



ORDER OF SERVICE

25th AUGUST 2024

PENTECOST 14



**“WHATEVER YOU BELIEVE, WHATEVER YOU DO NOT BELIEVE,
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE” ...**

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 Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

PRELUDE

"Tristesse" - melody by Frédéric Chopin (1810 – 1849)

CALL TO WORSHIP

As we begin our time of worship, may we each be challenged and engaged to reflect on our spiritual journey. In our past, there have been songs, important words, scriptures, poems, and significant moments that have shaped each of our journeys, so take time, relax into, and struggle with your past, present, and the times that are yet to come. Let us all now further our spiritual journeys!

SILENCE

GATHERING: OPENING RESPONSES

At the end of this month marking the end of winter

we gather, knowing the season is changing.

At the official end of the siege of cold and wind

we gather, knowing that change will come.

Hoping for the end of prejudice against those called enemy

we gather, praying change will come.

Like a scarlet cord that signifies promise

we gather, a sign of hope in our world.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

FFS 57 'Song of faith that sings forever'

Words © Shirley Murray Music © Colin Gibson.

1. Song of faith that sings forever
through God's people, ages long,
Word that holds the world together
when our hearts take up the song,
always, always, somewhere sounding,
though the source we do not see,
counterpoint to all despairing,
it is hope that sets the key.
2. Song of faith in exaltation,
rising through the vaults of prayer,
tune of simple celebration
offered up in open air,
song in chapel and cathedral,
descant to our daily tone,
song from sickbed or in prison,
faith must often sing alone.
3. And when life would overwhelm us,
when there seems no song to sing,
hear the constant voice of courage
out of fear and suffering:
all who've loved and trusted Jesus,
all who lift us to be strong,
endless, endless are the voices
of the faith that makes the song.

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 morning tea in the hall after church.

OPENING PRAYER

Wherever you are whatever you believe, whatever you do not believe you are welcome here. Today we come from near and far to a place of belonging and acceptance. Many of us come with our own beliefs, our own faith journeys and experience of the divine. Let us bring together our common purpose of love, compassion, hope and peace and enter into a time of common worship. Amen.

JESUS' PRAYER

© Rev Sherri Weinberg

God - heart of the world:

revealed through every aspect of creation:

understood through our awareness.

*May we honour the holiness of creation and act accordingly
so that your love is reflected in the way we live.*

*May we always be thankful for the food we eat
and the friends we have.*

*May we forgive those who transgress against us
and be forgiven for our wrong doings.*

*In the freedom of love may we live as your heartbeat
and not be compromised by hesitation.*

*Through our freedom, may your justice
be seen and heard and experienced
forever and ever.*

Amen.

LIGHTING THE RAINBOW CANDLE

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

FAMILY TIME

Rosemary Lawrence

PASSING THE PEACE

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

THE WORD IN TEXTS

Tony Kirby

Hebrew Bible

Psalm 84

Contemporary Reading

Author unknown

There are many roads to God.
Narrow roads, wide roads,
winding, scenic roads, and
other more direct roads.

Some meander mountains
to dizzying heights, while
others venture into
darkened forests of self-discovery.
Each landscape,
the one you most need.

There are one-way roads,
closed roads, and
city roads that will catch you
in an endless loop of
returning to where you began.

Some roads trace
the effortless flow of a river,
while others are congested with
everyone going the same way,
sitting, gridlocked, wondering,
Why did I take this route?

There are smooth roads, paved for ease,
where souls have travelled for eons.
Roads that can be trusted,
until at least
you find yourself in a place
you never intended to go.
There are roads that go
where maps have never been traced;
roads where getting lost is a joy, while
others that bring you to a stop.

When faced with a dead-end,
do you turn back to
where you came from?
Or step into the wilderness
to create your own path.

Many roads started like this;
A courageous Soul who
decided, perhaps unknowingly, to
venture into unexplored terrain.

