



Galaxies

Evening Service

17 September 2006

Service by Pete Cowley



Welcome:

Welcome to our service tonight and our special guest Jenny McIntosh. Jenny works 2 days a week for Wellington Central Baptist in New Zealand. That role focuses on developing a new worship space for people who don't fit into traditional church models. She is also involved in pastoral and strategy areas of the church. The rest of the week Jenny leads **Spirited Exchanges** (an umbrella name for groups, seminars and resources for people who have left church or are struggling with their faith). Jenny is a counsellor and minister.



Galaxies Candle Lighting

Leader: (someone to light the candle)

"Let there be light!"

Let it shine like the spring sun,
bright but not so warm yet,
yellow like a brand new daffodil,
illuminating the joy of a new season,
new people to meet and know,
a new spring in our step
God's love is like a sunny spring day
even amidst sorrow, despair or drudgery
God's love is constant!

All:

Wherever darkness is to be put to flight,
"Let there be light!"



Discussion

Jenny McIntosh will tell us about the work she is involved in with people who have left or are on the margins of churches - some of the things these people experience and the forums and resources Spirited Exchanges offers.

Spirited Exchanges is partially funded and hosted by Central Baptist.

For further information see www.spiritedexchanges.org.nz

Outwitted by Edwin Markham

All:

He drew a circle that shut me out

Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout -

But Love and I had the wit to win

We drew a circle that took him in.

Closing Prayer

All:

Charge our lives and our churches with the power of your peace, O God. Overcome our fears and self-deceptions with the promise of your presence. Make us signs of your generosity and justice. Light us each day with hope, we pray, so that we may walk in your truth and be love in your Name. Amen.

Announcements

