



# SAINTS A & A A New Church Emerging



**Northcote**

**Aotearoa New Zealand**

**Birkenhead**

## **Café Service Saints A & A @ St Aidans**



**Welcome** everyone to church on this beautiful day, café church where we explore ideas and you get a chance to have a say and enjoy yummy food.



### **Call to worship**

Come – because you are invited  
Come – because you hunger  
Come – because you will be fed  
Come – for healing  
Come – for forgiveness  
Come – to this place, to this space  
Come – to me, says Jesus – Just come!

Let us greet each other in some of the languages we know:

**Haere Mai, Aere mai, Hwan-Yeong, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Afio mai, Ulu tonu mai, Talofa Lava, Foon Ying, Selamat Datang, Vitajte, Bula, Welkom, Welcome**

### **Prayer of Approach**

Loving Lord, Jesus,  
we come into Your presence to worship and praise You.  
We come from different places,  
different families  
and different circumstances.

However we have come here today –  
whether the last week has been good or bad,  
whether we have known joy or sorrow,  
let us leave our cares and concerns aside  
and come united in our faith and hopes for the future.

We bring our skills and our talents which You have given us,  
and we promise to use them to help others  
and to reach out in love  
showing others what it means to be a child of God.  
Help us not just to listen to Your voice but to obey.  
Help us not just to talk, but to put our words in to action,  
so that all we do is done in Your name

**Amen**

### **Candle Lighting**

We light this candle to pass the light of illumination, knowledge and understanding into the world.

Let this light expose enlightenment and tolerance.

Let this flame allow a faith of purity to burn in toleration  
of those who also have faith even if it is different.

Let difference be a moment to build bridges and not  
walls.

Let this light throw light into corners of our soul that may  
be full of fear or uncertainty.



**Song:** *Sing a happy alleluia* AA118

**Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10

***Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church***