It's a blessing to find,
or create,
your own golden path;
like the yellow line that follows
the center of a road,
guiding you to the place
you've always wanted to go.

No matter which way you choose,
there is no right road;
there is only the road you are on today.
The road with the eternal question;
is it taking me to where I want to go?

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

AA156 'Where the road runs

Words and Music: © Colin Gibson

1. Where the road runs out and the signposts end,
where we come to the edge of today,
be the God of Abraham for us;
send us out upon our way.

*Lord, you were our beginning,
the faith that gave us birth.
We look to you our ending,
our hope for heaven and earth.*

2. When the coast is left and we journey on
to the rim of the sky and the sea,
be the sailor's friend, be the dolphin Christ;
lead us on to eternity.

Lord, you were.....

3. When the clouds are low and the wind is strong,
when tomorrow's storm draws near,
be the spirit bird hov'ring overhead
who will take away our fear.

Lord, you were

REFLECTION: The road that brings you here

Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

Six Studies in English Folk Song, Number 1, Adagio,
'Lovely on the Water' Vaughan Williams Natalie Clein (cello), Christian Ihle Hadland (piano)

HYMN

AA 95 'May the mystery of God surround us'

Words © Joy Cowley Music © Ian Render music

1. May the mystery of God enfold us, may the wisdom of God uphold us,
may the fragrance of God be around us,
may the brightness of God surround us,
may the wonder of God renew us, may the loving of God flow through us,
may the peace of God deeply move us,
may the moving of God bring us peace.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

"St. George" by G.J. Elvey (1816 - 1893)

OFFERING HYMN

AA 62 'Here we bring, small or great'

Words: © Shirley Erena Murray Music: © Colin Gibson

1. Here we bring, small or great,
gifts to offer on this plate,
what we've earned, what we own,
tithe or token, bread or stone.

*Jesus said: "Have a care - your heart will always be
where your riches are, where your riches are."*

OFFERING PRAYER

*At this time and in this place, may our inner replenishment make
us more alive to life's moments and more responsive to life's
creative possibilities.*

***And let the offerings we bring be a sign of our gratitude, and an expression of
hope for life and the world. 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

David Douglas

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Kiribati and Nauru, and the Kiribati Protestant Church and throughout the world. 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 Hana-Rawhiti Maipi-Clarke (Hauraki-Waikato) and Jenny Marcroft (List). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of the Carterton - St David's Presbyterian Church

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

WOV 667 'The love of God'

Words © Anders Frostenson (1968), tr. Fred Kaan 1929 alt.

Tune © Lars Landberg(1968) arr. Guy Jansen

1. The love of God is broad like beach and mountain,
wide as the wind, and our eternal home.
God leaves us free to seek love or reject it.
We're given room to answer, 'yes' or 'no'.

*Refrain: The love of God is broad like beach and mountain,
wide as the wind, and our eternal home.*

2. We long for freedom, where our truest being
is given hope and courage to unfold.
We seek in freedom space and scope for dreaming,
and look for ground where trees and plants may grow.

***Refrain:** The love of God is broad like beach and mountain,
wide as the wind, and our eternal home.*

3. But there are walls that keep us all divided.
we fence each other in with hate and war.
Fear is the bricks and mortar of our prison.
our pride of self the prison coat we wear.
The love of God...
4. O, judge us, Lord, and in your judgment free us,
and set our feet in freedom's open space.
take us as far as your compassion wanders
among the children of the human race.
The love of God...

BLESSING (IRISH BLESSING)

May the road rise to meet you
May the wind be always at your back
May the sunshine warm on your face
And the rain fall softly on your fields
Until we meet again.
May God hold you in the palm of their hand. **Amen.**

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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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 WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS



Wednesday 28 August 12:15pm – 1:00pm
Flute Squadron



Wednesday 4 September 12:15pm – 1:00pm
Chamber Music with Inbal Megiddo and
Paul Altomari

SOCIAL JUSTICE EDUCATION GROUP

Sunday 25 August 12-1pm Gun Control in Aotearoa NZ

Gun control is a current issue and an important part of meeting the recommendations of the Royal Commission into the terror attack on Christchurch masjidain in 2019. The current government is reviewing key aspects of gun control such as the firearms register, and this meeting will be a chance to consider how we as a peace church can contribute to just and fair gun control in this country.

