



Faith Community Gathering 28th April 2019

Haere Mai, Aere mai, hwan-yeong, Fakaalofa lahi atu,
Afio mai, Ulu tonu mai, Talofa Lava,
Cantonese - Foon Ying, Malay – Selamat datang, Slovak – vitajte, Welcome



“To inspire others every day” seems like a pretty big ask from us ordinary folk. I mean, sometimes just inspiring ourselves to do the laundry or take out the rubbish seems like more than enough. But who can say what aspects of our lives might be inspiring others without our even knowing it?

This morning the opportunity to be inspired comes as we welcome and listen to Joanne Hand as she presents the ministry of Hagar.

Gathering Music -

The gong is sounded three times

Processional Singing: Celebrate our makers glory (Tune: Hymn to Joy)

Opening Prayer:

Empowering God, when the road ahead looms endless,

**empower us to be companions
for one another along the road.**

Inspiring God, when the road forward is blocked,

**inspire in us creative responses
that move us beyond the barriers.**

**The Mission of this church is to be Christ centred, Community embracing congregation
Birkenhead, Birkdale, Beach Haven**

Enabling God, when the road before us divides,
enable us to feel your presence luring us on.

Act of Awareness

God of time and eternity,
 help us look to the future with hope.
 May we be unafraid of hopes and dreams.
 May we be realistic about our limitations
 but never to lose hope
 in our potential to transcend them.
 Grant us courage for today and tomorrow.
 We pray as those risen with Christ.
Amen.

Readings: Psalm 16, John 20:19-31

“Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.”

Young’uns chats;

Prayer with the young’uns

Singing: You tell me that the Lord is Risen (Tune: Ellacombe)

Message:

Singing/offertory: Spirit of all creation (Tune: Ellacombe)

Sung Blessing: All that we have

Our Prayers for others :-

Lord’s Prayer:- You are invited to pray in the spirit of the Lord's Prayer

Eternal Spirit

**Source of all that is and ever shall be,
 Loving Parent in whom we discern heaven,
 May knowledge of your holiness inspire all peoples.
 And may your commonwealth of peace and freedom
 flourish on earth, until all of humankind
 heed your call to justice and compassion.**

May we find the bread that we need for today.
And for the hurts we cause one another
may we be forgiven in the same measure
that we forgive.
In times of trial and temptation,
help us to be strong;
When life seems overwhelming,
Help us to endure;
And thus from the yoke of sin deliver us.
May you reign in the power of human love,
Now and forever. (Tom Hall)

Singing: Christ is alive and the universe must celebrate

Notices

Birthdays & Anniversaries
 Significant events
 Journeys

Parting Words

As we prepare to leave this sacred space
 where we have celebrated life together,
 let us return to our work enlivened and renewed...

And now may the rhythms of our coming together:
 the melodies of our worship,
 and the harmonies of our farewells,

Make musical our living, soothing our spirits
and uplifting our souls

This day
and into the beckoning future.

Go in peace.
 And may the Holy God surprise you on the way,
 Jesus the Sage be your company
 and the Spirit lift up your life.

Amen. May it be so!

Sung blessing: Go now in wisdom



Mothers Day, Sunday 12th May – Men you excelled yourselves last year with fabulous home cooking, and charming morning tea delivery. There were some ‘at home’ injuries so please CAUTION as you prepare for this year’s contributions to Mother’s Day morning tea.

The **Three way Churches Working Group** meets Thursday 2nd May 6pm at St Aidans. St Andrews representatives are Lisi, Rosemary and Laurie. Talk with them over any and all future ideas.

Regional Presbytery meets at St Andrews, 7:30pm Tuesday 7th May. We (the royal ‘we’) are catering, thanks Barbara Wadams and team I am sure Barbara would appreciate your interest if you converse with her, dinner starts at 6:30pm RSVP required. Everyone is welcome to the Presbytery Meeting here is some of the agenda for the night; **Love Your Neighbour – Howard**

Webb Our agenda is to see churches succeed! Since 2005 Love Your Neighbour has sought to partner with like-minded churches and organisations to promote effective and sustainable church-based community outreach.



Our Guest this morning is representing the ministry of Hagar. Hagar has the following Mission, Vision and Values.

Our Mission

For those affected by trauma and those who support them, HAGAR is an expert in care and recovery.

When healing happens, the cycle of trauma stops.

Our Vision

Communities free and healed from the trauma of human trafficking, slavery and abuse.

Our Values

Respect: We believe in the right of all people to be heard and treated with respect and dignity.

Integrity: We commit to act ethically and honestly, striving to do the right thing in all times and in all circumstances.

Compassion: We want compassion and kindness to be evident in our attitude, communication and in active, practical ways.

Excellence: We hold ourselves to high standards, listening and learning from those we support, our partners and each other, to continuously improve all that we do.

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Thanks to this month's volunteers

| | 7 th April | 14 th April | Good Friday | 21 st April | 28 th April |
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| Welcoming /Duty Elder | Barbara & Kylie Wadams | Jocelyn Collinge & Gary Pash | | Glenys & Greg Skudder | Robyn & Ian Bogue |
| Church Prep. | Duty Elder | Duty Elder | Duty Elder | Duty Elder | Duty Elder |
| Musicians | Anne Green | Gwen Kesang | Anne Green | Inae Hong | Gwen Kesang |
| Prayers | Barbara Wadams | Pauline | | Greg Skudder | Robyn Bogue |
| Readings | Anne Green | Margerat Larsen | | Rosemary Bold | Ian Bogue |
| Morning Tea | Lisi Foulagi & Keti Faa'ee | Margaret Larsen & LynnCarter | | Barbara Wesley & Karen Davies | Karen Davies & Barbara Wadams |
| PA | | | | | |
| Preaching | CRG | CRG | CRG | CRG | Hagar |
| Kidz Church | Lisi & Rosemary | Lisi & Rosemary | | Lisi & Rosemary | Lisi & Rosemary |
| Bible Readings | Isaiah 43:16-21 • Psalm 126 • Philippians 3:4b-14 • John 12:1-8 | Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 • Luke 19:28-40 | Isaiah 52:13-53:12 • Psalm 22 • Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 • John 18:1-19:42 | Isaiah 65:17-25 • Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 • Acts 10:34-43 • John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12 | Acts 5:27-32 • Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150 • Revelation 1:4-8 • John 20:19-31 |