

The Breaking of Bread.

"..this do in
remembrance
of me."

1 Corinthians 11:24



What kind of meeting is this?

This meeting is called the 'Breaking of Bread' or the 'Lord's Supper'. These names are taken directly from the Bible where it records how the Lord Jesus instituted this event for Christians to remember Him.¹

What format does it take?

At this meeting we sing hymns, give thanks in prayer for the Lord Jesus and read from the Bible as we share memories of our Saviour in the presence of God our Father. According to the order which God has decreed, audible participation is the responsibility of the males in the gathering. This does not mean females do not participate, but simply that their contribution is added in silence. This activity and order brings great joy to God.²

At some point thanks will be given for the bread and then for the cup. These are the symbols that the Lord Jesus directed we should use. There is no visible leader or organiser as we believe the Holy Spirit is the orchestrator and He, although unseen, will lead the meeting.

The bread and then the wine will be passed round the gathered company and those Christians who are in fellowship will partake of these emblems in memory of the Lord Jesus and to declare His death to those looking on.

Can I participate?

We believe that participation in the eating of the bread and drinking of the cup is a privilege reserved for those who are in fellowship with this local church. Audible prayer is, as already indicated, reserved for the males in the company who are in fellowship in this local church. We would ask you to respect this and understand that this in no way undermines our delight in having you present this morning. Everyone is welcome to join in the singing of the hymns.

The meeting usually finishes by 11:45am. Towards the end a collection is taken and again we see this as an opportunity for those in fellowship to contribute to the Lord's work. There may also be a short time of Bible Teaching at the end of the meeting.

We are delighted to have you here today and we hope you will find the meeting helpful. We would also encourage you, if you have any questions, to speak with any of the members.

The Christians meeting here at Marine Hall

1. 1 Corinthians 11. 20-34.

Luke 22. 19, 20.

2. 1 Corinthians 14. 34, 40.

