

St Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Hamilton



22 December 2024 (A dvent 4)

9.30am K iwi Service – Rev K elly Gilson

Organ: Phyllipa F raser

11.30am K orean Service – Rev Tae Ju Ham

St Andrew's Mission

To worship and work with God
in the world



St Andrew's Vision

A bridge to the city ...
where love and friendship meet

This service is streamed on
<https://www.facebook.com/St.AndrewsPresbyterianHamilton>

*Welcome to worship; Kia ora tatou; 환영합니다;
An-nyeoung ha-se-yo?; Bogi bogi namona; Bula Vinaka;
Kedu! Nnoo; Kia orana; Malo e lelei; Namaste;
Nimen hao; Salaam; Talofa lava; Welkom*

**Please stand as you are able*

Advent Candle Litany (Fraser and Linda Annals) – The Candle of Love

We light the Candle of Love this evening. *(The candle is lit)*

We give thanks for the presence of loved ones in our lives.

We carry within our hearts thanksgiving for loved ones
who are now with You.

We rejoice in our memories of them.

We give thanks for the hope of new love,
of lives and relationships just begun.

**We find our foundation in love
which has stood the test of time.**

We thank You for the love of parents, spouses, children, friends.

We lift up the causes we fight in the name of love:

We pray for justice for the poor in the name of love.

We pray for the healing of our planet in the name of love.

We pray for comfort for the lonely and fearful in the name of love.

**We trust that the Lord of Love, who came to us as one of us,
hears our prayers, and with tears of love, will answer us.**

Hymn – Once in Royal David's City (CH4 315, tune Irby WOV 237)*

Prayer of thanksgiving and confession

Sing – The Lord's Prayer (WOV 676)*

Welcome, notices and community time

Children's moment

Choir – Angels from the Realms of Glory

Bible reading (Helen Hopkins) – Luke 1:46-56 (NRSV)

Sermon – Reflections on Mary

Offertory hymn – Child in the Manger (CH4 314, tune WOV 241)*

*Dedication of the offering**

Prayers for others (Pauline Milroy)

Hymn – Child of Christmas Story (COC 8, tune Incarnation AA 12)*

Children's sharing moment

Benediction (Minister)

Following the worship service, organists usually play a postlude (music as we exit). You are welcome to stay seated in your pew to listen to it played through. Equally, please feel free to leave the church for your other commitments.



Lectionary Readings



24 December 2024
(Christmas Eve)

Is 9:2-7

Ps 96

Titus 2:11-14

Lk 2:1-14, (15-20)

Lectionary Readings



25 December 2024
(Christmas Day)

Is 52:7-10

Ps 98

Heb 1:1-4, (5-12)

Jn 1:1-14

Lectionary Readings



29 December 2024

1 Sam 2:18-20, 26

Ps 148

Col 3:12-17

Lk 2:41-52

Rosters	22 December	24 December
Service Elder	Graeme Kitto	Marian Carmichael
Convenor	Lalita Hari	Graeme Carmichael
Door duty	Pauline Milroy	Pauline Milroy
Finance	Ross & Beryl Williams	
AV Operator Streaming Operator	Ross Williams Daniel Foo	Graeme Kitto Jerome Chuang
Organ/Piano	Phyllipa Fraser	Phyllipa Fraser
Bible Reader/s	Helen Hopkins	Lalita Hari
Intercessory Prayer	Pauline Milroy	
Morning Tea	Margaret & Peter Gault	

Rosters	25 December	29 December
Service Elder	Graeme Kitto	Marian Carmichael
Convenor	Lalita Hari	Graeme Carmichael
Door duty	Peter Bayne	Ron Murgatroyd
Finance	Butch & Rianna Rothman	Bea Brazendale
AV Operator Streaming Operator	David Roberts Butch Rothman	Peter Gault Daniel Food
Organ/Piano	Trevor Gibbs	John Parker
Bible Reader/s	Aaralyn Gilson Solomon Gilson	Bobbie McCabe
Intercessory Prayer	Kelly Gilson	Marian Carmichael
Morning Tea		Ross & Beryl Williams

2 Corinthians 9:7 – God loves a cheerful giver (NKJV)

St Andrew's depends on the generous giving of members and friends.

If you would like to make a donation, our church BNZ bank account details are:

St Andrew's Presbyterian Church - Hamilton 02-0316-0046144-000

(Please include your Name or Giving Number in the Reference)

If you would like to use planned giving, please contact the Church Office (ph 854 9737)

'Like' us on Facebook!

