



SAINTS A & A



Worship@Home and at St Andrews Sunday 14th June 2020

COVID-19 offers us a new start. Please NOTE Yes our service of worship is being held at our Worship venues of St Aidans and St Andrews and continues on Zoom and Live to Facebook. This week @ St Andrews.

We are at Level 1, all social contact can begin – invite a stranger home for lunch.

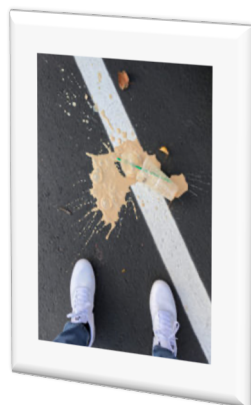
9:00am - 9:25am Welcome and settling in ... you are welcome to grab a cuppa and bring it into our service by getting your own ☺

Pentecost



Christian theology suggests that we live in a fallen world, in which original sin means that we are all sinners. Gravity declares that if you drop something it will fall, because that's just the way things work.

How do you make sense of the fact that things in the world so often go wrong?



We are joined as one 'fellowship' in worship, sharing in hospitality we the people of Saints Aidans and Andrews and beyond.

9:30am Sounding of the Gong

Gathering song: Praise with joy the worlds creator

Welcoming Space

It is a sacred time,

And a sacred place,

a place for questions more profound than answers;

vulnerability more powerful than strength;

and a peace that can pass all understanding.

It is a sacred time, **one in which we** celebrate the richness and diversity of life enthusiastically with - **Haere Mai, Aere mai, hwan-yeong, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Afio mai, Ulu tonu mai, Talofa Lava, Foon Ying, Selamat Datang, Vitajte, Welkom, Welcome**

Lighting of the Pentecost Candle

The light waits –

Who will keep the light burning in our day?

Who will take the light into the world?

Who will carry the light into another year?

Who will carry the light if we do not?



We pray, God of dreams and visions, renew our vision.

Put a spring in our feet as we set our face towards the new challenges in store for us.

May it be so.

Silence

Let there now be silence among us...

Look, listen, in the silences of your own hearts.

Hear the gentle sound of the rising
of the Sacred within you.

Look, listen, in the silences of your common humanness.

(Silence)

Moment with the young'uns ...

Reader:

Into the silence of our hopes and dreams,
words work upon us to break, crack, open us to new understanding.

**May we experience, in these words,
a seeking after truth, that we may lift ourselves
to this same desire.**

Readings: Mathew 9:35 selected verses to 10:23
"Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church."

Reflecting:

Responsive singing: Everyday I will offer you

Prayers for others

A Celebration of Faith

In response to the word reflected on
let us stand and share together a celebration of our faith.

We are a cloth of diverse colours
made from many gifts and graces.

**We are the people flowing forth from Creativity God,
surprising ourselves with the things which can be done.**

We are raw material for rewarding relationships
as our lives interweave,
**contributing one to the other,
holding each other firm when one is weak or breaking.**

We are each worthy of being respected and cared for
**essential to the pattern, skilled in our appointed tasks,
sources of laughter and sharers of tears.**

We commit ourselves to work together,
**that one day, this world may be a place
where all people live in justice, freedom and peace.** ⁱ

Singing our way home: Faithful God You sent your Spirit

Words of Blessing

The presentness of God reaches beyond this place...

May we go forth in the certainty of faith,
in the knowledge of love, and in the vision of hope.

**And in our going, may we be blessed
with all good things on this day and forever more. ⁱⁱ**

May the God who dances in creation,
who embraces us with human love,
who shakes our lives like thunder,
bless us and drive us out with power
to fill the world with her justice.

Amene. May it be so.

Sung Blessing: Ma te Marie a te Atua

Birthdays and anniversaries

Significant events

Greetings to one another

Life is now different:

- for those at home on ZOOM
continue chatting amongst
yourselves.
- For those at St Andrews there will be NO cuppa BUT you can invite
someone to your place for a cuppa!
- Everyone is welcome to chat together as you leave.

Café Service is Back

- NEXT WEEK Café Service – we will use this gathering with food before
hand to celebrate BEING BACK lets make it special.



Both Church Councils are Back – They have met and have recommendations to go to you the congregations for consideration. Please read these carefully, there are two documents sent as an email attachment.