CLIMATE ACTION AT PARLIAMENT

Frank Hanson took pride of place at the centre of our protest/vigil at Parliament this week, calling for urgent action on climate change. Under the slogan 'No Faith in Fossil Fuels', a small group of us join the Tuesday action every week. It's a bonus when the sun shines! And the conversations are always interesting. Thanks to everyone who wrote a submission last week on the Government's Emissions Reduction Plan 2026-2030. We produced more than 20 individual calls for a range of different actions that we would like to see the Government take. These have been sent in as well as an overall submission from St Andrew's which will be posted on our website. - **Anna Smith, Sustainability Group**

EXPLORING FAITH

After our service and morning tea next Sunday 1 September you are welcome to gather in Conference Room 3 for the 7th "Exploring Faith" session for 2024. These 1st Sundays of the month sessions have been absorbing, interesting and thought-provoking. This month it will be one of our members simply sharing her faith journey, what faith has meant to her during her 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.

RECYCLING OF HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES

Household batteries can be dropped off 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.

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

UPCOMING CONCERT – SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

How can I keep from singing?

Wellington Community Choir and the Four Voices of Ratana Choir. A wonderful opportunity to hear the Ratana Choir in Wellington. Saturday 14 September 5pm-6.30pm at St Peter's on Willis. Tickets \$25 Concession \$15 Under 14 free.

Tony Pears

UPCOMING WORKSHOP – 22 SEPTEMBER

Speak Peace - An Introduction to Nonviolent Communication

I highly recommend this workshop on 22 September which I will be attending.

Information at this link

<https://nvc-now.lilregie.com/booking/attendees/new> Tony Pears

UPCOMING BOOK LAUNCH - SEPTEMBER 7TH

Anne Manchester's five-year journey researching and writing about the life and legacy of Shirley Erena Murray has finally reached its conclusion. *Peace is Her Song: The life and legacy of hymn writer Shirley Erena Murray* will be launched on 7 September at St Andrew's on The Terrace, 3pm. The event will be a musical one, with former St Andrew's director of music Roy Tankersley accompanying a selection of Shirley's hymns. The Very Rev Pamela Tankersley will be the official launcher. An indication of numbers would be helpful, though all are welcome. Please email Anne on aemanch@gmail.com or publisher Philip Garside on bookspgpl@gmail.com if you intend being there.

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/**

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 and Margaret Harper
Sound	Sonia Groes-Petrie (CG)
Laptop	Sandra Kirby
Offering	Lynette Burrell and Paul Franken
Coffee/tea	Vivienne Mountier, Simon Miller and Janet Horncy
Family Time	Rosemary Lawrence
Readings	Tony Kirby
Prayers of the People	David Douglas
Rainbow Room	In Recess
Library	-
Musician	Peter Franklin
Service Leader	Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

On duty September 1st

Welcoming	Pam Fuller and Jenny Bryant
Sound	Ben Gray
Laptop	Hamish Dick
Offering	Bridget Martin and Tony Pears
Coffee/tea	Maxine Cunningham, David Douglas and Jenn Keenan
Family Time	Cam Smart
Readings	Marilyn Wallace (CG)
Prayers of the People	Barrie Keenan
Communion	Lynne Dovey, Rosemary Lawrence, Sandra and Tony Kirby, Doug Lendrum, Katrina Harper
Rainbow Room	In Recess
Library	-
Musician	Peter Franklin
Service Leader	Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 25th August: 10am Sunday gathering led by Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Social Justice Education Group.

Wednesday 28th August: 10:30am - Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre
12:15pm – Flute Squadron

Sunday 1st September: 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 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	David Douglas
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	Jemma Ballantyne
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