

UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



BELMONT CONGREGATION

42 Thomson Street, Belmont Vic. 3216

<https://buc.unitingchurch.org.au>

SUNDAY 26th August, 2018

WORSHIP LEADERS: Cherry and Hugh Collins

*We welcome all who are worshipping with us today,
especially newcomers and visitors.*

**INFORMATION EVENING
SUNDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER
AT 5 PM.
BELMONT UNITING
CHURCH
Thomson St. Belmont**

The Belmont and St. Luke's Social Justice Group invites you to attend an information evening on Sunday 16th September at 5 p.m to learn about two programs:

**1. The SPACE program
operating out of Northern Bay
Secondary College.
SPACE: Supporting Parents
Access to Childcare and
Education.**

Michelle and Jo will present details of the program which supports young parents operating out of Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre under the auspices of NBSC.

**2. A UNITING BARWON
program to assist homeless
people in our area.**

Michelle has statistics outlining the work of this program operating out of the Grovedale and Norlane offices of Barwon Uniting. She will speak about these figures and some of the stories behind the figures.

There will be opportunities to ask questions of the speakers.

A light meal will be provided. A suggested contribution for the meal, \$5.



The Ministry Team is based at the Belmont Church Office

on most Tuesdays to Fridays from 9.30a.m. – 12.30p.m.

Rev. Ikani Vaitohi will be in attendance on most of those days.

Pastor Geoff Aitken, on some Wednesdays and most Fridays.

They welcome any congregational members
who would like to drop in for a cuppa or chat.

Please Note: *In case of emergency, the Ministry team remains available at any time. See back page for contact numbers.*

CONTRIBUTE TO OUR WEBSITE: Belmont Uniting Church (BUC) website is at <https://buc.unitingchurch.org.au> (or Google us). *Please remember to go there for information, to make a suggestion or make a contribution.*

WELCOME MAT: Operates every week on **Fridays** from 10 a.m. – 1.00 pm. Join us for a cuppa, chat, games and lunch at 12. You are most welcome. Bring a friend and enjoy the fellowship and fun. Any queries, contact Carl Schaller, Muriel Bullock or Fay Harper.

FAITH SHARING GROUP: meets every **Tuesday at 10.00 am.** in the main hall. *Everyone is welcome* to come along and have a cuppa from 9.45 a.m.

CRAFT FELLOWSHIP will meet on Tuesday September 4th at 10.00 am. All welcome. Please bring your own craft and enjoy the camaraderie.

AFTERNOON COMMUNION SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP
Wednesday 5th September at 1.30 p.m. Open to all.

Leader: Rev. Ikani Vaitohi.

Communion Stewards: R. Pearson, B. Couper.

Tea Hostesses: L. Aitken, J. Ferguson.

Transport is available by calling 0423 712 398

Cottage by the Sea

An invitation has been extended to visit the Cottage by the Sea to hear of their works, see over the facility and join them for Afternoon Tea.

When – Wednesday September 19th

Time – 1.30pm Numbers – Maximum 35

If you wish to attend contact Heather McCann on or before **Sunday Sept 16th**

Open to all Church members and Knitters.

CHURCH FAIR 2018 - SHEEP MANURE

Bags of sheep manure - \$5.00/bag or \$45/ten bags, delivered to your door. If you want manure please forward your orders to John Ranin, Brian Wood or Bill Jennings **ASAP**

PRODUCE STALL

New this month: Mango Chutney, Spicy Zucchini & Tomato Kasundi (hot), Blood Orange Marmalade, Cherry Jam, Four Fruits Marmalade , Pineapple & Lemon Marmalade, Plum & Cherry Jam, Plum & Rhubarb Jam

New last month: Fig & Ginger Jam, Lime & Ginger Marmalade, Lime & Lemon Marmalade, Plum Sauce.

KEEP THE EMPTY JARS COMING IN!



Faith

1 Samuel 12:1–13:23; James 2:19–26; Psalm 119:81–96

Sometimes it's difficult to view our lives as a whole. We fulfill different roles as we interact with different people at school, home, work, and even church. In the natural donning and discarding of these roles, we might be tempted to compartmentalize our lives, yet we do so to the detriment of our faith. Even as we read our Bibles with intellectual vigour at home and participate in a small group at church, we might miss the mark of application. We forget to connect the dots, neglecting to treat our coworkers with kindness and our peers with love. We can know our faith intellectually but still miss out on the call to action and the response of obedience in our lives.

But James shows us that belief and action are inextricably linked. When we think about them as separate entities, we develop a deep-rooted problem: "But do you want to know ... that faith apart from works is useless? Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? You see that his faith was working together with his works, and by the works the faith was perfected" (Jas 2:20–22).

James wasn't arguing that Abraham earned his righteousness before God; rather, Abraham was acting out of obedience as a response of faith. As people who have been redeemed by Christ, we can joyfully express our faith—we are enabled to do good works because of His work. Although we won't attain perfect obedience in this life, we will desire obedience and love. We will desire to use our lives to apply what we know in our heads and feel in our hearts. Because of our faith, we will do good works.

Real faith doesn't sit still, but it doesn't move on its own, either. We need to pray for God's Spirit to ignite this desire in us, prompting us to act with love and obedience.

In what area of your life are you missing the mark of application? How can you pray for wisdom in that situation? How can you act faithfully?

Rebecca Van Noord

Barry, J. D., & Kruyswijk, R. (2012). *Connect the Testaments: A One-Year Daily Devotional with Bible Reading Plan*. Bellingham, WA: Lexham Pres



PRAYER POINTS

Loving God, we pray for people burdened with problems which seem to be overwhelming. May your Holy Spirit help them to find a solution, giving them renewed hope and encouragement.

Dear Lord, we pray for people in Indonesia, in particular Lombok, where devastating earthquakes have destroyed hundreds of houses and many have lost their lives. Bless the emergency workers and agencies which are helping people who desperately need medical assistance and the basic necessities of life.

Dear Jesus, as your disciples, help us to trust you, obeying your teachings and sharing your good news. You have given us life abundant and life eternal; guide us in our daily journey with you to follow you today and forever.

SERVING THE BELMONT CONGREGATION

Sunday, September 2nd, 2018 HC

Worship Leader: Rev. Ikani Vaitohi

Duty	10 .00 a.m.
Stewards	B. Jennings (M &HC), S. Jennings (I) G. Coomber, J. Jeffers, J. Murray C. Rankin, T. Jepson, J. Cocking, N. Lyons
Readers	B. Couper, L. Moss
Porch Stewards	R. Ferguson (P & HC), J. Ferguson B. Vaitohi, T. Yates
Host/ess	E. Wood, C. Schaller
P.A.	W. Harper
Flowers	Jill Sinclair
Morning Tea	S & W Jennings, M & K Moore B & B Dickie
Transport	(1) R Jeffers (2) A. Merritt (3) L. Main

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SERVICES IN AGED CARE HOMES

Kalkee – Nangatta: Thurs. 2p.m. 6th September Mr. Alex Page

Kalkee Murray Hostel: Thurs. 3.30p.m. 6th September Mr. Alex Page

Opal South Valley: Wed. 10.45a.m.

Alan David Lodge: Wed. 2.45p.m.

LECTIONARY

NEXT SUNDAY 6th SEPTEMBER

Song of Solomon 2 :8 -13 Psalm 45: 1-2, 6-9

James 1: 17-27 Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

CONTRIBUTIONS for the NEWS SHEET

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