

Church Service by Distance 19 September 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. It’s good you can join in today as we worship the Lord from our homes. I encourage you to make the most of the whole service by reading all the notices and prayers, and clicking on all the links for songs and the message.

Prayer

Lord, you are a great God and maker of all. We give you all praise and thanks for who you are and all you’ve done. You showed your love for us in sending your Son Jesus Christ to die for our sins.

We commit to you this time as we worship you, using this distance service format. 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.)

Your Grace is Enough <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vpYtYYaTFGQ>

Notices

Promise Keepers Men’s Event

The event topic is mentoring as a father. The talk by Sam Tolley is available online on Saturday 2nd October and is also available to be viewed later when it suits you. For more info or to register go to: https://www.promisekeepers.org.nz/mensministry/more-than-bacon/?mc_cid=08df820869&mc_eid=477d3b6fc6

International Dinner

We have the St Andrews International Dinner in the church calendar for 16 October at

6pm. At this stage it looks unlikely that we will be able to go ahead. We will review the situation closer to the time when more is known about alert levels. Please keep the date free for the moment.

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.)

Thank you

If you made a submission on the proposed Conversion Therapy Ban bill, thank you. The number of submissions made was over 100,000 which is amazing! (The previous record was 38,000 on the euthanasia bill.) Please continue to pray for members of parliament for a positive outcome.

Marriage Week

This week (12-19 September) is Marriage Week. If you are married or in a relationship, it's a bit hard to do something special like going out for dinner etc. Why not listen to a Family Life podcast together <https://www.familylife.org.nz/podcast/> or read the article by Mark Maney <https://preview.mailerlite.com/k9c8p8/1771401314836683354/d2q4/> (scroll down until you get to the article "Happy Spouse, Happy House").

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.

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=PLGGAxmnmq4yr90xZ4Ki1YNxXJ4VLoIXDQ>

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

Please pray the below prayer for our prayers for others. (Thank you, Gerald Benjamin, for supplying this prayer.)

Our Father in heaven, as we come before you today, delighting in your presence we ask you for your divine guidance.

You know the desires of our hearts - to know, love and live in you.

Show us the way you want us to go. Give us the courage to face the future knowing that because you go before us, we never need to be afraid.

Deliver us from worry, fear and distress because of the covid virus Lord. Give comfort to those who are suffering from this virus, sickness or from abuse and violence. Touch them with your healing light and guard them with your protective hand.

Lord we see many things right now - the state of economy, unemployment and terrorist attacks. We trust in you Lord that we will live our life with the assurance that you are with us. Fill us with your strength and courage.

Nothing can harm us with you by our side. We praise you and give you all the honour and glory.

In Jesus Christ's wonderful name we pray. Amen.

Message

This morning, we have an excellent message by Andy Wooldridge. His topic is: What To Do When It Feels Like There's Nothing You Can Do

Click/tap the below link. (And skip ads if they come up.)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=87gX6xh159s>

Song

Click/tap the link below and sing along: Cornerstone

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QvLxZEU02uI&list=PLGGAxmnmq4ypWHOJgJxp-4P8RrQA2ixdd&index=3&t=0s>

Benediction

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