

UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



BELMONT CONGREGATION
42 Thomson Street, Belmont Vic. 3216
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SUNDAY 31st MARCH 2019

WORSHIP LEADER: REV IKANI VAITOHI

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

‘QUILTS’ THANKSGIVING SERVICE

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.



WORSHIP THIS MORNING

‘SONG & STORY’

Our Tongan guests will be
assisting Rev Ikani.

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BIG WELCOME

to

CANTERBURY

UCA YOUTH



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.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING on **Tuesday 2nd April** in the church hall at 4pm.

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



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.

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!!

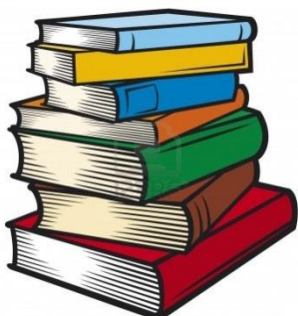


ODD JOBS If you require some help around your property with weeding, mowing, general tidy up, etc. Also with the Council Hard Rubbish Collection.

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 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 two more Sunday evenings during Lent: tonight and **April 7**. 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.

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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HOMELESSNESS

You can help!

Donate: Toiletries (soap, toothpaste, tissues, shavers, sanitary products, band aids etc. **OR** money).

Attend: Join a packing session at Western Heights UC on Friday 12th April, 7 – 8.30pm.

Pack: Hygiene packs which will be donated to Uniting Barwon at Grovedale where they will be given to those in need.

A box for donations is in the foyer or office/library. Contact Liz Moss if you need more information.

Register your intent to attend the packing and information session by contacting Shanon or Heather.

CAN'T SEE THE WORDS ON THE SCREEN?

There is help. Here is what you can do.

A small number of large print *'Together in Song' Hymn Books* are available stacked above the pigeonholes, or ask a steward on duty.

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 Merilyn Bertram

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. – Wal Harper

TO ALL DRIVERS who pick up residents from Aged Care Hostels – Please check that your passengers have "signed out". The books are located just inside the main entrances. The failure of residents to do this causes Hostel Staff great concern, not knowing where they are.

BELMONT
SUNDAY APRIL 7th 2019 Rev. Ikani Vaitohi

Duty	10.00a.m. H.C.
Stewards	G.Coomber (M& HC), R.Pearson (L), J.Murray, R.Leitch, B.& S.Jennings, J.Oman, G.Allen, C.&L.Rankin
Readers	R.Buckwell, B.Dickie
Porch Stewards	G.Allen (P & HC), G.Chapman *, R.Bunting, T.Yates
Host/ess	K.& M.Moore
P.A.	G.Schneider
Flowers	Alwyne Merritt
Morning Tea	J& R.Jeffers, B.Pink, M.Vaitohi, B.Johns, F.Costin
Transport	(1) R.Buckwell (2) I.Henriksen (3) B.Wood (4) L.Moss



PRAYER POINTS

- Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for the Tongan Young People who have blessed us with their singing and music this weekend. We pray that you will continue to encourage them, inspire them and bless them as they share their faith and music with others.
- Dear Lord, help us to know in our lives that God's grace is so wonderful that we need to highly esteem it, deeply appreciate it and allow it to work in our lives.
- Dear God, thank you for your unconditional love that brings joy in this life and the assurance of spending eternity with you.

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SERVICES IN AGED CARE HOMES

Kalkee – Nangatta: Thurs. 1.45p.m. April 4th HC Geoff Aitken

Kalkee Murray Hostel: Thurs.3.30p.m. April 4th HC Geoff Aitken

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

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

LECTIONARY

Is.43: 16-21; Psalm 126; Phil.3: 4b-14; John 12: 1-8.

CONTRIBUTIONS for the NEWS SHEET

Please include author's name & phone number, number of repeats required & **email** to **Pat Rankin** phone 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.