

ORDER OF SERVICE

17th NOVEMBER 2024

PENTECOST 26



Hannah dedicating Samuel to Eli the priest

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

To live is to look by Mons Leidvin Takle (b 1942)

GATHERING

In the peace, in the presence, in the power,

Let us sense the sacred. Let us celebrate life.

SILENCE

OPENING RESPONSES

Dorothy McRae-McMahon

You beckon the whole universe into life, O God.

You, who are the source of all that is, our Creator.

You beckon us to follow you on the journey, O God.

You who are the Christ, light of the Way.

You beckon us still into new birthings, O God.

***You who are Holy Spirit, our nurturer,
our lover, our friend.***

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

WOV 91 'Morning has broken'

Words © Eleanor Farjean & Yusuf Islam Music: © Bunessan

1. Morning has broken, like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken, like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! praise for the morning!
praise for them springing fresh from the world.
2. Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where his feet pass.
3. Mine is the sunlight; mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play.
Praise with elation! Praise every morning!
God's re-creation of the new day.

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

Bruce Sanguin

Let us gather now,
friends of Spirit—travellers in time—
to hear the story
of Love's evolving narrative.
In this sacred space,
we release into the present,
laying aside all worries, plans, and complaints,
entering into the now
of Mystery's eternal temple.
In this sacred space,
we honour our past,
retelling the great story of deep time

as Spirit's unfolding tale,
giving thanks that a whole universe
is gathered up in the likes of us—
tradition's promise.
In this sacred space,
we consent to the allurements
of an unrehearsed future,
from where the living Word
woos each one of us toward
our unique expression—
that is Spirit's dream.

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

Frank Cook

PASSING THE PEACE

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

Hebrew Reading**1 Samuel 1:4-20****Gospel Reading****Mark 13:1-8****Contemporary Reading***“Stones” by Joy Cowley from *Psalms Down Under**

Today I came to a shining beach
covered with a litany of stones:
gravel, pebbles, boulders, many colours,
each one like a word of praise
and the whole, a triumphant song.
As I picked up stones at random,
feeling their skin against mine,
and absorbing the loveliness of them,
I thought that I was a bit like that beach,
with every stone a gesture of love
from a person who'd cared about me
at some time in my life.

From the moment of conception,
when God spoke and I was,
love has shaped me into being
and the givers are still with me, contained within their gifts,
people who've laid a litany of loving,
stone by stone, word by word, touch by touch,
showing me the truth of my existence.
For a long time I sat on that beach,
adding to its song, my own gratitude,
and when I shut my eyes and tried to imagine
what the beach would look like
without all those shining stones,
I understand in a new and deeper way,
the meaning of my life as gift.

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

AA 114 'Out of such sun and air'

Words and Music: © 1988 Colin Gibson 3 verses

1. Out of such sun and air
what Christ may come,
shining with new and lovely light
on our dim and shrouded lives;
stirring our sleepiness with dreams,
visions of life beyond compare.
Out of such sun and air
come, Christ, however you will come.
2. Out of such cloud and mist
what Christ may come,
blurring the clear and simple lines
of our settled scheme of things;
calling on faith and hope and trust,
daring to danger, trial and risk.
Out of this cloud and mist
come, Christ, however you will come.
3. Out of such sudden storm
what Christ may come,
sweeping across the startled sky
of our calm and peaceful ways;
driving with tempest winds of change,
testing with tumult and reform.
Out of this sudden storm come,
Christ, however you will come

REFLECTION**Whangai to God****Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai****REFLECTIVE MUSIC**

Canon in D (Pachelbel's Canon) - Cello & Piano

HYMN**WOV 577 'Celebrate the life we're given'**

Words © 2015 Susan Jones Tune Austria

1. Celebrate the life we're given
grace on grace, where love abounds.
Celebrate the world around us,
blue and green, where birdsong sounds.
Celebrate sun's rise and setting
across the harbour, over hills.
Everything reflects its making
beauty, love, joy; each heart fills.
2. We choose to live lives of meaning
even when the sky turns grey.
We choose to continue journeying
cis and trans, bi, straight and gay.
We choose wrestling doubt or danger,
trials may shadow, haunt our way.
But we know that we're companioned,
love walks with us, every day.

