

UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



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

WORSHIP LEADER REV IKANI VAITOHI

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



WELCOME TO OUR NEWCOMERS

TODAY

We take the opportunity
to formally welcome
those who have come
to join our congregation
over the past year. . .

At the conclusion
of this service
you will be able to
greet / meet / encourage
and affirm
our new members
as we share in
Morning Tea.



CRAZY WHIST GAMES EVENING

THIS FRIDAY
15th March, 7.30pm

Belmont Uniting Church Hall

Donation \$5 per person

Please bring a small plate of
food to share.

Come along & enjoy this
night of fun & fellowship

Prizes Galore

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.

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

MORNING TEA ROSTERS: Morning Tea Rosters are now ready to be picked up from the pigeon holes.

WANTED: Rosslyn needs a driver willing to drive over the Easter weekend as I will be away and I am finding it hard to find a replacement. If you can help please contact: Rosslyn Buckwell.

WORSHIP ROSTER: It's time to compile a roster for the months April to July inclusive. Anyone already serving on the roster, or willing to be included, is asked to furnish Neville with details of your availability, no later than Sunday 17th March. It is anticipated the new roster will be in the pigeon-holes for collection on Sunday 24th March and come into operation on Sunday 7th April.

CHURCH BOOKINGS. Members are reminded that it is **NOT** sufficient to make or change your hall booking merely by adding it to the Calendar in the foyer. This is for reference only.

Any bookings or changes must be confirmed with the hall booking officer for it to be valid.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE – QUILTS

In preparation for the Thanksgiving Service in May, your help would be appreciated in assembling the fabric quilts for distribution to the UnitingCare agencies.

Packs of material squares are available on the table in the Morning Tea Room. Simple instructions are included - anyone who can sew a straight line will be able to assemble one.

Please take a set or two and return them to Norma Phillips or leave the completed panel in the storeroom as soon as you are able.

Happy sewing!!

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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.

NOTICES FOR NEWSLETTERS: DEADLINE for 2019

The time for you to place your hand written/typed notes into the Church Letterbox (for the church Sunday's newsheet) is now BEFORE **12 NOON** on **Wednesdays**. Please make a note of this. *Preference is for all notices to be emailed at your earliest convenience (by 4p.m.).*

LENTEN STUDY

We plan to follow the pattern established last year, meeting on **Sunday evenings**. The Study will take four Sunday evenings during Lent: **March 17, 24, 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.

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



INFORMATION REGARDING THE NEW SEAT IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH

The Property Committee were requested by Marion Jenson to investigate the possibility of providing a seat at the bottom of the ramp for use while people are waiting for transport.

Jeannine Oman donated the seat, and the Golding Family and Marion Jenson donated the cost of the cement. The property Committee together with willing helpers prepared the site and installed the seat.

Thanks to those who made it happen. - Ray Bunting for the Property Committee.

YOU (plus your family and friends) ARE INVITED -
to our EVENING MEAL AND ENTERTAINMENT
ON SATURDAY, 30th MARCH -
with the TONGAN YOUNG PEOPLE
from the Canterbury Uniting Church.

It is essential you purchase tickets beforehand (for catering purposes) @ \$25 for adults and no charge for children.

Tickets for adults and children are available from members of the Mission and Outreach Committee. Please plan to come and enjoy a great night of CULTURAL IMMERSION - with lots of Tongan song, dance and FOOD - to be held in the Belmont Church Hall, gathering at 6 pm for a 6.30 pm start.

Also, at WORSHIP ON SUNDAY MORNING (31st March)
our Tongan guests will be assisting Rev Ikani.

DON'T MISS OUT

- purchase your tickets from

Liz Aitken, Averil Anderson, Ros Buckwell, Fay Costin, Heather McCann, Jean Murray or Carl Schaller.

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

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).



PRODUCE STALL: Jams now available: Apricot, Crab Apple Jelly, Fig, Plum, Quince Jam & Jelly, Strawberry and Raspberry.
Other: Cumquat Marmalade. Lemon Butter. Tomato Relish & Madras Tomato Relish. Jars still needed. - Pam Duthie

BELMONT
SUNDAY 17th March 2019 Rev Ikani Vaitohi

Duty	8.30 a.m. HC	10.00a.m.
Stewards	C.Nolte (M & HC) Prep: B&E Wood	D.Stephens (M)
Readers	K.Haas, E.Richards	L.Main, A.Page
Porch Stewards	C.Schaller (P), M.Richards	R.Ferguson (P) J. Ferguson, G.&J.Schneider
Host/ess		W.&F.Harper
P.A.	M.Richards	W.Harper
Flowers	Jill Jeffers	
Morning Tea	L.&R.Angus	E.&B.Wood, M.Bullock, A.&M.Ingles
Transport	(1) R.Jeffers (2) I.Henricus (3) N.Lyons (4) B.&P.Jones	



PRAYER POINTS

- Dear Lord, we pray for our Mayor, Bruce Harwood, and the City of Geelong Councillors as they serve the people of Greater Geelong. Help them and guide them as they consider important issues with wisdom and understanding. May they make the best decisions for the future of our city and its constituents.
- Dear Heavenly Father, we know that Jesus faced temptations in the wilderness but he was given the faith and the strength to overcome those temptations. We pray that your Holy Spirit will help us to cope with the pressures and anxieties which we face in our daily lives.
- Loving God, as we open ourselves to the indwelling of the Holy Spirit may we develop responsive loving and caring hearts which lead us to serve you faithfully day by day.

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SERVICES IN AGED CARE HOMES

Kalkee – Nangatta: Thurs. 1.45p.m. Mar.14th Geoff Aiken

Kalkee Murray Hostel: Thurs.3.30p.m. Mar.14th Geoff Aitken

Opal South Valley: 4th Wed. 10.45a.m. Geoff Aitken

Alan David Lodge: 1st Wed. 2.45p.m. Pastor Geoff Aitken

LECTIONARY

Gen.15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Phil.3: 17- 4: 1; Luke 13: 31-35.

CONTRIBUTIONS for the NEWS SHEET

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