

## Morar's Musings!



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What is God calling us to open ourselves to at 'New" Church?

- new ways of being with others
- listening
- trying things that we might not like the taste of
- strengthening our spiritual lives
- prayer
- patience
- appreciating others
- trusting the unfamiliar -- people and process

There are things at church that you cannot get anywhere else. Brené Brown says she wants

- to sing with strangers;
- to pass the peace with people who six days a week she doesn't vote like, believe like, agree with, but on Sunday she wants to give them God's blessing and receive it back from them;
- to break bread in communion with people I don't know.

These are the things she loves about church. I love that being in church makes me a better person. I want to sing like Eardley, relate to kids like Mark, tell jokes like Helen, know the Bible like Ted, know folk like Bob, manage property like Fred and Ken. Watching others, learning from them: being in church makes me a better person.

Right now, if you look back at the list of things that being in 'New" Church needs right now, perhaps, like me, you will see things that you would like to be better at in your whole life. This is a great time to practice these qualities; this is a time to become a better person. And this is a safe place to practise becoming that better person.

What do you love about church?