OFFERTORY MUSIC**Prelude on The Old 100th arr. Jan Mulder (b 1963)****OFFERING HYMN:****AA 62 'Here we bring' verse 1**

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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 hearts will always be
where your riches are, where your riches are"*

OFFERING PRAYER

*Gracious and loving source of life,
we offer these gifts and our lives in response to the blessings we received as
followers of the Jesus way.*

*Empower us with your Spirit
to hear those who cry out for justice and compassion
that we may respond with love and commitment.
In your many names we pray, 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

Anna Smith

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Mali and we pray for the Church of the Province of West Africa 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 are able to welcome 450 people from this group. 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 Maureen Pugh (West Coast-Tasman) and Priyanca Radhakrishnan (List). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of Greytown - St Andrew's Union Church (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.***

CLOSING HYMN

'Holy, holy, holy'

Tune: NICÆA Words: © Jim Burklo; Music: ©John Dykes

1. Holy, holy, holy, love now ascending,
early in the morning our song shall rise to you.
Holy, holy, holy, joy that has no ending,
giving, forgiving, breathing life anew.
2. Holy, holy, holy, love without a limit,
care that binds creation in sacred unity.
Holy, holy, holy, birthing every minute,
Christ, Love's revealer, sets our spirits free.
3. Holy, holy, holy, infinite compassion
makes a place for every soul in God's eternal reign.
Holy, holy, holy, truth beyond religion,
love that endures should nothing else remain.
4. Holy, holy, holy, raise your voice in singing.
Join the cosmic chorus in praise of Love divine.
Holy, holy, holy, God beyond all naming,
echoes our song in harmony sublime.

BLESSING AND SUNG AMEN

May the blessings of life be with us and with our faith community.
May the memories we gather here give us hope for the future.
May the love that we share bring strength and joy to our hearts
and the peace of this community sustain us wherever we go from here.
And the warm, passionate energy of God be with us always. Amen

POSTLUDE

Prelude in C, BWV 545 by J S Bach (1685-1750)

THANK YOU

to our musician today
Judy Dumbleton

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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 LUNCHTIME CONCERTS



Wednesday 20th November 12:15pm – 1:00pm
Dianne Halliday – Organ

SEEKING NEW MEMBERS FOR PARISH COUNCIL

With the AGM coming up this Sunday, this is your opportunity to nominate a member or associate member (or put yourself forward) to serve on Parish Council. If you want to find out more, have a chat with a current Parish Councillor (Fei, Sue Hirst, Paul Barber, Pat Booth, Hamish Dick, David Douglas, Janet Horncy, Janet Martin). Looking forward to hearing from you. Sue, Parish Council Convenor.

HIKOI MŌ TE TIRITI

The Hikoi will be here on Monday and Tuesday.

Thanks to those who have offered billets, those who have offered mattresses and bedding for the people who might stay at St Andrew's and those who have offered to be involved in hosting those who come in to the church for some time out (we could use a few more volunteers for that, if you're willing). We're planning to have tea and coffee available and soup has also been suggested (which I think is a great idea), so if anyone feels they could offer a pot of soup for Monday or Tuesday afternoon, please let me know – either on Sunday or by e-mailing the office. We have no way of knowing how many people will take advantage of the offer, so we probably need at least two or three lots of soup, just in case. After the AGM on the 17th, we'll have a gathering to put together posters and decide how we're going to take part (e.g. some people may not feel they can do the whole distance from Waitangi Park and may want to walk down from St Andrew's to meet up with the others at parliament later in the morning). Sue Hirst, Parish Council Convenor.

DECEMBER/JANUARY ROSTER AVAILABILITY

Please let the office know of your availability for these months by Monday the 18th of November at the latest. If your contact details have changed, please let us know so we can update your details.

AGM – SUNDAY 17th NOVEMBER

The Annual General Meeting of St Andrew's on The Terrace will be held on Sunday the 17th of November after our church service. Sue Hirst, Parish Council Convenor.

WEBSITE REFRESH

The refreshed website design is now live. Some obsolete content has been removed and not all content has been updated, but the reorganized menu system is in place. More information to follow as updates occur.

