

ORDER OF SERVICE

8th DECEMBER 2024

ADVENT 2 "BE THE LIGHT"



RELAUNCHING OF THE RAINBOW PROGRAMME

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

"Helmsley" by T. Olivers (1725 -1799)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hello everyone, glad you have made it here this morning. Thank you for keeping watch over us last night that we can wake refreshed and renewed for a new day. Thank you for bringing us here today. We now pray that you will bless our service this morning, that we will meet and make new friends and enjoy decorating biscuits with our new friends. Amen.

SILENCE

GATHERING

For the Star that shone in the beginning,
for the Light reborn in our hearts,
for the Word embodied in us:

We give thanks.

PROCESSIONAL SONG

'Little Drummer Boy'

Katherine Kennicott Davis

1. Come, they told me (pa-rum-pa-pum-pum)
A newborn king to see (pa-rum-pa-pum-pum)
Our finest gifts we bring (pa-rum-pa-pum-pum)
To lay before the king (pa-rum-pa-pum-pum)
(Rum-pa-pum-pum)
(Rum-pa-pum-pum)
So, to honor Him (pa-rum-pa-pum-pum)
When we come
2. Baby Jesu (pa-rum-pa-pum-pum)
I am a poor boy too (pa-rum-pa-pum-pum)
I have no gifts to bring (pa-rum-pa-pum-pum)
That's fit to give a king (pa-rum-pa-pum-pum)
(Rum-pa-pum-pum)
(Rum-pa-pum-pum)
Shall I play for you (pa-rum-pa-pum-pum)
On my drum?
3. Mary nodded (pa-rum-pa-pum-pum)
The ox and lass kept time (pa-rum-pa-pum-pum)
I played my drum for Him (pa-rum-pa-pum-pum)
I played my best for Him (pa-rum-pa-pum-pum)
(Rum-pa-pum-pum)
(Rum-pa-pum-pum)
Then, He smiled at me (pa-rum-pa-pum-pum)
Me and my drum
Me and my drum

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

Dear Jesus, thank you for giving us a good night's sleep that we can wake up and come here together at St. Andrew's this morning. Bless us as we begin our new Rainbow Room programme. Bless all the children here and all over the world, all the mums and dads. In Jesus name we pray. **Amen.**

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 RAINBOW CANDLE

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

LIGHTING THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE OF PEACE

(volunteer from the children)

The first Advent candle represents our call to hope.
Today the second Advent candle represents our call to peace.
It reminds us of our dreams for peace in the world
and that Jesus brings peace.

It is a symbol of peace, comfort and strength.

For those whose lives are disrupted by conflict,
for those whose lives are overwhelmed by despair,
for those whose daily lives are crushed by busyness,
we light the candle of peace. (Christian World Service prayer)

Peace is at work in many places, making life better for all.

Peace means people have a chance to fully live.

Help us to be peacemakers, so that the world may know your Peace.

FAMILY TIME

Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai and Caroline Korybut

BLESSING THE CHILDREN

(All stand)

We send you to the Rainbow Room programme to hear stories, ask questions
and have fun together.

We bless you. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

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

THE WORD IN TEXTS

John Harper

Hebrew Bible

Malachi 3:1-4

Gospel/New Testament

Matthew 5:14-16

Contemporary Reading

'God Within'

By Joy Cowley *Come and See*, p8

Hush, my busy little world.
The voice at the door of my heart
is soft with love
and can only be heard in silence.
"I am Light," it says, "I am Truth.
Let me fill you with my life
and you will give birth to me,

light in the shadows of your house,
truth in the city of illusion.”

I know this voice,
better than I know myself,
but still, I am greatly afraid.
Lord, I'm so ordinary, so very small.
How can this strange thing be?

I hear the answer before I've asked the question.
“Beloved of God, everyone was made for this.
But it's only the ordinary and the small
who have room for me.”

RESPONSE

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

HYMN

CH4 528 'Make Me a Channel of Your Peace'

Words and Music Sebastian Temple Tune: Prayer of St Francis

1. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love;
where there is injury your pardon;
and where there's doubt true faith in you.

*Oh master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand
to be loved as to love with all my soul.*

2. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

*Oh master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand
to be loved as to love with all my soul.*

3. Make me a channel of your peace.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all that we receive,
and in dying that we are born to eternal life.

*Oh master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand
to be loved as to love with all my soul.*

4. Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there's despair in life let me bring hope,
where there is darkness only light,
and where there's sadness every joy.

REFLECTION

Rev Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

HYMN

WOV 193 'O Come O Come, Emmanuel'

Words tr. John Neale TUNE VENI EMMANUEL 15th Cent. plainsong

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

2. O come, o come o Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law,
in cloud and majesty and awe.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

3. O come, thou dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night
and deaths dark shadows put to flight.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

OFFERING MUSIC

**“Rainbow Connection” by Willams and Ascher
 (“The Muppet Movie” 1979**

OFFERTORY HYMN

Fei to play Guitar

1. Te Aroha,
Te whakapono,
Me te rangimarie,
Tatou, tatou e (x2)

OFFERING PRAYER

(Bronwyn Angela White)

As we bring these offerings of money and food, may we share the gifts of peace, reconciliation and goodwill.

