

St Andrew's Presbyterian Church Hamilton



7 December 2025 - Advent 2

10.30am Combined St Andrew's Christmas Pageant Service

Rev Kelly Gilson — Rev Tae Ju Ham

Organ: Phyllipa Fraser

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 (hwan-yeonghabnida);
An-nyeoung ha-se-yo?; Akwaaba; Banuram; Bula Vinaka;
Emedi o; Kedu! Nnool; Kia orana; Malo e lelei; Namaste;
Nimen hao; Salaam; Talofa lava; Welkom*

**Please stand as you are able*

Welcome (Rev Kelly Gilson and Rev Tae Ju Ham)

*Advent Candle Litany (Peter and Margaret Gault) – The Candle of Peace
We light the Candle of Peace this morning. (The candle is lit)*

We give You thanks for the peace

You offer us in this place, on this morning.

We remember those who lack peace.

**We remember those who fight,
consumed with fear and hatred.**

We remember those who embark on perilous journeys
in search of peace for their loved ones.

We remember children in broken and dangerous homes.

We remember those who risk their lives
to build bridges between angry people.

**We give thanks for the places and people
who quietly comfort.**

For rivers and forests. For cups of tea.

For music. For the voice of a loved one.

We thank You for the peace You offer.

Grant us the grace to welcome it gently into our lives.

Gathering prayer (Rev Tae Ju Ham)

Hymn – The First Nowell (WOV 221)*

Notices

Dedication of time capsule

(Rev Tae Ju Ham, Rev Kelly Gilson and Graeme Kitto)

Christmas Pageant (Kiwi and Korean children and youth)

Offering and dedication (Rev Kelly Gilson)

Intercessory prayers (Kwang Hee Lee and Marilyn Orchard)

Hymn – Angels We Have Heard on High (KEH 125)*

Benediction (Rev Kelly Gilson)

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.



Carols for the Community Sing-Along

Friday 19 December at 5.00pm
in The Link

Join us for a sing-along of your favourite Christmas carols – *Joy to the World*, *O Little Town of Bethlehem*, *Silent Night*, just to name a few.

Please bring a plate of goodies for supper afterwards.

Lectionary Readings



14 December 2025

Is 35:1-10

Ps 146:5-10
or Lk 1:46b-55

James 5:7-10

Mt 11:2-11

'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.

Christian World Service (CWS) Christmas Appeal

Advent Two: PEACE

7 December 2025



This Christmas, Christian World Service (CWS) is focusing on the basic need for access to healthy water. For every community where CWS partners work, clean water is the foundation for breaking the cycle of extreme poverty. A completed rainwater tank can transform a family's wellbeing and set an entire community on a path toward a healthier, more secure future. **Our gifts are a powerful way to stand with deprived people in arid countries, such as in the building of concrete rainwater tanks – to give water, and to give life.**

There is more information at cws.org.nz/donate-christmas-appeal/

"Give Water, Give Life" this Christmas

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** <https://cws.org.nz/donate-christmas-appeal/>
- or by **Direct Deposit:**
Name of Account: Christian World Service
Account number: 06 0817 0318646 00, ref: Christmas25, and your name
Email your postal details to cws@cws.org.nz if you would like a tax receipt

Thank you!

Social & Ecumenical Action Committee of Parish Council

THIS WEEK AT ST ANDREW'S

Monday 8 December

9.30am Mini Movers

Tuesday 9 December

10.00am Bowls group

Thursday 11 December

9.30am *Let's Pray* prayer group in the church lounge

Saturday 13 December

10.30am Choir practice

Sunday 14 December (Advent 3)

9.30am Kiwi service

11.30am Korean service

11.30am Multicultural Youth service

Prayer Chain Co-ordinator

Elaine Riddell
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Rosters	7 December	7 December
Service Elder	Pauline Milroy	Ross Williams
Convenor	Jerome Chuang	Beryl Williams
Door duty	Maria Chuang	Neville Woodcock
Finance	Helen & Bryce Hopkins	Helen & Bryce Hopkins
AV Operator	David Roberts	Peter Gault
Streaming Operator	Butch Rothman	Daniel Foo
Organ/Piano	Phyllipa Fraser	Trevor Gibbs
Bible Reader		Helen Hopkins
Intercessory Prayer	Marilyn Orchard	David Barrowclough
Morning Tea	Ruth & David Barrowclough and Asif Babar Rana	Rianna & Butch Rothman and Shagufta Babar

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)

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.

**11:30
TO
12:30**

Hamilton Multicultural Youth service

Youth

SERVICE

Free lunch will be provided after services

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

Yohan Oh
020 444 4161

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 Yo Han on 020 444 4161



You are warmly invited to join with us at

Scots Church

32 Vardon Road

for a *'Blue Christmas'* Service

which is being held

Wednesday 17th December, 2025

at 7.00pm

This is a short service of remembrance and quiet reflection to provide an opportunity for those who may be grieving, in pain, lonely, or hurting through broken relationships and are struggling to find joy and hope during the Christmas Season.

Come and light a candle for hope and peace.

All welcome





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



LINK HOUSE FOOD BANK

For the four weeks from 23 November until Sunday 14 December inclusive, we'd like to encourage you to take up the theme of **"Christmas Treats"**. Your contributions might include tinned pineapple and other fancy fruits, bottles of grape juice, chocolates, lollies and chippies, crackers, nuts, a commercial Christmas cake, mince pies ... Staff will make up special hampers customised for each family. Your food can certainly help to brighten their Christmas tables. Please bring long-life items, with unopened original packaging.

You can, of course, gift any other sort of food, instead. If you have surplus fresh fruit or veges, please phone Link House on 839 1051 to see if your produce could be of immediate use.



We advise use of paper bags, not plastic. St Andrew's collection basket is in the foyer as you come in for worship. Your help is much appreciated.

Social and Ecumenical Action Committee

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**Deadline
for bulletin notices:
Wednesday (9.00am)**