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Religion and Society**

# **Human Flourishing**

**HELP ALL HUMANS FLOURISH**



**Join a creative mob sharing their wisdom and  
thinking strategically about the future.**

**St Andrew's on The Terrace  
Wellington, New Zealand**

**Friday May 5, 7pm – 8:30pm  
Saturday May 6, 9am – 3:30pm**

# Programme

## Friday evening May 5

**6:30 Tea/Coffee available**

**7:00 Welcome & Notices (Pam Fuller, SATRS Chair)**

### **Introduction & Theme - Rev Dr Susan Jones**

Susan is the Minister at St Andrews and will introduce the evening and reprise the lectures in the Human Flourishing series.

As well as being the Minister and member of the SATRS trust Susan has been an important voice in LGBTQI rights in New Zealand and in the Presbyterian Church. She is also a supporter of the NZ Living Wage campaign. St Andrews has recently become a living wage church.

### **Speaker Introduction by Jan Rivers, Public Good**

#### **Dr Heidi Thomson: *Flourishing with the Humanities: Challenges and Possibilities***

Heidi is Associate Professor, School of English, Film, Theatre and Media Studies at Victoria University where she is the English Programme Director. Her research areas are the British Romantic Literature and Cultural Contexts; Wordsworth; Coleridge; Keats; Poetry and Poetics. She is also a passionate advocate of the value of the Humanities in today's society.

#### **Dr Carwyn Jones discusses his new book *New Treaty, New Tradition: Reconciling New Zealand and Māori Law*.**

Carwyn is a Senior Lecturer in the School of Law and his research areas are the Treaty of Waitangi, Treaty settlements, Waitangi Tribunal, Maori and constitutional issues, rights of indigenous people at international law, indigenous governance, indigenous legal traditions, Māori Studies. As well as his recent book, Carwyn also keeps a blog - ahikaroa - where he writes on current issues in the law relating to Māori and other Indigenous peoples.

#### **Dr Danielle Shanahan: *On Living with Nature***

Danielle is Manager Conservation, Research, Learning and Experience at Wellington's Zealandia wildlife sanctuary. She discovered in the 2012 research

of more than 1500 Brisbane residents that the mere act of being in a park actually improves health and regular time spent in nature can help prevent depression and high blood pressure.

**8:30 Close**

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## **Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup>**

*Experience a creative participatory day experiencing ways of thinking about flourishing through storytelling, workshops, speakers and time for deliberation.*

**9:00 Registration**

**9:30 Welcome – Rev Dr Susan Jones**

### **Notices & instructions – Pam Fuller**

#### **Story Time 1 – Rev Dr James Cunningham**

**Jim** is a retired Presbyterian Minister, counsellor and story teller. He was interim Minister at St Andrews to 2015. Jim will co-facilitate the Saturday workshop and will tell stories to weave the event together together with Graham has developed the plan for the seminar.

#### **Community Singing – Julian Raphael – The Power of Song**

**Julian Raphael:** is a highly experienced community musician, music educator, composer and performer who works alongside children and grown-ups with a philosophy and teaching style that is influenced and informed by music-making of the world's cultures. He is director of **Community Music Junction**, and a student and teacher of music from the Shona culture of Zimbabwe and is one of the very few New Zealand facilitators of African marimba and mbira. Julian leads the **Wellington Community Choir** and the **Hutt Valley Community Choir** and **MaleVocale** as well as a number of daytime 'Sing for your Life' groups.

Julian will speak and teach about the power of song in human flourishing in a session with singing, music and words.

## **10:30 Groups – Sharing experiences of flourishing – facilitated by Graham Millar**

Graham is a Trustee of the St Andrew's Trust for the Study of Religion and Society and is co-convenor of the Human Flourishing conference.

