

# UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



**BELMONT CONGREGATION**  
42 Thomson Street, Belmont Vic. 3216  
<https://buc.unitingchurch.org.au>



**SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2019**  
**WORSHIP LEADER**

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

## **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

service will be held at

**Wesley Church, Yarra Street,  
Geelong at**

**11 am on FRIDAY 1st  
MARCH.**

This year's theme is "**Come -  
Everything is Ready**" and the  
service was prepared by the  
people of Slovenia.

A light lunch will follow. All  
welcome to attend.



## **SATURDAY 30th and SUNDAY 31st MARCH.**

A weekend of  
**CULTURAL IMMERSION**  
(Song, Dance and Food)  
at Belmont Uniting Church  
with the Tongan Youth from the  
Canterbury Uniting Church.

Saturday - evening meal and  
entertainment.  
Sunday - worship with singing.

**Please keep the date free and  
start inviting your friends to  
come with you.**

Tickets for the Saturday evening  
meal and entertainment will be  
available very soon @ \$25 per  
head (or a price to suit you).

**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 20<sup>th</sup> birthday on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 March 5<sup>th</sup>** at 10 a.m. Bring your own craft if you wish or just enjoy Morning Tea and the friendly company. All welcome.

**EVENING FELLOWSHIP** will be held on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February** at 7.30 p.m. Guest speaker Raye Pearson will present  
**‘Uzbekistan, Kyrgystan and West China’**

**OPEN MEETING – all welcome.**

Devotions: Lorraine                      Supper: Miriam and Nola.

**AFTERNOON COMMUNION SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March** at 1.30 p.m. Open to all.

Leader: Rev. Ikani Vaitohi.      Minister’s Stewards: J & P Rankin  
Tea Hostesses: J. Cocking, G. Chapman

## **CRAZY WHIST / GAMES EVENING**

at

Belmont Uniting Church Hall  
on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, at 7.30pm**

Donation \$5 per person

Please bring a small plate of food  
Come along & enjoy this night of fun & fellowship

## **PRIZES GALORE**

### **90th Birthday “Hall of Fame” Candidates**

We would like to acknowledge the 90th Birthdays of members of our Congregation and include them in our ‘Hall of Fame’ album.

As we do not have a record of birthdays, if you are going to celebrate your 90th birthday in the next 3/4 years we would like you to add your name and birth date to the list which is on the noticeboard in the Church hall or contact Sue Jennings.

### **THE CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL OCCUR ON SUNDAY MARCH 3RD, AFTER THE 10.00 AM SERVICE:**

Your attendance at this very important meeting of our congregation is encouraged and is appreciated. The reports will be available on Sunday

February 24th and you are requested to bring them with you to the meeting on March 3rd. If there are any matters which members of the congregation are concerned about, please discuss them with Raye Pearson or Alex. Page by the end of February at the latest.

## CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

At its meeting on 12 February, Church Council:

\* received a report from the Strategy Committee, including recommendations to:

o start a Youth Group

o review arrangements for pastoral care

o host or hold an event in Senior's Week and Children's Week

o establish a fundraising program to refurbish the pews in the church by the end of 2021

o replace the heating system in the church with a split-cycle system

o review the terms of reference for all committees of Church Council

o develop a 12-month schedule of activities to assist with planning and advertising

\* determined that a Service of Severing Pastoral Ties to mark the conclusion of Ps Geoff Aitken's ministry at Belmont UC be held on Sunday, 30 June.

\* endorsed and adopted Synod Safe Church documents, including the Keeping Children Safe Policy, the Responding to and Reporting Child Abuse Procedure, the Statement of Commitment and the Keeping Children Safe Code of Conduct

\* requested the Safe Church Committee to ensure that all members of the congregation engaged in child-related ministry or activities on behalf of the congregation receive and sign a copy of the Keeping Children Safe Code of Conduct

\* noted that the Playgroup has ceased to operate

\* congratulated Welcome Mat on its 20th Anniversary

\* congratulated the Kindergarten on its 60th Anniversary

\* appointed office bearers and Committee convenors for 2019

## Called of God

Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me. Isaiah 6:8.

