## REUNIONS By Bill Pugh

There are many reasons to remember and celebrate, but sometimes the purpose is lost.

Too much food and drink. Silly behaviour by affected people, not in their right mind.

Birthdays and Christmas dinners are wonderful family reunions.

Sometimes there is a loved one absent around the Christmas table and we feel a little sad, but they would want us to have a happy family time together.

The celebration of the Lord's Supper is a reunion.

Gathered around the Holy Table, with simple fare of bread and wine, we celebrate the life, death and resurrection of our Lord together as a Church family.

Each time we partake of the Lord's Supper, we look forward to the greatest reunion of all – the banquet of heaven, to which all are summoned.

A wonderful reunion.

And we shall feast there with all our loved ones who have gone before us.

## Reflection:

Horatius Bonar encourages us to look forward to that reunion thus, as we sing these most beautiful words of faith: 'Feast after feast thus comes and passes by, yet passing, points to that glad feast above, giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy, the Lamb's great bridal feast of bliss and love.'

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