

UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



BELMONT CONGREGATION

42 Thomson Street, Belmont Vic. 3216

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SUNDAY 28th APRIL 2019

WORSHIP LEADER: REV IKANI VAITOHI



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

THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

NEXT SUNDAY MAY 5th
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.



AUSTRALIA'S
*Biggest
Morning
Tea*

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

**Thursday, May 30th
10.30 am**

**Grovedale Uniting
Church**

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.

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.

NEXT SUNDAY 5th May At the Congregational Meeting there will be a presentation from Council on the **Strategic Committee and Plan**. **Please find enclosed in your newsletter today** the recommendations adopted by Council.

Please bring these recommendations with you as there will be an opportunity at the meeting after the service to discuss the plan.

PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE The **NEXT MEETING** will be held on **Monday May 6th** at 7.30 pm. Minutes of the previous meeting will be placed in members pigeon holes.

CRAFT FELLOWSHIP will meet on **Tuesday 7th May** at 10a.m. Bring your own craft if you wish or just enjoy Morning Tea and the friendly company. All welcome.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

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



On Sunday May 19th, 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.

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

We packed over **100** bags at Western Heights Uniting Church which will be distributed through Barwon Uniting at Grovedale.

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.

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 5th 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.

SUNDAY MAY 5th 2019 Worship Leader Rev. Ikani Vaitohi

Duty	10.00a.m. H.C.
Stewards	W. Harper (M & HC), P. Jones (L), W. Jones, F. Harper, N. Funston, T. Yates, H. McCann, N. Lyons, G. & J. Schneider
Readers	B. & S. Jennings
Porch Stewards	F. Harper (P & HC), R. & J. Jeffers, A. Page
Host/ess	J. Ferguson, E. Wood
P.A.	J. Hill
Flowers	Sue Jennings
Morning Tea	G. Chapman/L. Moss, E. Wise/L. Jackson L. & F. Barnard
Transport	(1) M. Richards (2) R. Pearson (3) B. Johns (4) L. Main



PRAYER POINTS

- Dear God, we pray for Christians and other people in Sri Lanka who were subjected to dreadful acts of terrorism whereby many innocent people's lives have been destroyed whilst worshipping during Easter or being in hotels or other buildings.
- Dear Lord, help us to know the importance of prayer in our lives. It is so easy to become distracted and give up. Teach us to persevere in prayer and seek Your guidance through every situation.
- Loving God, help us to resist the things that would deplete our souls and our faith. Fill us with Your hope, peace and joy as we allow Your Holy Spirit to guide us day by day.

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SERVICES IN AGED CARE HOMES

Kalkee–Nangatta: Thurs. 1.45p.m. 2nd May **H.C.**
Chaplain Geoff Aitken
Kalkee Murray Hostel: Thurs. 3.30p.m. 2nd May **H.C.**
Chaplain Geoff Aitken
Opal South Valley: 4th Wed. 10.45a.m. Geoff Aitken
Alan David Lodge: 1st Wed. 2.45p.m. Geoff Aitken

LECTIONARY 5th May 2019

Acts 9: 1-6 (7-20), Psalm, 30
Revelations: 5: 11-14 John 21: 1-19

CONTRIBUTIONS for the NEWS SHEET

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before 12 noon on Wednesdays.