

UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



BELMONT CONGREGATION
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SUNDAY 24th 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!

Last day to purchase tickets
(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.

ACCOMMODATION PROJECT MEETING

Tuesday 26th March at 1pm in the church hall.

EVENING FELLOWSHIP will meet **Wednesday 27th March** when we will have an in-house *MOVIE NIGHT* commencing at 7.30p.m.
Devotions: Elizabeth. Supper: Doreen & Marg.

CRAFT FELLOWSHIP will meet on **Tuesday April 2nd** at 10 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 3rd April at 1.30p.m. *All Welcome.* Leader: Rev Ikani Vaitohi. Minister's Stewards: N. Funston. Hostesses: L. Main, L. Moss.

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

WORSHIP ROSTERS are available in your pigeon-holes today. Please collect them and check the dates you are needed and be ready for duty from Sunday 7th April.

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 TODAY* (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.**

DON'T MISS OUT!

TODAY, 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.



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 or 4 years we would like you to add your name & birth date to the list which is on the noticeboard in the “Crying Room,” adjacent to the foyer, or contact Sue Jennings.

CRAZY WHIST EVENING THANKYOU 2019

The Fellowship Committee would like to thank those members of the Congregation who supported the Crazy Whist Evening on Friday March 15th. Those who attended enjoyed a night of fun and fellowship. \$255 was raised and passed onto Rev. Ikani to support special fellowship morning teas and lunches following Worship Services.

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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!!



ODD JOBS If you require some help around your property with weeding, mowing, general tidy up, etc.
Also with the Council Hard Rubbish Collection.
We can place larger goods out on the nature strip for collection.

For any small jobs around the home . . .

You Will be helping Malcom and clearing up those hard jobs
Call Malcom.





A NEW LIBRARY Rev 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

The Study will take three more Sunday evenings during Lent: **March 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.

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



THANK YOU My sincere thanks to all who helped me celebrate my 80th birthday. The phone calls, cards and good wishes have been overwhelming. Thanks also to those who contributed to ‘Uniting’, the gifts were so gratefully received. – Fay Harper

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 or Marilyn Bertram

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

PRODUCE STALL: Apricot Jam, Cumquat Marmalade, Crab Apple Jelly, Fig Jam, Plum Jam, Quince Jam & Jelly, Lemon Butter, Strawberry & Raspberry Jams. Tomato Relish & Madras Tomato Relish.

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 31st March 2019 ‘SONG & STORY’

Duty	10.00a.m.
Stewards	A.Page (M)
Readers	B.& S.Jennings
Porch Stewards	R.Bunting (P), B.Cooper, L.Main, D.Woods
Host/ess	M.Bullock, L.Moss
P.A.	J.Hill
Flowers	Thelma Yates
Morning Tea	S.& W.Jennings, I.& G. Coomber, R.Pearson
Transport	(1) R.Jeffers (2) I.Henricus (3) N.Lyons (4) B.& P. Jones



PRAYER POINTS

- Living God, our thoughts and prayers are with the people who were affected by the horrific shooting last week in Christchurch, New Zealand. We pray for Muslim congregations that they may know God’s peace and comfort at this time, in particular the families who lost loved ones and those who were wounded seriously.

- Dear Heavenly Father, we pray for more than 1.5 million people living in Mozambique, Zambabwe and Malawi, affected by the vicious cyclone and floods which killed hundreds of people and left thousands homeless. Bless the agencies which are helping with rescue effprts, providing food and medical supplies to those in need.

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SERVICES IN AGED CARE HOMES

Kalkee – Nangatta: Thurs. 1.45p.m. Mar.28th Rev.Ikani Vaitohi

Kalkee Murray Hostel: Thurs.3.30p.m. Mar.28th Rev.Ikani Vaitohi

Opal South Valley: 4th Wed. 10.45a.m. None this week

Alan David Lodge: 1st Wed. 2.45p.m. None this week

LECTIONARY

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

CONTRIBUTIONS for the NEWS SHEET

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before 12 noon on Wednesdays.