

# *St Andrew's Presbyterian Church Hamilton*



*The Nightmare After Christmas*

*12 January 2025*

*9.30am Kiwi Service – Worship Committee*

*Organ: Trevor Gibbs*

*11.30am Korean 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;  
Akwaaba; An-nyeoung ha-se-yo?; Banuram; Bula Vinaka; Emedi o;  
Kedu! Nnoo; Kia orana; Malo e lelei; Namaste; Nimen hao;  
Salaam; Talofa lava; Vanakkam; Welkom*

*\*Please stand as you are able*

*Call to worship (from Psalm 46)*

God is our refuge and strength,  
**a very present help in trouble.**

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
**though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,**  
though its waters roar and foam,  
**though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter;  
**He utters His voice, the earth melts**

Come, behold the works of the Lord;  
**He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;**  
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
**He burns the shields with fire.**

Be still, and know that I am God!  
**I am exalted among the nations;  
I am exalted in the earth.**

The Lord of hosts is with us;  
The God of Jacob is our refuge.

*Hymn – Be Still (CH4 189, sheet music)*

*Prayer of thanks and confession*

*Recite – The Lord's Prayer*

We thank You, Living God, that You seek a loving relationship with us,  
**We thank You for Your graciousness,**  
like a parent who holds a child in close embrace,  
**like a grandparent who models patience and generosity,**

And like a best friend who listens to our deepest longings of heart and soul,

**We are aware of Your heartfelt love for us,  
And we thank You.**

*Prayer of confession*

O God, in a world where there is always suffering, it can be hard to believe

in some grand vision of shalom.

We catch glimpses of community, fairness, justice and kindness, but these are like lightning flashes in a night-time storm that quickly fade into the shadows of reality.

When we become discouraged, we often give up trying to live in Your new way.

In those times, when friendship is possible, we withdraw.

When compassion is possible, we withhold.

When effort is needed, we shrink back.

**Forgive us and renew Your vision within us, O God.**

*Assurance of pardon*

God says: I am renewing heaven and earth  
and I shall remain with you.

Even now, I forgive.

Even now, I re-create.

Even now, I call you into something new.

I am renewing heaven and earth

and I am beginning with you today.

*Welcome, notices and community time*

*Hymn* – Tell My People (AA 132)

*Bible reading* (Ros Ramsbottom) – Matthew 2:13-23 (NRSV)

*Sermon* (Rev Christine Harding) – The Nightmare After Christmas

*Hymn* – God of the Poor (CH4 259)

*Offering and prayer of dedication\**

*Prayers for others* (Graeme Kitto)

*Hymn* – We Sing a Love (CH4 622, tune Woodlands WOV 109)


Blessing

Benediction – Now Unto Him (AA 102)

Three-fold Amen

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**



**19 January 2024**

Is 62:1-5  
Ps 36:5-10  
1 Cor 12:1-11  
Jn 2:1-11

HEROD  
SOUNDS LIKE  
A MONSTER!



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HE WAS,  
AND THERE  
HAVE CERTAINLY  
BEEN OTHERS.



BUT ANY OF US IS  
CAPABLE OF SACRIFICING  
OTHERS TO OUR OWN  
SMALL INTERESTS.



I WOULD ONLY DO  
THAT TO YOU IF  
IT WAS **ABSOLUTELY  
NECESSARY.**



MATTHEW 2:13-18

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## ***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.

They also have a range of other fun activities at other times.

This is a great space to make friends and journey together with others in learning about our Christian faith.

Any questions – please contact Rev Daniel on 021 415 204.



11:30  
to  
12:30  
PM

Hamilton Multicultural Youth service

**Youth**  
**SERVICE**

Free lunch will be provided after services

**Place** | The Link  
4 Te Aroha St.  
Hamilton EAST 3216

Pastor Daniel Park 021 415 204

# THIS WEEK AT ST ANDREW'S

## Thursday 16 January

9.30am Social & Ecumenical Action committee meeting

## Sunday 19 January

9.30am Kiwi service  
11.00am Worship committee meeting  
11.30am Korean service  
11.30am Multicultural Youth service

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

<b>Rosters</b>	<b>12 January</b>	<b>19 January</b>
Service Elder	Helen Hopkins	Ross Williams
Convenor	Bryce Hopkins	Beryl Williams
Door duty	Neville Woodcock	Neville Woodcock
Finance	Fraser Annals	Bea Brazendale
AV Operator Streaming Operator	David Roberts Butch Rothman	Graeme Kitto Daniel Foo
Organ/Piano	Trevor Gibbs	Trevor Gibbs
Bible Reader	Ros Ramsbottom	Chris Grocott
Intercessory Prayer	Graeme Kitto	Kelly Gilson
Morning Tea	Chris Grocott & Chris Walker	Butch & Rianna Rothman

### **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.

### **Prayer Chain Co-ordinator**

Elaine Riddell  
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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!

The Link House office is re-opens tomorrow (13 January). Please 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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### Korean Minister

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### Multicultural Youth Minister

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### The Link Manager (Ian Jamieson)

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### Church Office (Secretary: Jacky Overdevest)

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

Website: [www.standrewshamilton.org.nz](http://www.standrewshamilton.org.nz)

Streamed Kiwi service: <https://www.facebook.com/St.AndrewsPresbyterianHamilton>