

UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



BELMONT CONGREGATION

42 Thomson Street, Belmont Vic. 3216

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SUNDAY 3rd FEBRUARY, 2019 H.C.

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.**

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 services 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 5th** at 10.00 a.m. Bring your own craft if you wish or just enjoy morning tea and the friendly company. All welcome.

AFTERNOON COMMUNION SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP – Wednesday 6th February at 1.30 p.m. All welcome and, at the commencement of this new year, a special invitation is extended to members of all church organisations to attend.

Leader: Rev. Ikani Vaitohi Minister's Stewards: M & E Richards
Hosts/Hostesses: Church Groups.

PLEASE NOTE: The time for submission of notices for the newsheet 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 have received several requests for these and will be placing an order after next weekend. If you need a new or spare name badge please see Alwyne. The cost is \$12 and she has envelopes available to order these and will be at church today. If you are a new member there are funds available for your badge.

Orders can also be placed in the M pigeon hole until next weekend only. Please write the name to go on your badge clearly on an envelope and place the money inside.

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

Love is... 1 Corinthians 13.1-13

Paul says that spiritual gifts are worth nothing without love. Love is patient, kind, enduring and more; it is not envious, selfish or resentful. Love knows no boundaries, it is eternal and reaches completion in God.

The key to the missionary devotion

For His name's sake they went forth. 3 John 7.

Our Lord has told us how love to Him is to manifest itself. "Lovest thou Me?" "Feed My sheep"—identify yourself with My interests in other people, not, identify Me with your interests in other people. 1 Corinthians 13:4–8 gives the character of this love, it is the love of God expressing itself. The test of my love for Jesus is the practical one, all the rest is sentimental jargon.

Loyalty to Jesus Christ is the supernatural work of Redemption wrought in me by the Holy Ghost Who sheds abroad the love of God in my heart, and that love works efficaciously through me in contact with everyone I meet. I remain loyal to His name although every common-sense fact gives the lie to Him, and declares that He has no more power than a morning mist.

The key to missionary devotion means being attached to nothing and no one saving Our Lord Himself, not being detached from things externally. Our Lord was amazingly in and out among ordinary things; His detachment was on the inside towards God. External detachment is often an indication of a secret vital attachment to the things we keep away from externally. The loyalty of a missionary is to keep his soul concentratedly open to the nature of the Lord Jesus Christ. The men and women Our Lord send out on His enterprises are the ordinary human stuff, plus dominating devotion to Himself wrought by the Holy Ghost.

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

BELMONT
SUNDAY 10th February 2019

Duty	8.30 a.m.	10.00a.m.
Stewards	N. Phillips (M) K. Hass	R. Pearson (M) L. Jackson (I)
Readers	C. Schaller H. McCann	W & P Jones
Porch Stewards	R. Leitch (P) R. Angus	B. Couper (P), G. Chapman G & J Schneider
Host/ess		W & F Harper
P.A.	L. McCann	B. Jennings
Flowers		L. Rankin
Morning Tea	L & R Angus	H & V Matthewson I & G Coomber A. Merritt, R. Pearson
Transport	(1) B Couper (3) C. Schaller	(2) I. Henricus



PRAYER POINTS

Loving God, on Appreciation Sunday, we pray for our missional partners, community partners and all volunteers who seek to serve you faithfully throughout 2019.

Dear Lord, throughout this year help us to make you our primary focus. Give us the grace and strength to maintain this focus as we face changes and challenges.

Dear Heavenly Father, we pray for our ministry team, the Rev. Ikani and Pastor Geoff, as they lead us throughout 2019. Bless them, encourage them and inspire them in the many aspects of ministry they undertake whilst serving you at Belmont.

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SERVICES IN AGED CARE HOMES

Kalkee – Nangatta: Thurs. 1.45p.m. Feb. 7th Geoff Aitken H.C.

Kalkee Murray Hostel: Thurs. 3.30p.m. Feb. 7th Geoff Aitken H.C.

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

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

LECTIONARY

Isaiah 6: 1-8, (9-13) Psalm 138

1 Cor 15, 1-11 Luke 5, 1-11

CONTRIBUTIONS for the NEWS SHEET

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