

Galaxies Evening Service 24 February 2013

Service by Pete & Fergus



Welcome:

Tonight we are celebrating Summer and the fact we are actually having one this year!



cATERMARAN ... Photo by Fergus

<u>Gathering together:</u>

Leader: We are members of a vast cosmic orchestra. In which each living instrument is essential to the complimentary and harmonious playing of the whole.

ALL: Amen



Introduction:

Summer is extravagant and over-stated - and showy

Summer colours are bright and gaudy and over-the-top.

Summer is life abundant and prolific and overwhelming.

Summer sun is dazzling and brilliant and hot -

sometimes.

Summer rain is warmer, but just as wet as any other time.

Yet summer riots its colours loudest where sun and showers combine to bring out the glory.

Just as God's blessings abound in the joy and sorrow by which all growth comes.

Nothing too religious by Andrew Pratt & Marjorie Dobson

CATAMARAN FOR MADELEINE aND tRYGVE, 2013

This is an adventure, getting the Westmere tides (see picture on cover) right when I'm staying with Kim... swimming is only on for 2 hours at high water

Hey Facebook I wrote On our sporadic beach at Westmere I
realised Kim's captivating The West End zebra
and leopard skin sun shades and cases are
catamarans! I'm still lifing them for my buddies
Trygve and Madeliene

Love has gone terribly hideously hellishly wrong for them in wintry London. Kim feels dreadful. Its too close to the start of term to jump on a jet and love them both, and Molly

They love this photo. They're back together. Catch Madeleine Kate Hyland being diva, on Utube. Thirties style she smoulders her way through
Incapable of Love with The Boss in Dexy's

Incapable of Love with The Boss in Dexy's Midnight Runner, then he sings to her on stage She's Got A Wiggle, and they're way up on the Brit top twelve. They'll be transcondant in an Evita remake!

Summer complexities



Photo by Fergus

hANNAH aND mOLLY aND jEREMY. 2013.

Molly of the Go To Sleep Molly painting in Bouncing with Billie, is a modern 19 year old about to set off an icy sponsored walk through Northumberland. For Nepal for a children's outfit.

My absurd winter image on BBC news is passengers on a double decker bus in Brighton trying to push it ...Kim is mightily relieved when she downsizes to a one day, above The North Line inspirational trek out of London

I totally buy Molly's next ferociously savage Facebook entry -

"What planet are you on? Only 29% of American women, and 42% in Britain would describe themselves as Feminists. Doesn't empowerment, equality mean anything to you?"

I like what I'm seeing next at Breaker Bay. Here's my mate Hannah un-selfconsciously being totally rad - she's started burying herself instead of lying back, helpless, waiting for some superficially dazzling Senor to come along

What will the new year bring?

Thinking about last year - what worked, what were highlights.

Possible changes for the future:

Our services - here is a list of the themes for this year: do we want to make any changes?

24 March	Autumn equinox	Pete & Fergus
28 April	A flower communion Please bring a flower or flowers with you. Adaped from UUA service	Pete
TBA	AIDS memorial Service	
26 May	Galaxies 21th Birthday!	All of us!
23 June	Winter Solstice/ Matariki	Pete & Fergus
28 July	Spiritual Cinema Circle video.	Pete
25 Aug	Galaxies AGM	
22 Sep	Internationl Day of Peace - Spiritual Cinema Circle video Pete	
27 Oct	Season of Creation - Wisdom in Creation	Pete
24 Nov	Requiem: A city called Heaven	Pete/Fergus
22 December	No Service	

– Meeting places:

- We could hold some services in the church now that the stage is there and we can face the front.
- or outside services/alternative spaces: botanical gardens, the dell, the peace garden, Bolten St. Cemetery. Waitangi Park, a beach, a walk after our meal city tracks, Otari Bush, someone's home

- Community engagement:

- I suggest giving some money to Wellington Gay Welfare Group perhaps \$750. There is support for this. Ryan suggests we spend some money on a banner and a stall at next years Out In The Square. What do you think about this?
- Things we could incorporate or do:
 - more Hymns/Music
 - more artistic endeavours

<u>Departure:</u>

As we depart from this place of light, love, and warm hearts may we be a light to others

may we treat all we meet with loving-kindness
may we warm others hearts with our care and commitment
to compassion, truth and justice in all our dealings.