

Church Service by Distance 10 October 2021

St Andrews Presbyterian Church Manurewa

The following “service” is designed for those who normally attend St Andrews Presbyterian Church Manurewa but anyone else is welcome to join. Even though we are in our own homes rather than physically together for church, we know that others from St Andrews are also using this church service material at the same time – having the same prayers and message and songs etc. so really, we are still having church together.

Welcome

Welcome to the St Andrews distance service. We come as one because of the work of Jesus Christ, God’s Son, who made the way for us to draw near to God. I encourage you in this service to take part fully in each part of the service.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks and praise for who you are and all you’ve done. We come to you in faith, as we put our trust in your Son Jesus Christ, who died for our sins.

We commit to you this time of worship. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Song

Please check your volume level and click/tap on the link below for our opening song. Whether you are by yourself or with others, sing along, or just think about the words as they are sung so that you are thankful for what the Lord has done for you. Click/tap the below link. (And skip ads if they come up.)

By Faith <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N9AGBiAV82k>

Notices

International Dinner

The St Andrews International Dinner is cancelled due to Covid restrictions.

Share Your Faith Seminar

We have the ‘Share Your Faith’ seminar in the church calendar for 6 November, 9am-1pm at St Andrews. This is an evangelism equipping seminar. We may or may not be at level 2 by then so it is unknown if we will be allowed to have this seminar. Please put the date in your diary in case we can meet.

Church by Distance

We will keep having church by distance while the alert levels don’t allow us to meet in person. Please keep an eye on your emails from me.

AGM reports

If you are someone who writes a report for the Annual General Meeting, then now is the time to start. This is a report for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021. Please email reports to Craig.

Family Life Marriage Enrichment Weekend

Family Life offer a seminar called “A Day Together” which is held in South Auckland on 13 November. See www.familylife.org.nz (and click Events then click A Day Together.)

Offering

During lockdown, we can continue to worship the Lord in our giving.

2Corinthians 9:7 says, “God loves a cheerful giver.” You can give to St Andrews through internet banking as a one-off payment or by AP as a regular payment. The church bank account number is 06-0359-0201482-00. If you want a tax receipt for your donation, please include your name or envelope number in the reference field. (If you don’t have an envelope number, please email Craig: craig@sapc.org.nz)

If you prefer not to give by internet banking, you can save up your offerings until we meet again in person.

Three Songs

Again, whether you are by yourself or with others, sing along, or just think about the words as they are sung so that you are thankful for what the Lord has done for you. Click/tap the below link then click/tap the “PLAY ALL” button. (And skip ads if they come up.)

This link will play three songs, so don’t stop it as it nears the end of the first song.

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLGGAxmqq4yok3gcHsp5qgX_YoK5fcnZc

Kids’ Talk

If you have children in your house, I encourage parents read a bible story from your children’s bible or download the app called “Bible App for Kids” (See image to the right for what the icon looks like.) Have fun clicking/tapping on stories as well as animals/objects as a story is being told.



For Older Children

There is another free app called “The Big Little Bible” that is put out by the Bible Society. (See image to the right for what the icon looks like.) This app has bible stories with less images and more bible text.



Prayers for Others

O Lord my God, you are the greatest
You are clothed with honour and majesty
You laid the foundations of the earth
So, it shouldn't be moved

O Lord, how manifold are your works
In wisdom you have made them all
The earth is full of your possessions
The oceans, rivers, and lakes
The mountains, forests, the environment
The living things, both great and small
You have made them all

You send forth your Spirit
And you renew the face of the earth
May the glory of the Lord rejoice in his works
Bless the Lord Almighty
We call upon your name
Glory be to you forever
We marvel at your works
Your wonders, covenant, and judgement

We pray for our country as we continue to face the impacts of Covid 19
We pray for the people who are not vaccinated for whatever reasons
We remember the many people who have been infected and kept in managed isolation
Those separated from rest of their families especially those in hospitals

We pray for your healing powers, both physical and spiritual
Strengthen us with your peace and hope as we continue to have faith in you
We pray for our church, members, and their families
And those we normally have fellowship with
May we continue to pray for each other
As we are unable to attend church together in person

We pray for our children over the school holidays
May you look upon them during this time as they spend time in their bubbles
And unable to enjoy their usual fun activities in parks and playgrounds more freely

We pray for those who continue to breach rules that protect and keep us safe
We pray for those who are struggling in body, mind and spirit and tend to lose hope
May you strengthen their hearts and may they humble themselves

We pray for all essential workers giving their all wherever they are working
Those who are unable to travel especially New Zealanders who are stuck overseas
And unable to return home quickly

We pray for your grace and favour
We honour your name and praise you always
Forgive us for our wrongdoings
And thank you for saving us

We thank you for being our friend and carer
All we need to do is ask
And we know you are never far away
To honour you is to believe and obey
As everything is possible through you and only you
We humbly ask and pray in Jesus' name
Amen.

Message

This morning, we have an excellent message by Mark Roper.
Click/tap the below link. (And skip ads if they come up.)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ek3ii8hgQM>

Song

Click/tap the link below and sing along: Thank You Lord for Your Blessings on me
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1JKO7taXhr0>

Benediction

May God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you and strengthen you and may he give you peace. Amen.