- 3-4 people per group
- Use pictures, shells, driftwood, leaves
- Pick up something that attracts you from above
- Share: What is this item saying about itself? What is it saying about you? (in terms of flourishing)

## **Story Time 2 – Rev Dr James Cunningham**

### **11:00 Morning tea**

### **11:15 Story Time 3 – Rev Dr James Cunningham**

### **11:20 Introduction to the four speakers by Jan Rivers, Public Good**

#### **John Pennington: Public Engagement Projects**

John Pennington is a partner at [Public Engagement Projects](#) and in a previous role was part of the team that ensured the short-lived Bio-ethics Council was the winner of the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) awarded their [Core Values Award in 2008](#). He has recently completed a project with [Scoop Media](#) to identify initiatives that might have broad acceptability across multiple communities.

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#### **Paul Bruce, Our Climate Declaration**

Paul is a retired meteorologist, environmentalist and was until recently a Wellington Regional Councillor. He will introduce [Our Climate Declaration](#). The declaration is **a Declaration of our commitment to a different kind of future**, based on respect, democracy and fairness and which takes care of people and of Nature.

## **Max Harris, The New Zealand Project** (video link)

<https://www.facebook.com/ScoopIndependentNews/videos/10154981815866488/>

Max is a new young voice in New Zealand politics and his research at Oxford over several years has recently resulted in the publication of the New Zealand Project, an upbeat and idealistic prescription based on 30 in-depth interviews for a New Zealand that sees politics based in the values of love, care, community and creativity and their potentially richer Māori analogues of aroha, whanaungatanga, manaakitanga and auahatanga.

### **12:30 Lunch in the Hall**

### **1:30 Story Time 4 – Rev Dr James Cunningham**

#### **PLANNING FOR ACTION**

#### **Facilitated groups 6-8 people (Maximum of 8)**

Find your group from this morning and join with one other group.

#### **PROCESS:**

- Introductions – eg name and one thing gained so far today (SHORT – one sentence)
- BRAINSTORM practical ideas - no discussion except for clarification – IDEAS TO BE WRITTEN UP ON POST-IT-PADS (appoint “scribe” to do writing!)
- From ideas choose 3 and write up on separate sheets.
- Link similar ideas from whole group (Graham and Jim)
- 10 minutes to go round and read ideas and stand beside one you have some interest in/energy for.
- Form groups and develop action plans:
  - **GOAL** – WHAT you want to do?
  - **METHOD** – HOW you are going to do it?
  - **WHO** is going to do it? Link person?
  - **WHEN** is it going to be done?
- **Someone will need to gather contact details for their group- e-mail address, phone numbers etc. Group to decide if and when it wants to meet again – date ,place, time.**

