



22 MAY 2022

Welcome to worship

Welcome to church this morning,
we hope you enjoy worshipping with us.

Lectionary Readings

This week May 22, 2022

Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67
Revelation 21:10, 22 - 2:5
John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

Next week May 29, 2022

Acts 16:16-34
Psalm 97
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
John 17:20-26

Ukraine Appeal

Act For Peace, who also run the Christmas Bowl Appeal, have sent us envelopes for their Ukraine Crisis Emergency Appeal. The envelopes are on the back table. If you are interested in giving please place your gift in the envelope and place it in the offering. Gifts are tax-deductible, just fill in your details on the envelope and we will forward them to Act for Peace.

Next Sunday will be the final day for donations.

"Hospitality is a Sign of Significant Peace".

Acts 16:9-15; John 14:23-29; John 5:1-9.

Hospitality in the ancient world focused on the alien or stranger in need. The plight of aliens was desperate. They lacked membership in the community, be it tribe, city-state, or nation.

As a stranger, the traveller often needed immediate food and lodging. Widows, orphans, the poor, or sojourners from other lands lacked the family or community status that provided a secured inheritance, the means of making a living, and protection.

And so, in the ancient world the practice of hospitality meant graciously receiving a stranger into one's land, home, or community and providing directly for that person's needs.

Hospitality is an act of righteous, godly behaviour. Hospitality is an attribute of God; one finds its images in the biblical proclamation of the relationship between God and the covenant people.

The reading from Acts records the hospitality of Lydia as a response to having her heart opened by the Lord.

The Gospel text from John records Jesus' words regarding those who are at home in the Father's love and the hospitable act of healing given to the man who laid by the pool.

The reading from Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5 presents an inviting vision of the New Jerusalem whose gates are always open.

All readings for today are hospitable acts of the Lord. - Hani