

Faith Community Gathering

4th August 2019

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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: You Call Us Lord to Worship (Tune LANCASHIRE)

Opening prayer:

We gather together the strands of our hectic lives
and offer each other, this day, a breathing space...

We come in our 21st century lives
to retell stories from the past
to glean the meaning from the Jesus life
to be the Christ—the 'god bearers'—of our day.

We share it in celebration of 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

Singing: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases

Readings: Luke 12:13 - 21

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

Young’uns chat:

Singing: If only I had known (tune: LEONI)

Thoughts for the week:

Singing/offering: Faafeitai I le Atua (WOV 629)

The Eucharist

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)*

Sharing ‘The Peace’

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

Eucharist singing: Where is the bread Where Is Bread (Tune: Austria)

May our actions be blessed through what we have been moved to share.
And may our love and concern for others be increased.

Welcoming to the Table

At this table we give thanks for justice, love, peace and freedom.

At this table we give thanks for friends and strangers.

At this table we welcome old and young.

All are invited.

Thanksgiving

Source of Life and Creativity whom we name God,
we are gathered together in this sacred place.

Here we offer praise and thanksgiving.

Here we remember the words and deeds
of the one called Jesus of Nazareth.

We remember that wherever he came, people rediscovered their humanity,
became filled with new meaning and purpose,
and found a new courage to live,
not just for themselves but for others.

We remember how he spoke of a new reality he called the realm of God,
already among us yet coming in ever greater fullness,
creating communities of justice, love and peace.

We remember how he spoke in parables about
a lost coin, a lost child and a sheep that strayed,
in order to proclaim your inclusive love.

And we remember our tradition over the ages...

How, in a meal with his disciples, he took bread in his hands,
blessed it, broke it, and shared it with them:

'Let the bread you share be the means of my presence with you for all time.'

After the meal, Jesus poured a cup of wine:

'Share this cup, all of you, as a remembrance of the open meals I shared with all.'

Bread and Wine

So now we take this bread and wine,
breaking it and pouring it out...
that they might be shared among us as equals.

Bread broken, Wine poured out

May they nourish and sustain us on our life's journey:
transforming, enabling, and empowering us,
as we continue to follow in the way of Jesus.

Communion

Let us break bread together.

Together, we celebrate the festival of our liberation.

Bread and Wine served

Singing: Christ is alive AA15

Notices

Birthdays & Anniversaries
Significant events
Journeys

Parting Words

Time has now come for us to leave this sacred place.
As we do, may we embrace the challenges of our lives and our world...

As we leave this place of worship and celebration:
may we remember that each day
offers more things than we can do.

**May we do what needs to be done,
postpone what does not,
and be at peace with what we can be and do.**

Therefore, may we learn to separate
that which matters most
and that which matters least of all.

Words of Blessing

And now may the blessings of life be upon us, and upon this congregation.
May the memories we gather here give us hope for the future.
May the love that we share bring strength and joy to our hearts,
and the peace of this community be with us until we meet again.
Amen! May it be so!

Sung blessing: Go now in wisdom

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	
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
<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>	