

When we all come together

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The morning crowd

We need each other as much as we need God in our life:

When we all come together as a community, something special happens, it feels right and proper, and people look happy. Our main holy day of the year, God's Day, took place on Sunday 10th Feb over the morning and afternoon. We had two events because we simply couldn't all meet at one time in such a small hall. We need a bigger place! Just as it is good to meet in each other's homes, it is good to go the other end of the scale and find some where big enough for us all to come together as one big church family.

Now it's not every holy day we have 300+ people, but the fact that it was a Sunday and that we also had a special grace holy wine ceremony take place as well, made all the difference. So maybe we should always hold our holy days on a Sunday, and maybe we should either drink wine more often or find something that has the same effect.

But, what was the reason why people were so happy? was it because it is on occasions like this we realise

that it's perhaps less important that we all maintain exactly the same level of orthodoxy of faith?

But rather get to emphasis the value of being with each other as a broad and embracing community, to socialise together one and all, young and old, the trendy and the geeky, the high church and the low church, the career minded and the missionary minded, the regular and the occasional. In fact we realise that **it makes God happy**, that we are *more* beautiful in His eyes, when we are, **together**. Maybe that is why Father came up with the name Unification church....

Word changes and their meanings:

There is also the fact that God's day, is now not even referred to as 'True God's day' anymore (which I actually never got the hang of, it always seemed a bit of a tortology) but the name is now 'Heavenly Parent's day'. I can see the attraction of God being politically correct and gender neutral, but there are serious language issues with this. Apparently the Korean is literally something closer to sky parent. I guess when we talk to God we do need a word that resonates with us, that we are comfortable with, so I encourage people to not be dogmatic about this. So for now I am going to see if I can persist with good old 'God's day'. In spoken English it just sounds and works better.



The evening crowd



Jokes in the kitchen



The kitchen is always a place of joy and laughter, at least when I go in there...



The lunch menu



Foundation Day bag models



They were actually discussing good tailoring



"My mum's got the biggest team"



Engaged in conversation



The amazing catering team, it was truly an amazingly delicious and well organised piece of catering