

Faith Community Gathering

7th July 2019

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



'We saw a stranger yesterday,
we put food in the eating place,
drink in the drinking place,
music in the listening place
and, with the sacred name of the
triune God,
he blessed us and our house,
our cattle and our dear ones.

'As the lark says in her song: Often, often, often, goes Christ in the stranger's guise'.
(This is an old Celtic **Rune of Hospitality** for us to reflect on.)

Gathering Music

The gong is sounded three times

Processional Singing:

- Alleluia Alleluia give thanks to the risen Lord
- Praise the source of every blessing

Opening prayer:

God of surprises,
startle us with truth we do not see,
amaze us with your power and grace,
beckon us, and lead us
far above restricted hope and narrow faith.

Singing: O let the Son of God enfold you

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

Let us take a moment to settle into the silence.

Silence (2min)

Hear and feel your quiet breathing.
Hear and feel the quiet of this place
and this community of people.

In this quiet hour may our spirits be renewed.
In this gathering of old and new friends
may we be ready to extend ourselves to those in need,
and with trust to receive the hand that is offered.

Silence (2min)

In this time of celebration, may our minds be open to new truth,
and our hearts be receptive to love,
as we give thanks for this life we are blessed to share.

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

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Readings: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20. Galatians 6:1-16

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

Thoughts for the week:

The Eucharist

“Breath of God, breath of life, breath of deepest yearning.”

“Come Holy Spirit.”

“Comforter, Disturber, Interpreter, Enthuser,”

“Come Holy Spirit.”

“Heavenly Friend, Lamplighter, Revealer of truth, Midwife of change,”

“Come Holy Spirit.”

“The Lord is here.”

“God’s Spirit is with us.”

Silence (2min)

Prayers for others:

following with and in the Spirit in which Jesus taught us to pray

**O Birther! Father-Mother of the Cosmos
you create all that moves in light.
Hear the one Sound that created all others,
in this way the Name is hallowed in silence.**

**Your rule springs into existence
as our arms reach out to embrace all creation.
Let all wills move together
in your vortex, as stars and planets
swirl through the sky.**

**Grant what we need each day in bread and insight:
subsistence for the call of growing life.**

**Lighten our load of secret debts as
we relieve others of their need to repay.**

**Keep us from hoarding false wealth,
and from the inner shame of help not given in time. *Amene (Matthew Fox)***

Silence (2min)

Sharing 'The Peace'

“See that you be at peace among yourselves, love one another. Follow the example of good men and women of old, God will comfort you and help you, both in this world and in the world which is to come.”

Share with your neighbour - **“The peace of Christ be with you”**

Communion Song: Take our bread we ask you (WOV 656)

As we sing this communion song you are invited to come forward and light a candle for these prayers and the prayers of your hearts.

The music carries us to communion.

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord.

It is made ready for those who love him

*And for those who want to love him more.
So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little,*

*You who have been here often
and you who have not been here long,*

*You who have tried to follow
and you who have failed.*

*Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.
It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.*

*Here, the invitation is to dine with God—not to submit to God’s gaze of
condemning judgment. At this common table, salvation comes through love, not
fear.*

Silence (2min)

Come forward receive the bread and wine:

- Eat and be reminded of the God who is with you.
- Drink and be reminded the God calls you.

**Receive a gift of bread, in silence be grateful for what you have generously received,
in generosity share this bread this day with someone beyond the doors of this
church.**

Response

Everyone is welcome to be here.

**In this way, we lift up a world of inclusion,
where all people live with respect and dignity.**

Everyone present will receive the same share.

**In this way, we lift up a world of generosity,
where, as in the examples of Jesus,
abundance overcomes scarcity so all are fed.**

Everyone is invited now to take a portion,
and to see that others will also receive.

**In this way, we lift up a world of sufficiency,
where entrenched systems of privilege are challenged,
wealth is shared equally, and all are satisfied with enough.**

Silence (2min)

Singing/offertory: Everyday I will offer you (AA 36)

Notices

Birthdays & Anniversaries
 Significant events
 Journeys

Parting Words

The God we worship is never confined to this holy place.
 So go and travel with the God
 who is found in ordinary and surprising places.
 May the quality of our lives be our benediction.
And a blessing to all whom we touch.

Sung blessing: Go now in wisdom

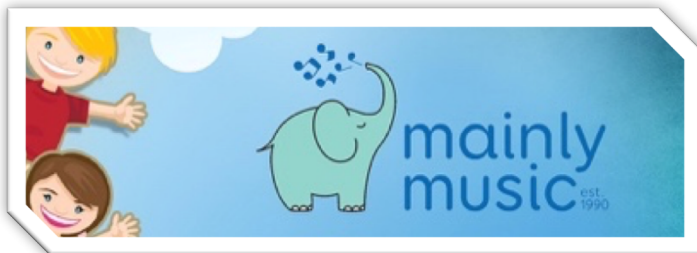
NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday July 14th.

Once a year we have a combined worship service with the **Good Neighbour Church**. Where we gather with our Korean brothers and sisters and follow with a shared lunch. They share their yummy Korean food and I bring along some curried eggs as my shared lunch, exciting!

On this Sunday July 14th we will have morning tea at 10am with the service beginning at 10:30am following which we will have a shared lunch.

Thanks Team you do an awesome work with MM



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>	