Dear Saints,
Jesus says, according to Matthew 16:25 (NIV), “For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.”

Join us on Sundays at 9.30am. Everyone really is welcome! Come as we experience the love of Christ and grow in his kingdom, in a warm and colourful multi-cultural community.

We welcome you!

We extend a special welcome to all. Yes, we mean “all.” Those who are single, married, divorced, widowed, certain, uncertain, straight, gay, confused, well-heeled or down-at-heel, or just looking for some ‘time-out.’ We also welcome anyone looking for a special connection with God.

We especially welcome wailing babies and excited toddlers.

We welcome you whether you can sing like Taylor Swift, bellow like Pavarotti, or just growl quietly to yourself. You’re welcome here if you’re just browsing, just woken up or just got out of prison.
We don’t care if you’re more Christian than the Archbishop of Canterbury or if you haven’t been to church since Christmas 10 years ago.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 - but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome students with questions or insights or who dig philosophy or who simply want 60 minutes of quiet respite.

We welcome keep-fit moms, football dads, starving artists, tree huggers, latte sippers, vegetarians, junk food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted.
Activists wondering how to integrate their faith, soul-seekers who are “spiritual but not religious,” those who’s faith is seeking understanding, or simply wanting to ask important questions.

We welcome you if you’re having problems, are down in the dumps, or don’t like organised religion. (We’re not that keen on it either.) We appreciate people whose faith is alive; who seize the day; who’s spirit soars with angels; who seek freedom to think, and courage to explore; trailblazers who inspire.

We offer welcome to those who think the Earth is flat (uhm, okaaay), work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or are here because Granny is visiting and wanted to come to the church service.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced, both or neither. Or simply looking for love.

We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, who've had religion shoved down their throats as kids, or if you simply got lost in Hatfield Village and wound up here by mistake looking for the Baptists.

We welcome pilgrims, tourists, seekers, doubters, and you. We welcome talkers and listeners. We welcome you, if you're a Taxing Two, a Woke Teen, a Worried Worker, a Militant Millennial, or facing the evening shadows of life. We welcome you.

Because Jesus welcomes you, we do too.

Rev Craig
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