God did not address the call to Isaiah; Isaiah overheard God saying—“Who will go for us?” The call of God is not for the special few, it is for everyone. Whether or not I hear God’s call depends upon the state of my ears; and what I hear depends upon my disposition. “Many are called but few are chosen,” that is, few prove themselves the chosen ones. The chosen ones are those who have come into a relationship with God through Jesus Christ whereby their disposition has been altered and their ears unstopped, and they hear the still small voice questioning all the time—“Who will go for us?” It is not a question of God singling out a man and saying, ‘Now, you go.’ God did not lay a strong compulsion on Isaiah; Isaiah was in the presence of God and he overheard the call, and realized that there was nothing else for him but to say, in conscious freedom—“Here am I; send me.”

Get out of your mind the idea of expecting God to come with compulsions and pleadings. When Our Lord called His disciples there was no irresistible compulsion from outside. The quiet, passionate insistence of His “Follow Me” was spoken to men with every power wide awake. If we let the Spirit of God bring us face to face with God, we too will hear something akin to what Isaiah heard, the still small voice of God; and in perfect freedom will say—“Here am I; send me.”

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

## ***Call Out from Belmont and St. Luke`s Social Justice Group.***

Needed for Refugees\_

1 Hand towels or small towels

2 Saucepans

Please bring them to church and Raye Pearson or Liz Moss will deliver them to St. Luke`s.

Thanking you in anticipation for your support.

Liz Moss

### **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.

**PRODUCE STALL:** Jams now available: Apricot, Fig, Plum, Strawberry and Raspberry. Other: Cumquat Marmalade. Lemon Butter.

Tomato Relish & Madras Tomato Relish.

Small jars still needed. Thank you for your help!

Pam Duthie

**BELMONT**  
**SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019**

<b>Duty</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>
Stewards	S. Jennings (M & HC) R. Buckwell (L), A. Page, B. Couper, L. Jackson, S. Rossiter Lynne Rankin, K & M Moore
Readers	N. Lyons, R. Pearson
Porch Stewards	B. Jennings (P & HC) D. Woods, J & J Tiglias
Host/ess	E. Wood, C. Schaller
P.A.	G. Schneider
Flowers	Jill Sinclair
Morning Tea	J & R Jeffers, B. Pink B. Johns, F. Costin
Transport	(1) B. Couper (2) I. Henricus (3) A. Merritt (4) C. Schaller



**PRAYER POINTS**

Dear Heavenly Father, we pray for students at Joshua School, Bushikori, Uganda. Bless them and may they know your ongoing love for them. Help them in their daily walk with you and may they work enthusiastically to get the very best out of their education opportunities.

Dear Lord, enable us to place our focus on others, listening to them, loving them and honouring them. Clothe us with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience.

Loving God, we pray for family members and church members who are faced with illness or life-threatening diseases. Reach out and touch them with your healing power and if possible give them significant improvement in their health.

## BELMONT UNITING CHURCH MINISTRY TEAM

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### SERVICES IN AGED CARE HOMES

**Kalkee – Nangatta:** Thurs. 1.45p.m. Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> Rev. Vaitohi

**Kalkee Murray Hostel:** Thurs.3.30p.m. Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> Rev. Vaitohi

**Opal South Valley:** Wed. 10.45a.m.

**Alan David Lodge:** Wed. 2.45p.m.

### LECTIONARY

**Exodus 34: 29-35 Psalm 99**

**2 Cor 3: 12- 4: 2 Luke 9: 28-36, (37-43a)**

### CONTRIBUTIONS for the NEWS SHEET

Please include author's name & phone number, number of repeats required and place in the Church Letterbox at the top of church steps next to the meter box on the right **before 12 noon on Wednesdays.**