DCM AGM

The AGM for DCM is being held at St John's in the City at 5:30pm on Tuesday 26th November. Members of St Andrew's on The Terrace are welcome to join this meeting to hear of the achievements of the past year. Light refreshments will be served. If you need more information talk to Sandra Kirby phone 021397169.

MIKE WESPEL ROSE – TRIP TO EUROPE

Dear fellow St Andrewers

I have just returned from a great trip in Europe. The main purpose was to catch up with friends and family in Germany. But we also did quite a lot of mountain walking. We did a 4 day trip to the Dolomites that was really great. I have created a blog which includes lots of pictures from the trip as well as a written report. In case you are interested (at least in the pictures) - here is a link to the blog. <https://fourdaysinthedolomites.blogspot.com/2024/10/4-days-in-dolomites-prelude-i-write.html> Or you can go to the Tararua Tramping Club facebook page. You will find a link to my dolomite blog there.

RECYCLING AT ST ANDREW'S

We are expanding the range of materials that we collect for recycling at St Andrew's. You can now bring plastic lids (including milk bottle caps), metal lids, beverage cartons (Tetra Pak) and used pens. There are containers for each sort of material in the North Vestry. A take-home information sheet, on the desk in the North Vestry, tells you all you need to know about what we do and don't collect. For Hutt Valley and other members, Bunnings' stores have recycling bins where used batteries can be left. Happy recycling!

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

BREAKING NEW GROUND WITH SHIRLEY MURRAY

Following the publication of her biography of Shirley Erena Murray, *Peace is Her Song*, author Anne Manchester will present a session for the Ephesus group on November 17 focusing on learning some new songs and exploring their themes and images. Where: Johnsonville Union Church, When: November 17, 5-7pm. The session begins with a light supper. Please bring some food to share. For planning purposes, please let Maria Cash know if you intend coming. Call 0211 475747 or email cash.maria@googlemail.com

VARIETY CONCERT OF LOVE AND JOY – NOVEMBER 22ND 7PM

Resonance choir and Simon Christie present 'Variety Concert of Love and Joy', held at St Andrews on The Terrace. Friday November 22nd, 7pm. Koha appreciated, supper to follow.

SERIOUS ABOUT SUSTAINABILITY

The [October edition](#) of *Touchstone*, the Methodist monthly newspaper, includes a piece on St Andrew's on The Terrace's commitment to being a sustainable church and an advocate for wider environmental action. It mentions our weekly action at Parliament calling for urgent climate action and the measures we take as a parish and conference centre to make our practices as sustainable as possible. (<https://tinyurl.com/53fxny4p>)

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	Simon Miller
Laptop	Hamish Dick
Offering	Lynette Burrell and Kath Kerr
Coffee/tea	Marilyn Wallace, Katrina Harper and Janet Horncy (CG)
Family Time	Frank Cook
Readings	Jenn Keenan
Prayers of the People	Anna Smith
Rainbow Room	In recess
Library	Closed
Musician	Bruce Corkill
Service Leader	Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

On duty November 24th

Welcoming	Pam Fuller and one other
Sound	Ben Gray
Laptop	Cam Smart
Offering	Paul Franken and Mike Wespel-Rose
Coffee/tea	Maxine and Jim Cunningham, Sandra and Tony Kirby, and Sally Gray
Family Time	Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai
Readings	TBC
Prayers of the People	Lynne Dovey (CG)
Rainbow Room	In recess
Library	Mike Wespel-Rose
Musician	Judy Dumbleton
Service Leader	Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

This Week and Coming Events at St Andrew's

Sunday 17th November: 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by AGM, Younger members' (Y) group meets after morning tea/brunch, Congregational Conversation TBC

Wednesday 20th November: 10:30am – Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre
12:15pm – Dianne Halliday - Organ

Sunday 24th November: 10am Sunday Gathering led by Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai followed by Social Justice Education Group and Community

STANDARD MONTHLY SUNDAY CYCLE OF ACTIVITIES AFTER SERVICE

1st Sunday	Communion service followed by Community Brunch on even months Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct, Dec.
2nd Sunday	Congregational service followed by Exploring Faith
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	Caroline Korybut
Roster Coordinator	Pam Fuller
Concert Coordinator	Kristina Zuelicke
Centre Manager	Adelina Reis
Office Administrator	Jemma Ballantyne
Centre Assistant	Germaine Ambray
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