We would like to encourage you to 'Like' St Andrew's Presbyterian Church Hamilton's Facebook page (<http://tiny.cc/FBStAndrewsHnNZ>). The more 'Like's we get, the more people get to know about St Andrew's.

THIS WEEK AT ST ANDREW'S

Tuesday 24 December (Christmas Eve)

8.30pm Christmas Eve Candlelight service

Wednesday 25 December (Christmas Day)

9.30am Kiwi Christmas Day service
11.30am Korean Christmas Day service
11.30am Multicultural Youth Christmas Day service

Thursday 26 December (Boxing Day)

Sunday 29 December

9.30am Kiwi service
11.30am Korean service
11.30am Multicultural Youth service

Masks are not required. If you choose to wear one, your decision is respected.

Prayer Chain Co-ordinator

Elaine Riddell
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Let's Pray Prayer Group

The *Let's Pray* Prayer Group is now in recess during the Christmas/New Year break. It will recommence on **Thursday 23 January 2025 at 11.30am** in the church lounge. We would love to see you.

Season's Greetings from Link House

On behalf of our team at Single Parent Services Waikato, we would like to extend our sincere gratitude for your generous support this Christmas season. Your kindness brings hope and joy to families facing challenges, and we are truly thankful for your partnership in this meaningful work.

May the peace and joy of Christmas fill your home, and may the coming year bring continued blessings, love, and strength.

God bless

Angela Seiuli
Registered Social Worker

**Single Parents Services Waikato: A collaborative project
between Link House and Birthright Waikato Trust**



A MULTICULTURAL YOUTH SERVICE

... is held weekly on **Sundays** in the **Media Room in The Link** from **11.30am**. This service is for those who are younger – from Year 7 to young adults.

Any questions – please contact Rev Daniel
on 021 415 204



Christian World Service (CWS) Christmas Appeal

Advent Four: LOVE 22 December 2024



In Tonga, Kapiolani is a fan weaver and passionate home gardener. Her home is surrounded by vegetables, banana and breadfruit trees, pele and flowers, flourishing with the compost she learned to make at a workshop run by CWS partner Tonga Community Development Trust (TCDC). She knows she will improve her family's livelihood by raising chickens in her new chicken house. With more training on climate change, she can help her community prepare for future disasters. TCDC has been working through its local groups. **Especially after natural disasters, families need practical support and love.**

“Give Climate Hope this Christmas”

Christian World Service (CWS) is the official international-aid agency of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand. Our Parish also supports CWS as its overseas priority.

Please pray and, if you are able, consider donating:

- By posting an Appeal Envelope (available in both the church and in The Link)
- By **credit card by freephone** 0800 74 73 72 during office hours only
- or **Online** www.christmasappeal.org.nz
- or by **Direct Deposit:**
Name of Account: Christian World Service
Account number: 06 0817 0318646 00, ref: Christmas24, and your name
Email your postal details to cws@cws.org.nz if you would like a tax receipt

Thank you!



Health & Safety
Please note where the Exits
and Evacuation Point are located



LINK HOUSE FOOD BANK

Thank you for your help with filling the St Andrew's food basket for the aid of single-parent families in need throughout 2024 – with special thanks for the treats leading up to Christmas!

Although the Link House office is now closed until 13 January, we suggest you keep contributing **Pantry Staples for our food basket – right through to 26 January**. We shall stockpile supplies in readiness for Link House re-opening. We particularly encourage you to consider donating long-life items such as tinned spaghetti or baked beans, dry pasta, flour, oil, tinned tomatoes, pasta sauces, rice, long life milk, sugar, and pancake mix.

Our collection basket is in the foyer as you enter for worship.

You can, of course, bring other sorts of food if you wish. Non-perishable food only, in original packaging, and un-opened, please.



Our food goes to single-parent families who are in particular strife and so the more of us who can help provide food, the better. If you need to bag items for St Andrew's food basket, please use paper not plastic.

With appreciation from the
Social and Ecumenical Action Committee

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The Link Manager (Ian Jamieson)

Christmas hours: Closed Monday 23 December 2024 to Friday 10 January 2025

Church Office (Secretary: Jacky Overdeest)

Christmas hours: Closed Saturday 21 December 2024 to Sunday 19 January 2025