

UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



BELMONT CONGREGATION
42 Thomson Street, Belmont Vic. 3216
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SUNDAY 10th FEBRUARY, 2019

WORSHIP LEADER: REV. IKANI VAITOHI

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

HARVEST FESTIVAL WITH A DIFFERENCE!

**On Sunday, 24th February we will
be holding the annual Harvest
Festival at 10.00 a.m.**

***This will be a combined service
for both the 8.30 a.m. and
10.00 a.m. congregations.***

We welcome not only produce from your vegetable patch, but also nonperishable goods from the supermarket. Food that would be suitable includes Pasta sauces, small bottles of oil, 1kg packets of flour, sugar, tinned peas, corn, carrots, spaghetti, tuna, small jars of coffee or milo. Vegemite, peanut butter or tea bags and long life milk. A retiring collection will also be held for those who wish to contribute this way.

Money collected will be used to buy local Food Vouchers and these will be used in Geelong via UnitingCare. Please understand we are offering you options and invite you to participate as you see fit.

The church will be open for half an hour on Saturday morning Feb.23rd between 9.30 and 10 a.m. for anyone who wishes to bring their donations of food then. Otherwise, food can be placed at the front of the church prior to the service on Sunday 24th.



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.*

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.

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.



The Welcome Mat is celebrating its 20th birthday on Friday 22nd February.

If you would like to join in our celebrations please see Muriel or Fay as we need to know for catering purposes.
Thank you – Fay Harper.

CRAFT FELLOWSHIP will meet on **Tuesday February 19th** at 10 a.m. Bring your own craft if you wish or just enjoy Morning Tea and the friendly company. All welcome.

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

Meeting Monday 11th, 7.30 pm.

General discussion and planning for 2019

If you are interested in joining this group you will be very welcome!

Contact Raye for further information.

PLEASE NOTE: The time for submission of notices for the newssheet has been changed to **12.00 noon on Wednesday** instead of 4 p.m.

LENTEN STUDY

The topic for this year's Lenten Study is *The Lord's Prayer*. This will look at the Lord's Prayer as a model for our prayer as a Christian community.

We shall use a booklet prepared by Rev Dr. Bruce Barber and all participants will be given a copy. Bruce will be present to lead our thinking for the first and last sessions.

We plan to follow the pattern established last year, meeting on Sunday evenings. The Study will take four Sunday evenings during Lent: March 17, March 24, March 31 and April 7. As we did last year, we plan to meet for a light meal at 6pm and follow that with the Study from 7pm until around 8.

We would be delighted if you would like to take part. Please let Ikani or Cherry Collins (0488 110 127) know if you are planning to come or would like to discuss further what is involved.

CHURCH NAME BADGES

We will be placing a new order tomorrow so today is the last day to order a badge if you want one. If you need a new or spare name badge please see Alwyne (on morning tea roster today). The cost is \$12 and there are envelopes available to order these. If you are a new member there are funds available for your badge so please talk to her about this.

Please remember to wear your badge if you have one. It's so much easier and friendlier if we can greet each other by name.

Vision and darkness

A horror of great darkness fell upon him. Genesis 15:12.

Whenever God gives a vision to a saint, He puts him, as it were, in the shadow of His hand, and the saint's duty is to be still and listen. There is a darkness which comes from excess of light, and then is the time to listen. Genesis 16 is an illustration of listening to good advice when it is dark instead of waiting for God to send the light. When God gives a vision and darkness follows, wait. God will make you in accordance with the vision He has given if you will wait His time. Never try and help God fulfil His word. Abraham went through thirteen years of silence, but in those years all self-sufficiency was destroyed; there was no possibility left of relying on common sense ways. Those years of silence were a time of discipline, not of displeasure. Never pump up joy and confidence, but stay upon God (cf. Isaiah 50:10, 11).

Have I any confidence in the flesh? Or have I got beyond all confidence in myself and in men and women of God, in books and prayers and ecstasies; and is my confidence placed now in

God Himself, not in His blessings? "I am the Almighty God"—El-Shaddai, the Father-Mother God. The one thing for which we are all being disciplined is to know that God is real. As soon as God becomes real, other people become shadows. Nothing that other saints do or say can ever perturb the one who is built on God.

Chambers, O. (1986). *My utmost for his highest: Selections for the year*. Grand Rapids, MI: Oswald Chambers Publications; Marshall Pickering.

BELMONT
SUNDAY 17th February 2019

Duty	8.30 a.m.	10.00a.m.
Stewards	C. Schaller (M & HC) Prep: L & H McCann	F. Harper (M)
Readers	R. Leitch, E. Richards	C & L Rankin
Porch Stewards	C. Nolte (P & HC) B. Coomber	W. Harper (P), A. Jones S. Vaitohi, K. Cameron
Host/ess		J. Oman, J. Ferguson
P.A.	M. Richards	W. Harper
Flowers		L. Rankin
Morning Tea	H & L McCann	G.. Chapman, L. Moss E. Wise, L. Jackson L & F Barnard
Transport	(1) B Couper (3) A. Merritt	(2) I. Henricus (4) C. Schaller



PRAYER POINTS

Dear Lord, you call us to be “fishers of people”, whereby we know the importance of sharing our faith in a loving, non-judgemental way. We pray that you will guide us in our daily relationships with others.

Dear Heavenly Father, we pray for firefighters, S.E.S. workers, the police and volunteers who have been fighting fires in the past week. They have worked with great commitment to save peoples’ lives, houses, properties and animals.

We pray for people who have been subjected to torrential rainfall and flooding in North Queensland. Dear Lord, draw close to families whose houses and properties have been severely damaged. We pray for agencies which are providing food, clothing and assistance to people in dire need.

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SERVICES IN AGED CARE HOMES

Kalkee – Nangatta: Thurs. 1.45p.m. Feb. 14th Ms Jean Murray

Kalkee Murray Hostel: Thurs.3.30p.m. Feb. 14th Ms. Jean Murray

Opal South Valley: Wed. 10.45a.m. Feb. 27th

Alan David Lodge: Wed. 2.45p.m. Feb. 27th

LECTIONARY

Jeremiah 17: 5-10 Psalm 1

1 Cor 15, 12-20 Luke 6: 17-26

CONTRIBUTIONS for the NEWS SHEET

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