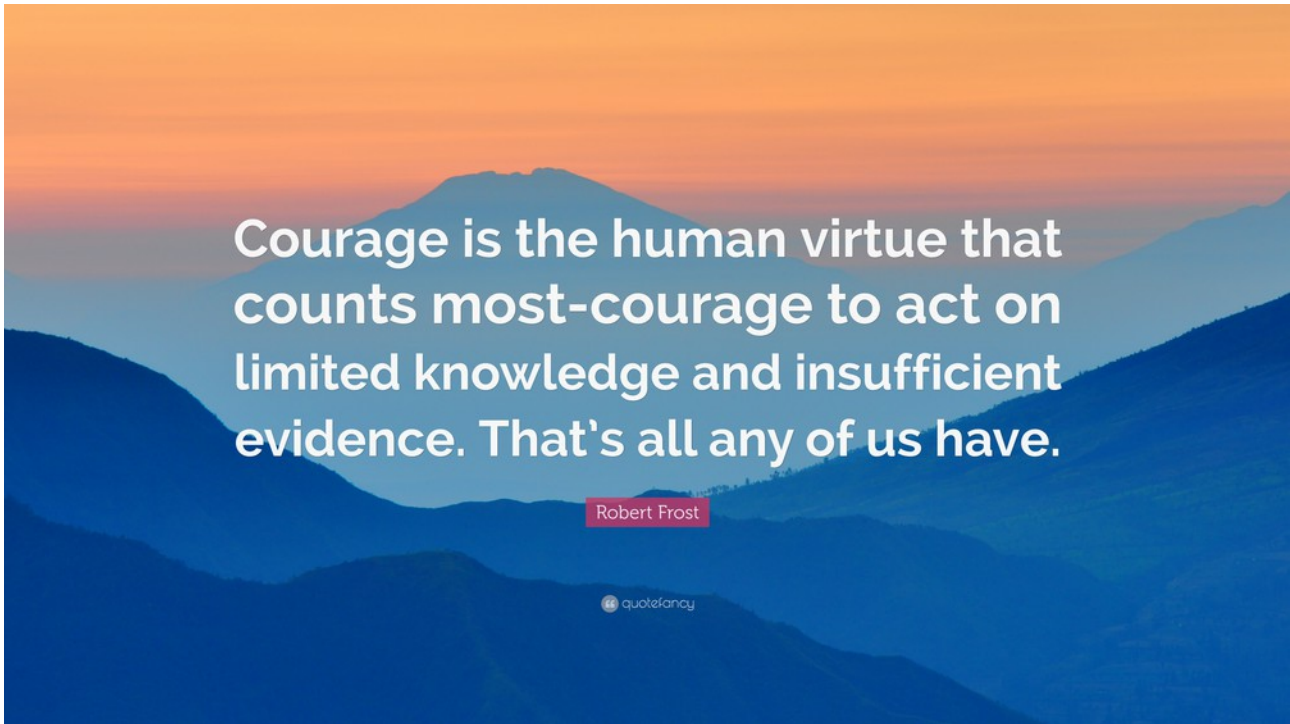
3-00pm **Final Speaker and Wind Up – Rev Dr Susan Jones**

**Story Time 5 – Rev Dr James Cunningham**

3-30pm **Finish**

## Other SATRS events coming up

**Thursday June 8 12.30- 14.00 – Seminar follow up - Speakers to be confirmed.**



## **The Courage to Act : July to November 2017**

This theme was inspired by the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lloyd Geering's Heresy Trial in 1967; his courage and the consequences for him in speaking about faith in a new and different way. We seem to be moving rapidly into a world that is darker and more threatening than any time since the Second World War and believe the time is ripe for a new discussion about the meaning of the courage to act in 2017. (Incidentally October 31 is the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the day on which Martin Luther posted 95 "theses" on Wittenberg church door which precipitated the Protestant Reformation, another time of courage and change.)

## Other events on in Wellington

**"Keeping Faith in Politics" Election 2017 Series, which began Friday, 31 March at the Wellington Cathedral of St. Paul.**



*Protecting the Planet in a World of Ecological Crisis*

**25 May, 7:00pm** Refreshments, **7:30pm** Roundtable discussion

Venue: The St John's Centre, (Corner of Willis and Dixon Streets - CBD)

- Jonathan Boston (Victoria University of Wellington, IGPS)

- Catherine Iorns (Victoria University of Wellington Law and 365 Aotearoa)

[Find out more information about this event.](#)

*Liberation and Restoration in a World of Mass Incarceration*

**29 June, 7:00pm** Refreshments, **7:30pm** Panel discussion

Venue: Central Baptist Church (Boulcott Street - CBD)

- Chris Marshall (Victoria University of Wellington, Restorative Justice Programme)

- Tom Noakes-Duncan (Victoria University of Wellington, Restorative Justice Programme)

[Find out more information about this event.](#)

*Welcoming Strangers in a World of Global Migration*

**27 July**, more details soon

*Honest Leadership in a Post-Truth World*

A Hustings Event with MP's from the Major Parties at St Andrew's on The Terrace



# NOTICES

**Fire Drill:** In the event of fire please exit by the doors marked and gather in the car-park on the south side of the Church.

**Earthquake:** In the event of an earthquake please follow the advertised procedure “Drop, Cover and hold.”  
Once the Earthquake is over exit by the marked doors and gather in the car-park on the south side of the Church.

**Toilets:** These can be found on the ground floor of the adjacent Conference Centre. The entrance is up the ramp on the north side of the church. An accessible toilet is available.

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