

## Holidays

Prayers and worship resources on the theme of Holidays – updated June 2014



## God of the Holiday

Lord, as we approach summer breaks of various kinds, we pray for ourselves and for our world.

We thank you for the luxury of holiday, for refreshment and rest from work.

We pray for those whose lives are made harder and busier by long summer breaks, and we pray for those without the luxury of a holiday. May your peace be made known in their daily life.

We think of the damage our travel creates in our world, and we pray for motivation and help in tackling the climate chaos now beginning to engulf the planet.

We pray for those whose holiday will be blighted by the anxiety of what awaits their return.

We pray for health, for all whose holiday is an escape from over-busy or unfulfilled lives.

We pray justice and fairness for those in our world who scratch a living from the tourist industry.

Lord God of Sabbath rest, make yourself known to us afresh, that all our days may become holy days, to the glory of your name.

## Blackpool Blessing

*This could be used in almost any seaside resort - just change the word "Blackpool" for your own choice of location.*

May the blessing of the God of the shifting sea and sand blow you out of your comfort zone to see new opportunities for living.

May the blessing of the son who walks the city's amusement arcades and night clubs challenge you to see Christ in the unlikeliest of places.

May the blessing of the spirit who provides space for us to recharge our batteries hold us safe and warm against the buffeting of an uncertain world.

And may the blessing of Blackpool go with us as we seek to live out God's promise now and into eternity.

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## Are We Nearly There Yet?

*One question is guaranteed to drive a parent to distraction! This Eucharist playfully looks at the story of Abram and Sarai from a child-like perspective. A journey of faith. A journey of hope. It is suggested that the congregation sing verses from Travelling the Road to Freedom from the Iona Community's Enemy of Apathy as indicated.*

Right, stop what you're doing now.  
It's time to go.

What do you mean, 'time to go?'  
We haven't finished.

Never mind that  
It's time to go

"Go?  
Go where?"

Come, on  
We'll be late.

Look,  
we're right in the middle of learning about Abram and Sarai  
It's important.  
The children need to know the key Bible stories.

Follow me

Follow you?  
Where?  
We're fine here.

Come on  
Follow me

[silence]

We're going  
This is your last chance

[Travelling the Road to Freedom]

On the night before the journey  
The Traveller ate with his friends  
and invited them to join him on the journey.  
This bread is my body  
Follow me into suffering  
This wine is my blood  
Follow me into hope

*[Travelling the Road to Freedom]*

*[Share bread and wine]*

So where are we going?

Dunno

Are we nearly there yet?

Don't think so

I don't understand

No, neither do I.

Exciting, isn't it?

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