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Pastor Connect

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Many Styles, One Message

So I'm sitting in my office at the moment listening to a Chill Out Lounge radio station as a change to my usual combination of country music and classical. It's on in the background and I haven't been paying too much attention to it. Then something catches my ear and I begin to recognise the tune. It's "Whole Again" by Atomic Kitten. However it's being played on the Pan Pipes with a mainly string orchestral accompaniment. It was a bit unexpected! What struck me though was that even though the arrangement and the instrument playing the song was different, I still recognised it.



I thought that this was a great example of what we try to do here at Church. We try to present the Good News of Jesus Christ in many different ways to attract people's attention so that even though they may have heard the message before, the different presentation makes them pay attention. It's unexpected! So how we *present* the message may change, but the message doesn't. We still proclaim the *same* Jesus Christ died and risen for us. We are still the *same* Church, MCC Sydney.

So I would encourage you all to come and worship with us and to keep in touch. We have different styles of worship and many different activities going on, so I know that there is a very good chance that we have something that will attract your attention!

In the mean time I am going to find a new radio station to listen to!

Coming Up

On the 10th of May we are having our mother's day service in the morning and our very own mother and Clergy Student Elizabeth Plant will be bringing us the message. So invite mum to church on this special day. For those whose mother has passed away or cannot come on the day, you are invited to bring a photo along to place on the alter to remember her by.

In the evening we will be having our leather pride service with special musical performances. Come along to support our community.

On the 17th of May in the morning Rev Elder Ken Martin will be bringing us the message and installing me as Pastor. Unfortunately he will no longer be able to be with us at the evening service as he has a very busy schedule and many people and churches to meet with and visit. Please remember Ken and all the MCC Churches in Australia and New Zealand in the lead up to his visit, REVM and Sub-Regional conference.

We also have some exciting events coming up in the next couple of months including the International Day against Homophobia, an Interfaith Service, REVM, Sub-Regional, Crave Camp, MCC Photographic/Video workshop and a bible study discussion group.

So stay tuned for more information and you can contact the office or myself for more information.

Blessings

Rev Gavin Ward

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