

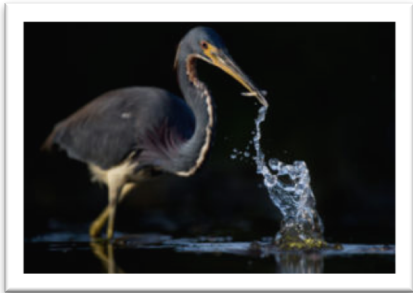
Faith Community Gathering

19th May 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



For the fish, the transition from peaceful swimming to disappearing down a bird's gullet must be a shock—if there is even time to register what is happening. For the bird, the process all but routine—perhaps what we might experience navigating a complicated highway interchange. The line between calamity and daily routine depends entirely on where you stand.

How do you find empathy for the calamities of others? How do you invite others into understanding what is devastating to you?

Gathering Music

The gong is sounded three times

Processional Singing: All-Present, All-Visible, (Tune: Immortal, Invisible)

Opening words:

In the Spirit of God who shares divinity with us,
 In the Spirit of God who shares humanity with us,
 In the Spirit of God who unsettles and inspires us...
 Let us celebrate the richness and diversity of life.

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

The Call.

Be in love with life
and so become friends and partners of God.

**Now is the time to live a new life
in balance with Life and with the Earth.**

We pray:

Spirit of Life, we gather grateful for
the companionship of hearts and minds
seeking to speak the truth in love.

We gather grateful for our heritage, for the women and men before us
whose prophetic words and deeds make possible our dreams and our insight.
And we gather grateful for the gift of life itself,
mindful that to respect life means both to celebrate what life is
and to insist on what it can become.

Amene - May it be so.

Singing: Be still and know that I am God

Readings: John 13:31-35 Acts 11:1-18

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

Young’uns chats;

Prayer with the young’uns

Singing: You shall go. out with joy (Video)

Message:

Singing/offertory: God of generations (Tune: Holy Holy Holy Lord God almighty)

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

God, lover of us all, most holy one.

Help us to respond to you.

To create what you want for us here on earth.

Give us today enough for our needs.

Forgive our weak and deliberate offences,

just as we must forgive others when they hurt us.

**Help us to resist evil and to do what is good.
For we are yours, endowed with your power
to make our world whole. (Lala Winkley/cw)**

Singing: I am the light of the world

Notices

Birthdays & Anniversaries
Significant events
Journeys

Parting words.

Let us take on this week's life
with renewed hope and imagination...

After the words, a quiet.

After the songs, a silence.

After the crowd

only the memory recalls the gathering.

**Peace and justice have need of us
after the words, the music, and the gathering.**

God grant you the depth for dedication to justice.

God grant us the will to be apostles of peace.

Words of Blessing

The blessing of the God of Sarah and Hagar, as of Abraham...

the blessing of the Son, born of the woman Mary...

the blessing of the Holy Spirit who broods over us as a mother, her children,
be with you all.

Amene, May it be so.

Sung blessing: Go now in wisdom

May 19th Sunday TODAY. Congregational meeting starting directly after our service and finishing with a shared lunch(pot Luck). This meeting will be chaired by Rev, Martin Fey and as we did six months ago reviewed the Intentional Ministry to date and make some suggestions for the next twelve months. It is an opportunity for critical thinking and if required adjust our goals and set some new ones!

NEWSLETTER – You will see and have read some of the great contributions to the Newsletter PLEASE if you have something, a story, poetry, something you have read please send it to the Church Email, birkenheadpresbyterian@gmail.com Contributions will be kept on file if not used this month.

ATTACHED: Is from the PCANZ National Office regarding the end of life BILL. If you feel you would like to join a discussion group on this topic RSVP Rosemary or Colin and we will arrange a time and speakers.

Thanks to this months volunteers				
	5 th May	12 th May	19 th May	26 th May
Welcoming /Duty Elder	Karen Davies & Lisi Foulagi	Barbara, Kay & Laurie Wesley	Pauline Fish & Penina-Rose Faa'ee	Don & Lexie McDowall
Church Prep.	Duty Elder	Duty Elder	Duty Elder	Duty Elder
Musicians	Anne Green	Gwen Kesang	Anne Green	Inae Hong
Prayers	Margerat Larsen	Laurie Wesley	Pauline Fish	Lexie McDowall
Readings	Jocelyn Collinge	Beth Yarton	Penina-Rose Faa'ee	Karen Davies
Morning Tea	Jocelyn Collinge	Ian & Robyn Bogue	Elizabeth Wong & Karen Davies	Pauline Fish & Robyn Thorndon
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Preaching	CRG	CRG	CRG	CRG
Kidz Church	Lisi & Rosemary	Lisi & Rosemary	Lisi & Rosemary	Lisi & Rosemary
Bible Readings	Acts 9:1-6, (7-20) Psalm 30 Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19	Acts 9:36-43 Psalm 23 Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30	Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148 Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35	Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67 Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 John 14:23-29