastrophic, the death toll rises daily and families have nowhere to flee. Compounding the distress, Gaza's closed borders have made humanitarian access all but impossible, leaving families lost, abandoned and without the basics needed to survive.

Despite these monumental challenges, ReliefAid is NOW delivering aid in Gaza. Leveraging our established networks on the ground, we have deployed a team within Gaza to deliver life-saving aid directly to families. **Donations can be made here: www.reliefaid.org.nz/gaza-appeal/**

Together we will make a difference. Thank you. Mike Seawright, Founder and Chief Executive.

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	Lynette and Brian Burrell
Sound	Simon Miller
Laptop	Hamish Dick
Offering	Tony Kirby and Paul Franken
Coffee/tea	Vivienne Mountier (CG), Simon Miller, Kath Kerr
Family Time	Cam Smart
Readings	John Harper
Prayers of the people	Cam Smart
Rainbow Room	In recess
Library	Closed
Musician	Mark Stamper
Service Leader	Lay Persons Sunday - Members of the Congregation

On duty July 7th

Welcoming	Pam Fuller and Jeni Bryant
Sound	Ben Gray
Laptop	Cam Smart
Offering	Lynette Burrell and Paul Franken
Coffee/tea	Kath Kerr, Janet Horncy and Sally Gray
Family Time	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai
Readings	Gillian Feist
Prayers of the People	Lynne Dovey (CG)
Communion	Vhari McWha, Paul Barber, Barrie Keenan, David Douglas, Janet Martin and Hamish Dick
Rainbow Room	In recess
Library	Closed
Musician	Peter Franklin
Service Leader	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 30th June: 10.30am: Lay Person's Sunday gathering led by Members of the Congregation

Wednesday 3rd July: 10:30am - Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre

12:15pm – NZSO National Youth Orchestra Chamber Music Concert

Sunday 7th July 10am: Communion Service led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Exploring Faith.

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	Exploring Progressive Faith

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
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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
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