- 1. Intro to merger
- 2. Consultation Document and dates for consultations

If you require a hard copy please contact Colin Gordon @ 021 854 066 and David Hansen 021 938 002

Mainly Music is Back



Rosters at Back

- Those of you on rosters for June have been politely reminded of your duties on Sundays. When July ticks over we will be Back to everyone not needing a reminder.
- THANKS everyone's participation is much Appreciated.
- **Door Duty**
 - Open at 9am
 - Turn heaters on
 - Prepare foyer and bulletins to welcome people
 - Set up sound equipment (consult with Colin if this is a problem.)
- **Elder Duty**
 - Water at the lectern (Not water you wouldn't drink yourself)
 - Carry in the Bible
 - Open the service following the liturgy to introducing the first song and light the candle or have someone light the candle.

Colin is Back

- Rev. Colin hrs @ the office 10:30am – 6:30pm
- Most Tuesdays there are meetings from 7:30 pm
- Tuesdays @ St Andrews
- Thursdays @ St Aidans
- Other days as and when required

Colin is always available all you need to do is give him a ring. He loves a chin-wag and a cuppa. Mondays are his day off.

Meetings that are Back

- **St Andrews Resource Committee Tuesday 3:30pm**
- **St Aidans Church Council Wednesday 7:15pm**

MSB has always been Back

- They have met several times through the last couple of months.
- Church Council have been given recommendations to consider. Both Church Councils have met and now the recommendations go to you the congregations for consideration. Please read these carefully, there are two documents sent as an email attachment.
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- PLEASE TAKE NOTE there is a timeline for the next 12 months and there are dates and times for consultations and Congregational meetings.
- **Wednesday 24 June, 7pm to 8.30pm at St Andrews**
- **Thursday 25 June, 7pm to 8.30pm at St Aidan's**
- **Saturday 27 June, 9am to 10.30am at St Andrews**
- **Saturday 27 June, 11am to 12.30pm at St Aidan's**

CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS – 19th July 2020

On the 19th July Saints A & A will worship at their respective Church buildings, following will be respective Congregational Meetings.

Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7)

The Three Visitors

18 The Lord appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. ² Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.

³ He said, "If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord,^[a] do not pass your servant by. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. ⁵ Let me get you something to eat, so you can

be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant.”

“Very well,” they answered, “do as you say.”

⁶ So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. “Quick,” he said, “get three seahs^[b] of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread.”

⁷ Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. ⁸ He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.

⁹ “Where is your wife Sarah?” they asked him.

“There, in the tent,” he said.

¹⁰ Then one of them said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son.”

Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. ¹¹ Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, “After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?”

¹³ Then the Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Will I really have a child, now that I am old?’ ¹⁴ Is anything too hard for the Lord? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son.”

¹⁵ Sarah was afraid, so she lied and said, “I did not laugh.”

But he said, “Yes, you did laugh.”

The Birth of Isaac

²¹ Now the Lord was gracious to Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah what he had promised. ² Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the very time God had promised him. ³ Abraham gave the name Isaac^[a] to the son Sarah bore him. ⁴ When his son Isaac was eight days old, Abraham circumcised him, as God commanded him. ⁵ Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him.

⁶ Sarah said, “God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me.” ⁷ And she added, “Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.”

Mathew 9:35 selected verses to 10:23

The Workers Are Few

³⁵ Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because

they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

Chp 10 Jesus Sends Out the Twelve

Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. ⁶ Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ⁸ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, ^[a] drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give. ⁹ “Do not get any gold or silver or copper to take with you in your belts— ¹⁰ no bag for the journey or extra shirt or sandals or a staff, for the worker is worth his keep. ¹¹ Whatever town or village you enter, search there for some worthy person and stay at their house until you leave. ¹² As you enter the home, give it your greeting. ¹³ If the home is deserving, let your peace rest on it; if it is not, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴ If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, leave that home or town and shake the dust off your feet. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, it will be more bearable for Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

¹⁶ “I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. ¹⁷ Be on your guard; you will be handed over to the local councils and be flogged in the synagogues. ¹⁸ On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. ¹⁹ But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, ²⁰ for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

²¹ “Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. ²² You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. ²³ When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. Truly I tell you, you will not finish going through the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

ⁱ (Adapted/Dorothy McRae-McMahon/bst)

ⁱⁱ Harold Babcock