

# UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



## BELMONT CONGREGATION

42 Thomson Street, Belmont Vic. 3216

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**SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2019 EASTER DAY**

**WORSHIP LEADER: REV. IKANI VAITOHI**

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

## **EASTER DAY**

The celebration of Christ's resurrection from the dead. As we know from the Gospels, Jesus Christ rose from the dead on the third day following his crucifixion, which would be Sunday.



His resurrection marks the triumph of good over evil, sin and death. It is the singular event which proves that those who trust in God and accept Christ will be raised from the dead. It represents the fulfillment of God's promises to mankind



*They shall grow not old, as  
we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun  
and in the morning  
We will remember them.*

**'Lest We Forget'**

**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.

**LADIES EVENING FELLOWSHIP** members are reminded there will be a business meeting on **April 24 at 1.30pm.** We will plan and discuss our upcoming Blume's Fashion Show arrangements and Mothers and Others Day. Afternoon Tea, fellowship and quizzes with Muriel. Devotions: Alwyne

**AFTERNOON COMMUNION SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP:**

**Wednesday 1st May** at 1.30pm. All welcome.

**Leader:** Rev. Ikani Vaitohi. **Minister's Stewards:** B. And S. Jennings.

**Tea Hostesses:** B. Coomber, B. Johns

**THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON SUNDAY MAY 5<sup>th</sup> AFTER THE 10a.m. SERVICE.**

The only agenda item will be the presentation of the Strategy Report to the congregation for consideration and comment. Copies of the report will be available prior to the meeting.

This is a very important meeting, as together we reflect on the future of our life as a congregation here in Belmont. Please give this meeting a high priority and attend if possible

A special **THANK YOU** to all the ladies who have sewn the quilt squares.

They look lovely and will be very much appreciated when winter comes.

Norma Phillips



**SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP**

A very big **THANK YOU** to all who donated toiletries for the Homeless.

We packed over **100** bags last Friday night at Western Heights Uniting Church which will be distributed through Barwon Uniting at Grovedale. Liz. Moss (standing in for Raye Pearson)

**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



**On Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup>**, we will be holding our annual **THANKSGIVING SERVICE**. This will be held in conjunction with a **DEDICATION SERVICE of the work of UNITING in Geelong**. Many of you have been busy over the past weeks preparing items for this day. However, for those who wish to buy items, Uniting have indicated that underwear or pyjamas, suitable for children under size 10 would be very welcome.



As well as the quilts for Uniting and rugs for nursing homes any very small items will go to the Premmie ward at the hospital. We look forward to seeing you all on this day of worship and thanksgiving as we remember those who sometimes find life a bit tough.

# HEAR THE FACTS

**You are invited to an information session which will help to answer the myriad questions which many of us have about the refugee situation in Geelong.**

**REFUGEES?                      ASYLUM SEEKERS?**

**VISA HOLDERS?**

*Guest speaker:* **Linda Cusworth**, is a Volunteer team leader at the Wesley Uniting Church Welcome Place (a drop-in centre for people seeking asylum), and a member of the Combined Refugee Action Group. She has several years' experience in supporting people seeking asylum as they navigate the complicated visa application process.

**St Luke's Uniting Church** has supported many refugees and several of them will join us for this meeting.

**When:** Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

**Where:** Belmont Uniting Church, Thomson Street Belmont.

**Listen:** be informed – ask questions.

**Stay:** enjoy a light meal and tea/coffee. Suggested donation for the meal is \$5. Any funds raised will be forwarded to St Luke's to help support their refugee programs.



AUSTRALIA'S  
**Biggest  
Morning  
Tea**

**COME ALONG & SUPPORT  
AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST  
MORNING TEA**

**Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup> 10.30 am**

**Grovedale Uniting Church**

Cancer Council



## **PRAYER POINTS**

- Loving God, we thank you for the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, that He conquered death and rose from the grave, that He is with us always even to the end of the world, that nothing can separate us from His eternal love.
- Dear God, we thank you for the courage which made Jesus go to the cross; for the obedience which made Him accept your will; for the magnitude of your love for all mankind.
- Dear Lord, when we become disillusioned and begin to doubt, encourage us through your Holy Spirit to renew our faith, love and commitment to you.

### **SUNDAY APRIL 28<sup>th</sup> 2019**

#### **Worship Leader Pastor Geoff Aitken**

<b>Duty</b>	<b>8.30 a.m.</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>
Stewards	N. Phillips (M)	N. Woods (M) L. Jackson (I)
Readers	H. McCann, R. Leitch	H. & C. Collins
Porch Stewards	R. Angus (P) B. Coomber	P. Woods (P), D. Woods, G. & J. Schneider
Host/ess		J. Oman, B. Pullin
P.A.	L. McCann	B. Jennings
Flowers	Ros. Buckwell	
Morning Tea	C. Fyffe C. Schaller	S. & W. Jennings M. & K. Moore A. & R. Bunting
Transport	(1) R. Buckwell (2) I. Henricus (3) B. Wood, (4) L. Moss	

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**SERVICES IN AGED CARE HOMES**

**Kalkee–Nangatta:** Thurs. 1.45pm April 25<sup>th</sup> **Anzac Day**  
Chaplain Geoff Aitken

**Kalkee Murray Hostel:** Thurs. 3.30pm. April 25<sup>th</sup> **Anzac Day**  
Chaplain Geoff. Aitken

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

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

**LECTIONARY 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

Acts 5: 27-32 , Psalm 118: 14-29, or Psalm 150

Revelations: 1:4-8 John 20: 19-31

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**before 12 noon on Wednesdays.**