

# UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



**BELMONT CONGREGATION**  
42 Thomson Street, Belmont Vic. 3216  
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**SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> MARCH 2019**

**WORSHIP LEADER REV IKANI VAITOHI**

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

**SATURDAY 30<sup>th</sup> and  
SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> 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 CONGREGATIONAL  
ANNUAL GENERAL  
MEETING WILL OCCUR  
TODAY,  
SUNDAY MARCH 3<sup>rd</sup>  
AFTER  
10.00 a.m. SERVICE**

Your attendance  
at this very  
important meeting  
of our congregation  
is encouraged  
and is appreciated.

The reports were available  
on Sunday February 24<sup>th</sup> and  
today also.

If there are any matters which  
members of the congregation  
are concerned about,  
please discuss them with  
Raye Pearson or Alex. Page.

**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 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.

**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.

**NOTICES FOR NEWSLETTERS: NEW 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.).*

**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 0407 326 023.

**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 (0423 712 398) with details of your availability, no later than Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March. It is anticipated the new roster will be in the pigeon-holes for collection on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March and come into operation on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April.

**CRAZY WHIST / GAMES EVENING**

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**

**90<sup>th</sup> Birthday “HALL OF FAME” Candidates**

We would like to acknowledge the 90<sup>th</sup> 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 90<sup>th</sup> 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.

**CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT**

At its meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **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, 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.

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. Continued . . .

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.

**YOU (plus your family and friends) ARE INVITED -**  
**to our EVENING MEAL AND ENTERTAINMENT**  
**ON SATURDAY, 30<sup>th</sup> 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

**GRATEFUL THANKS** go to all who made last Sunday's  
**HARVEST THANKSGIVING** such a wonderful occasion.

The worship service was a very special event,  
and generous gifts of food and money were received  
for distribution via Uniting at Grovedale and Norlane.

(The cash is converted into Food Vouchers.)

Members of the Mission and Outreach Committee  
are most appreciative of the support given by so many!

Well done!

**WELCOME MAT'S 20<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS  
A GREAT DAY!**

We were most grateful to all who attended, who helped in any way, cooked, worked in the kitchen, or helped to set up and clear up afterwards. To Julie and Ray for their extra work in making the day very special, and for the beautiful cake. Thanks to Julie and her team, the meal was so well catered for – some of us may have put on a bit of weight? On behalf of the Welcome Mat Family, a sincere thanks to all! - Fay, Muriel and Carl

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

**BELMONT**  
**SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> March 2019 Rev Ikani Vaitohi**

<b>Duty</b>	<b>8.30 a.m.</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>
Stewards	H.McCann (M)	K.Moore (M), J.Oman (I)
Readers	R.Leitch, N.Phillips	J.Murray, L.Yates
Porch Stewards	R.Angus (P), B.Coomber	W.Jones (P),P.Jones T.Yates, J.Hill
Host/ess		D.Ives, C.Rankin
P.A.	L.McCann	R.Bunting
Flowers	Heather McCann	
Morning Tea	C.Fyffe, C.Schaller	S.&W.Jennings, M.&K.Moore, A.&R.Bunting
Transport	(1) R.Jeffers (2) I.Henricus (3) N.Lyons (4) B.&P.Jones	



**PRAYER POINTS**

- Loving God, we pray for people living in places throughout Australia which have faced severe drought conditions for several years. We pray that Federal and State Governments and other agencies will provide assistance to farming communities where their situations are desperate.
- Dear /Heavenly Father, we thank you for the Belmont Uniting Church. We pray that you will bless the members of the Church Council and all those who provide leadership and ministry; guide them with your Holy Spirit in all their decision making.
- Dear Lord, fill us with your living Spirit so that we may learn to love you as you love us, sharing your peace and joy with others. Help us to live in a manner which is acceptable to you.

## BELMONT UNITING CHURCH MINISTRY TEAM

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### SERVICES IN AGED CARE HOMES

**Kalkee – Nangatta:** Thurs. 1.45p.m. Mar.7<sup>th</sup> Geoff Aitken HC

**Kalkee Murray Hostel:** Thurs.3.30p.m. Mar.7<sup>th</sup> Geoff Aitken HC

**Opal South Valley:** 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. 10.45a.m. Geoff Aitken

**Alan David Lodge:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. 2.45p.m. Pastor Geoff Aitken

### LECTIONARY

Dt. 26: 1-11; Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16; Romans 10: 8b-13; Luke 4: 1-13.

### 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.**