



Faith Community Gathering

Sunday 26th January 2020

**This is the season of Christmas,
New Birth and a New things are Birthing for us, alleluia!**



A threshold can as easily be an invitation inside as a call to move out into adventure. One of the most important thresholds we cross is into the place that feels like home.

Where do you feel most at home?

Today will be last of the Christmas New Year's services where we worship with brothers and sisters of Zion Hill. It has been a wonderful journey in this time together and may we know the blessing of our Creator as we journey in our own ministries.

Gathering Music.

The gong is sounded three times

Processional Singing: Tell out my Soul (Tune: Woodlands WOV328)

Opening Sentences

Come in. Come into this place
which we make special by our presence.

Come in. Come into this place,
where the ordinary is sanctified,
the human is celebrated,
the compassionate is expected.

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

Come in. Come into this place.

Together we make it a sacred place and welcome by greeting each other in our own languages .

Haere Mai, Aere mai, hwan-yeong, Fakaalofa lahi atu,

Afio mai, Ulu tonu mai, Talofa Lava, Foon Ying, Selamat Datang, Vitajte, Welcome

God of our yesterdays and God of our tomorrows
we ask that you be with us now, God of our today.

May it be so.

God of vision and new possibilities
open our hearts and minds
to the reality of your presence.

May it be so with us.



We pray:

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 imagination, dedication and 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.

May we always rejoice in life,
and work to cultivate a sense of its giftedness.

***Amene* May it be so**

Readings: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18, Matthew 4:12-23

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

Young’uns chat:

Singing: God, With Joy We Look Around Us (Tune: Regent Square)

Thoughts for the week:

Singing/offering: God of Grace God of glory (Tune: CWM Rhonda)

Our Prayers for others ...

Followed by saying together in the Spirit of the Lords Prayer ...

O Birther! Father-Mother of the Cosmos,

you create all that moves in light.

O Thou! The Breathing Life of all,

Creator of the Shimmering Sound that touches us.

Respiration of all worlds, we hear you breathing—in and out—

in silence. Source of Sound: in the roar and the whisper,

in the breeze and the whirlwind, we hear your Name.

Radiant One: You shine within us,

outside us—even darkness shines—when we remember.

Name of names, our small identity

unravels in you, you give it back as a lesson.

Wordless Action, Silent Potency—

where ears and eyes awaken,

there heaven comes.

O Birther! Father-Mother of the Cosmos!

Sharing 'The Peace'

Let us take a moment to celebrate each other.

May a heart of peace rest with you.

And also with you.

You are invited to share the peace with your neighbours.

Singing: Filled with the Spirits power (tune: Woodlands 328)

Notices

Birthdays

Significant events

Parting Words

Travelling On...

When hope invites us to journey
elusive, beckoning onward
but never in our grasp:

May we have the wisdom and the courage to travel on.

When dreams glimmer in the distance,
fading, clouded and hidden
or shining with new brightness:

May we have the wisdom and the courage to travel on.

When established patterns collapse
into the uncertainty of the unknown
and security dissolves into a memory:

May we have the wisdom and the courage to travel on.

When the illusion of success
threatens to divert us
and silence our souls' yearning:

May wisdom and imagination inspire us to travel on.

When we think our journey has ended
in the star-lit glow
only to find the end is a new beginning:

May wisdom and imagination inspire us to travel on.

Words of Blessing

Go into this week,
held together by the love of God
clothed with the nature of Jesus our Companion
reinforced by the strength of the Holy Spirit.

Amene! May it be so!

Sung Blessing: Now unto him

NOTICES:

Our Courtship between Saints Aidans & Andrews is happening NEXT WEEK: Your first date, what you bring to offer the other a gesture of appreciation? A flower, chocolates?

Farewell – Rev. Matt Chapman from St Aidans is farewelled today from St Aidans. Some of us may quickly get down there after the Congregational meeting.

Meetings Meetings Meetings

- Resource Committee 3:30pm Tuesday 28th Jan.
- Pastoral Committee 9:45am Thursday 13th Feb.
- Parish Council 7:30pm Tuesday 18th Feb.

The Newsletter – is to be edited by Barbara Westra. Please send all contributions to Barbara 'bmwestra@hotmail.com' by the 20th of the month. February is completed rosters for the coming months will be in it.

The Worship dates and times are set out as –

- 1st & 2nd Sundays @ St Andrews,
- 3rd & 4th Sundays @ St Aidans,
- 5th Sundays @ Zion Hill with all three Parishes

Congregational Meeting NOTICE – today Sunday 26th January following our service to ratify the names for representation on the MSB. Jenny Martin, Yvonne Williams, Lisi Foulagi, and John McCammon

NAME TAGS – Next week our name tags will be a little different to show our togetherness and we are all invited to wear them 'religiously' please. 😊

**CHILDCARE
FACILITIES
AVAILABLE**

register online & select your workshops!
go to the Northern Presbytery website for
registration link
<http://www.northpres.org.nz/presbytery-events/>
BRING A TEAM

**NORTHERN PRESBYTERY
CONFERENCE 2020
GOD IS ABLE**

**ST COLUMBA AT
BOTANY
22/02/20
9am to
1.45pm**

***We are also
encouraged and
reminded to attend
this Presbytery Event
register online now!***



youth and family
preaching discipleship & biblical literacy
sharing our faith
vision & discernment
power of words & mental wellbeing
worship music, sound, lighting
money, theology & systems

**SEVEN
WORKSHOP STREAMS
PLUS KEYNOTE
SPEAKER!**

	Jan 5 th 2020 At Zion Hill	Jan 12 th With Zion Hill	Jan 19 th With Zion Hill	Jan 26 th
Welcoming /Duty Elder		Greg and Glenys Skudder	Barbara and Laurie Wesley	Margaret Larsen and Gary Pash
Church Prep.		Duty Elder	Duty Elder	Duty Elder
Musicians				
Prayers		Greg Skudder	Margaret Larsen	Rosemary Bold
Readings		Karen Davies	Jocelyn Collinge	Glenys Skudder
Morning Tea		Lisi Foulagi and Karen Davies	Jocelyn Collinge	Glenys and Greg Skudder
PA				
Preaching		CRG	CRG	CRG
Kidz Church		Lisi & Rosemary	Lisi & Rosemary	Lisi & Rosemary

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