***May these gifts feed those who hunger for daily bread and justice,
and support this faith community as we work for justice and peace.***

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.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

We think today of the people of Morocco. We pray for the safety of economic migrants in Morocco, 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 Tom Rutherford (Bay of Plenty) and Jenny Salesa (Panmure-Ōtāhuhu). Here in the Central Presbytery we pray for the leaders and people of Hastings - St John's Presbyterian Church.

SHOW AND TELL: CHILDREN RETURN FROM RAINBOW ROOM

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.*

Refrain

I am the light of the world.

You people come and follow me!

*If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.*

1. When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and the shepherds
have found their way home,
the work of Christmas is begun:

Refrain

2. To find the lonely and the lost,
to heal their broken souls with love,
to feed the hungry children
with warmth and good food,
to feel the earth below, the sky above;

Refrain

3. To free the prisoners from their chains,
to make the powerful care,
to re-build the nations
with strength of goodwill,
to be at one with people everywhere;

Refrain

4. To bring hope to every task you do,
to dance at a baby's new birth,
to make music in
an old person's heart,
and sing to the colours of the earth.

Refrain

SUNG BLESSING

WOV 679 'Ma Te Marie'

Traditional Maori hymn Tune: OLD HUNDRETH

1. Ma te ma-rie a te A-tua

The Peace of God

ta tou ka-toa e ti-a-ki;

keep us all.

Ma-na a-no e wha-ka-u

God will confirm

O ta-tou nga-kau ki te pai.

our hearts in goodness

SUNG AMEN

PROCESS OUT WITH CHILDREN

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU

to our musician today

Peter Franklin

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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 December 11th, 12:15pm
Resonance Choir – A Carol Celebration

ST ANDREW'S SUBMISSION ON THE TREATY PRINCIPLES BILL

Could anyone who wants to contribute to developing our submission please get in touch with me, either after morning tea or by e-mail (sue@publicgood.org.nz).

BRIGHTLY COLOURED PAINT FREE TO A GOOD HOME

In the South Vestry we found some tins of brightly coloured paint - we think from the days of the mural while construction work was going on next door. If anybody wants it, please talk to me at morning tea or let the office know: 472-9211 or office@standrews.org.nz

UPCOMING LUNCHTIME CONCERT – RESONANCE CHOIR – A CAROL CELEBRATION – 11TH DECEMBER

You are welcome to join us for our final Lunchtime Concert in the series for 2024, with a performance from the Resonance Choir, A Carol Celebration, led by Simon Christie. Resonance is an all-comers choir formed in 2007 by a group of parents from Kelburn Normal School. The choir has grown to around 60 members and is now based in Karori. Wednesday the 11th December, 12:15pm. St Andrews on The Terrace.

LIBRARY NEWS

In the last couple of weeks, I have done a library tidy up. On Sundays we display about 20 books. But we have 100's more books, both in the library cupboard at the back of the church near the entry door, and also much more on the shelves in the South Vestry. Topics with many examples include: *Lloyd Geering, Personal Development, Psychology, Our church history, The future of God and The Church, Social Justice and Progressive Christianity.* and many more topics. So much interesting thinking and discussion. Sorry, there is no catalogue, however, there is so much that is of great value in human culture contained in books, in the written word. Please feel free to also borrow books from these other stores. Just remember to enter anything borrowed in the issue book (On book table on Sundays), return books in a timely manner and cross off your entry in the issue book. Many thanks everybody - wishing you stimulating and enjoyable reading! Mike Wespel-Rose.

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.

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. For Hutt Valley and other members, Bunnings' stores have recycling bins where used batteries can be left. Happy recycling!

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 in 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

UPCOMING CAROLS IN PARLIAMENT CONCERT - DECEMBER 8TH 7PM

Greg O'Connor, Assistant Speaker and Member of Parliament for Ōhāriu invites you to *Carols in Parliament*. Sunday 8 December 2024 at 7pm (please be seated by 6.50pm). A Christmas service in association with the Council of Wellington Churches.

UPCOMING CONCERT – SOS CONCERT FOR THE CHILDREN OF GAZA

December 10th 7.30pm – Alan Gibbs Centre – Wellington College

Musicians of Aotearoa supporting the children of Gaza. Performers include, Wellington City Orchestra, Taioro, Stringendo, Sinfonia for Hope, Palestinian Folk Songs. Recommended koha \$30-\$60, children free. Cash only at the door, no eftpos.

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.**

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	Pauline and David Patchett
Sound	Sonia Groes-Petrie
Laptop	Cam Smart
Offering	Paul Franken and Kath Kerr
Coffee/tea	Vivienne Mountier, Sandra and Tony Kirby
Family Time	Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai
Readings	John Harper
Prayers of the People	Hamish Dick
Rainbow Room	Be the Light – Re-Launch
Library	Pauline Patchett
Musician	Peter Franklin
Service Leader	Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai

On duty December 15th

Welcoming	Pat Booth and Margaret Harper
Sound	Sue Hirst
Laptop	Sue Hirst
Offering	Lynette Burrell and Bridget Martin
Coffee/tea	Michael Parker, Maxine Cunningham and Sally Gray
Family Time	Frank Cook
Readings	John Harper
Prayers of the People	Cam Smart
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 8th December: 10am Children's Christmas Holiday Service led by Rev. Dr Fei Taule'ale'ausumai and the QMC Holiday Programme.

Wednesday 11th December: 10:30am – Cuppa and a Chat in the Centre

12:15pm – Resonance Choir – A Carol Celebration

Sunday 15th December: 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 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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