

Faith Community Gathering

11th August 2019

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



An ordinary grasshopper looks like an armored alien if you get close enough. With a magnifying glass your own hand turns into a topography of rivers and tributaries. Whole worlds of wonder exist that we never see because we never look closely enough.

What tiny thing has awakened your sense of wonder?

Gathering Music

The gong is sounded three times

Processional Singing: O God our help in ages past

Opening prayer:

Let there be light!

Let it shine in dark places,

in moments of pain,

in times of grief,

in the darkness of hatred,

violence, oppression,

where there is discouragement and despair.

Let there be light!

Singing: Shine Jesus Shine

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

Opening Sentences

Let us acknowledge the awesome mystery embodied in every person.

Through us Creativity God comes to unique and personal expression.

Let us give thanks for the abundance of life on this earth.

Through it, we and all people may be nourished.

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

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Silence

Amid all the noise in our lives,
we take this moment to sit in silence:
to give thanks for another day;
to give thanks for all those in our lives
who have brought us warmth and love;
to give thanks for the gift of life.

(Silence)

Let us open ourselves to the presence of becoming more whole:
of living more fully;
of giving and forgiving more freely;
of understanding more completely
the meaning of our lives here on this earth.

(Silence)

Readings: Luke 12:32-40 Genesis 15:1-6

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

Young’uns chat:

Singing:

Thoughts for the week:

Singing/offering: Deep in the human heart

Prayers for others:

An Affirmation of Faith

In response to the word reflected on, let us share together an affirmation of faith.

We believe that horizons of hope are never fixed.

They always move beyond, in the creativity of God.

We believe that powers of evil cannot kill God.

**God walks on free and leaps ahead of us
in the risen Christ of faith.**

We believe that the Spirit can never be confined.

**She dances forth in the world
and is found in surprising places,
leading us on until the end of time.**

Singing: Praise my soul the wondrous beauty

Notices

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Significant events

Journeys

Parting Words

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

We turn to Life, to that vast creativity

that empowers the universe

as the ocean animates the wave,

seeking to let go of that which blocks our healing.

May we open ourselves even now

to the wonder of Life.

Companion God, from the depths of our hearts,

to the heights of our minds,

You are the enclosing hands, and the encircling arms.

May we see

touch, hear, taste, and smell

your presence in every moment.

Words of Blessing

May you always stand tall as the Kauri,

be as strong and bold as Aoraki,

as gentle and still as the morning mist.

Hold the warmth of the hearth in your heart.
 And may the Creator Spirit
 always walk with you.
May it be so. Amene.

Voluntary:

AGM AGM AGM 10:30am Sunday 25th August 2019 – reports have been emailed and copies are in the foyer

Thanks to this month's volunteers				
	August 4 th	August 11 th	August 18 th	August 25 th
Welcoming /Duty Elder	Barbara & Laurie Wesley	Greg Skudder & Gary Pash	Glenys Skudder & Anne Green	Lisi Foulagi & Karen Davies
Church Prep.	Duty Elder	Duty Elder	Duty Elder	Duty Elder
Musicians	Anne Green	Inae Hong	Gwen Kesang	Anne Green
Prayers	Laurie Wesley	Gary Pash	Margaret Larsen	Karen Davies
Readings	Barbara Wesley	Greg Skudder	Glenys Skudder	Lexie McDowall
Morning Tea	Ian & Robyn Bogue	Barbara Wesley & Lexie McDowall	Lisi Foulagi & Jocelyn Collinge	Rosemary Bold & Gwen Kesang
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Preaching	CRG	CRG	CRG	CRG
Kidz Church	Lisi & Rosemary	Lisi & Rosemary	Lisi & Rosemary	Lisi & Rosemary
Bible Readings	Hosea 11:1-11 Ps 107:1-9, 43 Col 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21	Isa 1:1,10-20 Ps 50:1-8,22-23 Heb 11:1-3,8-16 Luke 12:32-40	Isa 5:1-7 Ps 80:1-2,8-19 Heb 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56	Jer 1:4-10 Ps 71:1-6 Heb 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17

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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
<p><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></p>	