

Minster Bethel Congregational Church (MBCC)

11/07/2021 -- Happy Birthday – Church Parade

Happy Birthday Bethel



Welcome to our Church Anniversary
Church Parade

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Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. **Matthew 18:18**

Good morning and welcome to this years church anniversary and church parade.

Our first hymn for today is: “Bind us Together”

[Bind Us Together, Lord \[with lyrics for congregations\] - YouTube](#)

Bind Us Together, Lord
Bind Us Together
With Cords That Cannot Be Broken
Bind Us Together, Lord
Bind Us Together
Bind Us Together In Love

There Is Only One God,
There Is Only One King
There Is Only One Body,
That Is Why We Sing.

Bind Us Together, Lord
Made For The Glory Of God,
Purchased By His Precious Son;
Born With The Right To Be Clean,
For Jesus The Victory Has Won.

Bind Us Together, Lord

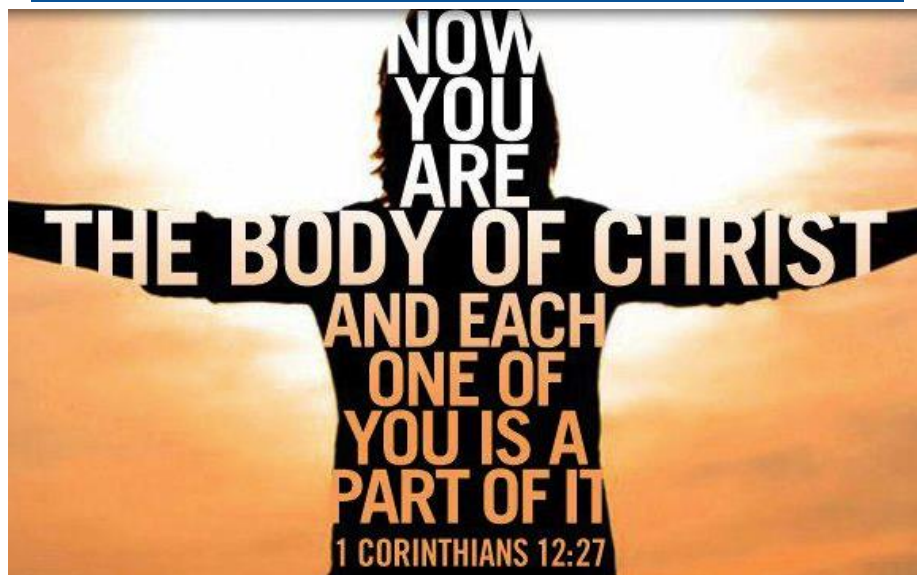
You Are The Family Of God,
You Are The Promise Divine;
You Are God’s Chosen Desire,
You Are The Glorious New Wine.

Bind Us Together, Lord



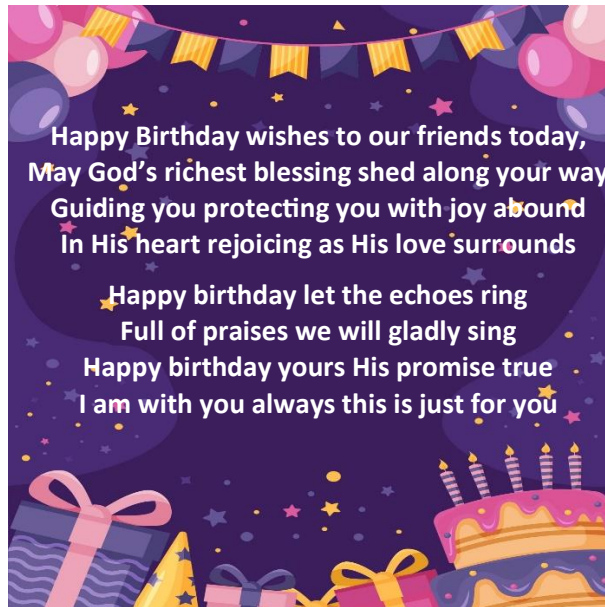
The reading today is 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

[1 Corinthians 12: 12-31 NIVUK - Unity and diversity in the body - Just - Bible Gateway](#)



Happy Birthday

Today as we join together we celebrate our birthday.



Usually on birthdays we receive presents, have parties see friends and family and have birthday cake. So today we are going to make a birthday cake for the church.

What is your favourite kind of cake? White cake? Chocolate cake? Carrot cake? Banana cake? Applesauce cake? Lemon cake?

Today we are going to make a Chocolate Cake. To begin we need to have a recipe and gather all the ingredients together.

Do you know what ingredients we would put into the bowl to make a chocolate cake? Yes, we would need flour, chocolate (cocoa powder), and sugar. We would need baking powder to make it rise and vanilla to give it flavour. We would also need milk, oil, and eggs.

Once the ingredients are blended together and baked, we have a cake. We no longer have individual ingredients, we have a cake!

Thinking about baking a cake helps us understand the idea of unity. In our bible reading we heard how important each part of the body is to make a person, and in our cake each ingredient is really important to ensure we have a perfect cake.

And on our church birthday it is really important to remember how important each one of us is in being part of our church and Gods Kingdom. So today it is really all of our birthdays as we are part of one church.

Before Jesus left to go to heaven he prayed and he asked God to give people the love that God had given him so that we could all be blended together and be one.

As Christians we are no longer individual ingredients; we all have the Spirit of Love in us and are one.

Cakes are yummy. Let's be blended together and frost our lives with God's love.



Today's Pray:

Dear God. We thank you that we can celebrate our birthday knowing that we are all an important part of your worldwide church. We are sorry when we forget to do the things that shine glory on your kingdom. Please help us to celebrate all that you give us every day and not just on special days.

Amen.

Our second hymn for today "Build Your Kingdom Here"

[Build Your Kingdom Here - Rend Collective](#) | [Lyric Video - YouTube](#)

Come, set Your rule and reign
In our hearts again
Increase in us we pray
Unveil why we're made
Come, set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit come invade us now
We are Your church

We need Your power in us
We seek Your kingdom first
We hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives
For You're our joy and prize
To see the captive hearts released
The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for Heaven's cause

We are Your church
We pray: revive this earth



Build Your kingdom here
Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand
Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire
Win this nation back
Change the atmosphere
Build Your kingdom here
We pray

Unleash Your kingdoms power
Reaching the near and far
No force of Hell can stop
Your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ

We are Your church
We are the hope on earth
Build Your kingdom here



