

UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



BELMONT CONGREGATION
42 Thomson Street, Belmont Vic. 3216
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SUNDAY 17th MARCH 2019

WORSHIP LEADER REV IKANI VAITOHI

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

EVENING MEAL AND ENTERTAINMENT SATURDAY 30 MARCH

with the
**TONGAN YOUNG
PEOPLE**
from the
Canterbury Uniting Church.

6pm for 6.30 start

YOU (*plus family and friends*)
ARE INVITED!

It is essential you purchase
tickets beforehand
(for catering purposes)

\$25 for adults.

No charge for children.

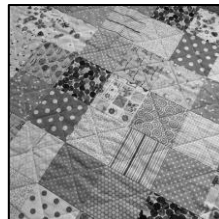
Purchase your tickets from
Liz Aitken, Averil Anderson,
Ros Buckwell, Fay Costin,
Heather McCann, Jean Murray
or Carl Schaller.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE – QUILTS

Packs of material squares
are available on the table
(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.



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.

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

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.

MISSION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE will meet on **Tuesday, 19th March at 2p.m..**

CHURCH COUNCIL meets on **Tuesday, April 9th**, at 7.30pm. Reports and matters for consideration by Church Council should be forwarded to the Secretary (Glen Coomber) **by Sunday, March 24th.**

WORSHIP ROSTER: The next roster for the months April to July inclusive is in the final stages of completion. If you have not already supplied Neville with details of your availability, please do so **TODAY** as it is expected the new roster will be in the pigeon holes next Sunday 24th March .

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.

CHANGE OF PHONE NUMBER Joan Hill has changed her phone Number to a mobile number.

PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE MEETING Monday 18th March at 7.30p.m. Business: Appointment of a conveynor and Minute Secretary; Planning for the year ahead.

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.

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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!!

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.

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

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ON SATURDAY, 30th MARCH -
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@ \$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.

DON'T MISS OUT!

NEXT SUNDAY (24th) IS THE LAST DAY TO PURCHASE TICKETS.

- purchase your tickets from Liz Aitken, Averil Anderson, Ros Buckwell, Fay Costin, Heather McCann, Jean Murray or Carl Schaller.

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

**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.

A NEW LIBRARY Ikani is willing to put many of his own, fairly new books on our shelves in the hall so that we can start a library. I will be taking down all the old books that are there in order to place the new ones. If anyone would prefer that his or her books should remain on the shelf would you please see or ring me and that can be arranged?

When the new books are put on the shelves an *exercise book* will be put there also so that *anyone who wants to borrow a book will write down when the book is taken out and when it is returned.*



You may keep the book for up to 3 weeks.

Pam Jones

LENTEN STUDY TONIGHT

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.

WELCOME to newcomers: Max & Gwen Cooper, Gwen Mooney, John Lugg, Diane Day, Millie & Graeme Lehmann.

THANK YOU To the members of the Belmont Uniting Church – Your thoughtfulness and kind wishes are sincerely appreciated. – For the Christian Fellowship shown to me on the occasion of my 90th Birthday. Thank you from Beryl Hair.

JUSTICE DAY 2019 at St ANDREW'S PORTARLINGTON

A warm welcome awaits you for lunch at St Andrew's Portarlington on **Sunday April 28th at 12.30pm.**

We will again *enjoy a delicious Iraqi lunch* cooked by Geelong residents Siham and Abdul and their family, *hear from a recently settled refugee* and *enjoy the challenging and moving musical offerings* from Melbourne musicians Suzette Herft and Kathryn Clements.

Suzette and Kathryn are well known on the Bellarine having sung at various events over past years and we are delighted to welcome them again to St Andrew's.

Cost is \$25 pp for lunch and entertainment, places are limited, so do get in early to secure your spot.

Ring: Joy Porter 5291 8177 or Merilyn Bertram 0439 966 370

See the Notice on the Information Board in the hall for more details.



SAMMY STAMP Thank you to those who support S.S. by saving used stamps and placing them in the Foyer. Your support helped in sales, as at 5/12/2018 reaching \$48 788.

Grants approved to worthwhile causes in 2018 amounted to the sum of \$55 100. The total of grants since 1977 amount to \$929 193.00. So, to help 'Sammy Stamp', please keep the stamps coming, putting them in the Sammy Stamp Box.

Thank you on behalf of Sammy Stamp. Details of 2018 report will be on the Notice Board in the hall today. – Wal Harper

BELMONT
SUNDAY 24th March 2019

Duty	8.30 a.m.	10.00a.m.
Stewards	C.Schaller (M) K.Haas (I)	R.Ferguson (M) G.Allen (I)
Readers	E.Richards, H.McCann	H.& C.Collins
Porch Stewards	M.Richards (P) E.Richards	R.Bunting (P), L.Main, G.& J.Schneider
Host/ess		M.Bullock. L.Moss
P.A.	L.McCann	B.Jennings
Flowers	Jill Jeffers	
Morning Tea	H.& L.McCann	G.Chapman, L.Moss E.Wise, L.Jackson, L.& F.Barnard
Transport	(1) R.Jeffers (2) I.Henricus (3) N.Lyons (4) B.&P.Jones	



PRAYER POINTS

- Dear Lord, during Lent help us to face Satan and his evil forces with spiritual strength and an assurance that you provide for us. May we daily trust you and be obedient to your word.
- Loving God, we pray for nursing homes and convalescent homes where care is given following illness or hospitalisation. Bless the staff who provide for the health and comfort of people recovering from illness, operations or accidents.
- Dear Heavenly Father, forgive us for the times we have let you down and offended others by the way we have spoken or acted. Fill us with your love and grace so that we may live with greater hope and purpose as we serve you faithfully day by day.

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SERVICES IN AGED CARE HOMES

Kalkee – Nangatta: Thurs. 1.45p.m. Mar.21st Geoff Aiken

Kalkee Murray Hostel: Thurs.3.30p.m. Mar.21st Geoff Aitken

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

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

LECTIONARY

Is.55: 1-8; Psalm 63: 1-8; 1Cor. 10:1-13; Luke 13: 1-9

CONTRIBUTIONS for the NEWS SHEET

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before 12 noon on Wednesdays.