

Faith Community Gathering

28th July 2019

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



When you're inside a tunnel, the light at the end can appear as a blinding glare, concealing what you are approaching rather than revealing it. But you don't need to know what is on the other side to know that you have to keep moving forward. You can't stay in the tunnel.

headed into the unknown?

What in your life feels like you are

Gathering Music

The gong is sounded three times

Processional Singing: The universe in God (Tune: Praise my soul)

Let us gather in celebration and community.

It is good to be here.

Let us also pay deep attention to the world around us:

We are present with our eyes,

... to hear the sounds of creation

We are present with our ears,

... to feel the pain of our fellow people

We are present with our hearts,

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

...to smell the banquet of abundant life

We are present with our lives.

We share it in celebration of the richness and diversity of life.

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We pray:

Lover and friend, give us courage and an open spirit
as we consider the life and teachings of Jesus.

May we feel an invitational embrace
beckoning us to fullness of life where we
celebrate beauty and
engage the causes of suffering.

Amene, may it be so.

Singing: When God's Spirit (Tune: "Abbot's Leigh')

Readings: Luke 24:13-35 On the Road to Emmaus

"Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church."

Young'uns chats;

Prayer with the young'uns

Singing:

Thoughts for the week:

Offering, with sung dedication: When I needed a neighbour were you there

Prayer:

Our Prayers for others ...

An Affirmation of Faith

In response to the word reflected on and our prayers for other,
let us stand and share together an affirmation of faith.

We believe in God

Who in the universe creates, loves and smiles upon it;

*WOMEN: who created human beings to be different and asked them to
get on with each other;*

MEN: who took the risk of leaving us alone, knowing that one day our differences might threaten the earth's safety;

Who trusts us in full knowledge of our frailness.

We believe in Jesus, human one

WOMEN: *who came among us insignificantly, who grew among us uneventfully,*

who walked among us incognito;

MEN: who, to change the world, became redundant and called others away from security;

who befriended those whose company would discredit him;

WOMEN: *who pardoned those who deserved to be condemned;*

MEN: who healed those who were hopeless cases;

WOMEN: *who spoke the deepest truths in the language of the living room;*

who contradicted common sense by accepting the cross and taking on the grave and being liberated to live on the third day;

who calls us, now as then, to a life which is absurd by the standards of the world.

We believe in the Holy Spirit

through whom God surprises, disappoints, lures and questions us;

WOMEN: *who is the bringer of strength and source of humour;*

MEN: who leads us to discover the truth we avoid;

who is a paradox - ever present yet unpredictable.

And we believe that the foolishness of God is wiser than the wisdom of the world: and we rejoice that God allows it to be it so,

Singing: Hymn of Confidence (tune: Give me Joy S11 HFTC)

Notices:²

Birthdays & Anniversaries
 Significant events
 Journeys

**Parting Words**

The presentness of God reaches beyond this place...

The days pass and the years vanish,
 and we walk sightless among miracles.

May our eyes be filled with seeing
 and our minds with knowing.

**As the sun rises each day in perfect newness,
 so may we break upon each new day
 with splendour and expectation.**

Words of Blessing

May the God you see in all the colours of creation
 arouse in you a sense of awe and wonder.

May the God who is a sacred presence be real to you.

May the God who is a source of inspiration and courage
 keep calling you forward.

May your God go with you, and bless you.

May it be so. Amen.

Voluntary:

Thanks to this month's volunteers

	July 7th	July 14	July 21	July 28
Welcoming /Duty Elder	Jocelyn Collinge & Margaret Larsen	Rosemary Bold & Karen Davies	Lexie & Don McDowall	Pauline Fish & Kete Faa'ee
Church Prep.	Duty Elder	Duty Elder	Duty Elder	Duty Elder
Musicians	Dianne & Graeme Rundle	Good Neighbour Church	Anne Green	Inae Hong
Prayers		Karen Davies	Lexie McDowall	Pauline Fish
Readings	Jocelyn Collinge	Rosemary Bold	Don McDowall	Kete Faa'ee
Morning Tea	Lisi Foulagi & Kete Faa'ee	Pauline Fish & Robyn Thornton	Jocelyn Collinge	Barbara Wadams & Karen Davies
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Preaching	CRG	CRG/Boaz	Women's Grp	CRG
Kidz Church	Lisi & Rosemary	Lisi & Rosemary	Lisi & Rosemary	Lisi & Rosemary
Bible Readings	2 Kgs 5:1-14 Ps 30 Gal 6:(1-6)7-16 Luke 10:1-11,16-20	Amos 7:7-17 Ps 82 Col 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37	Amos 8:1-12 Ps 52 Col 1:15-28 Luke 10:38-42	Hosea 1:2-10 Ps 85 Col 2:6-15, (16-19) Luke 11:1-13

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Committee Meetings	Times and Places advertised the week before meeting
Presbytery Costal Cluster	1st Tuesday of every 2nd month /March 2019
Worship and Education Committee	2nd Tuesday
Resource Committee	3rd Tuesday
Pastoral Committee	3rd Thursday
Parish Council 7:30pm	4th Tuesday
<i>These committees organise the LIFE of the Parish on your behalf. Please talk to any of the committee members if you want something to be address or at least encourage them in the voluntary capacity in which they do this wonderful task.</i>	