

UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



BELMONT CONGREGATION

42 Thomson Street, Belmont Vic. 3216

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SUNDAY 7th APRIL 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.



CHOCOLATE

If you are purchasing chocolate keep an eye out for an ethically produced product. Supermarkets stock some chocolate with these logos. Buying goods with these labels helps support the growers – usually poor farmers who in the past have not received a fair price for their cocoa.



FAIRTRADE
INTERNATIONAL



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.*

PLEASE NOTE: Ikani will be on holidays from the 9th -15th of April.

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.

CHURCH COUNCIL meets on **Tuesday, April 9th,** at 7.30pm..

EASTER CANTATA, NEXT SUNDAY, 14th April at 7.30 pm
“THEN CAME SUNDAY”

CRAFT FELLOWSHIP will meet on **Tuesday April 16th** at 10 a.m. Bring your own craft if you wish or just enjoy Morning Tea and the friendly company. All welcome.

LENTEN STUDY TONIGHT: **This is the Last Night** of the study. We meet for a light meal at **6pm** and follow that with the Study from 7pm until around 8pm.

The topic for this year’s Lenten Study is *The Lord’s Prayer*. We would be delighted if you would like to take part. Please let Ikani or Cherry Collins know if you are planning to come.

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.

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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 . .

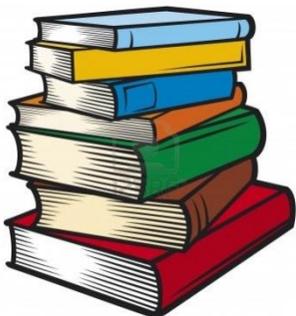
You will be helping Malcom and clearing up those hard jobs! Call Malcom.



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.



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

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.

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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 (0428 579 479 if you need more information).

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

REMEMBER NANCE McCANN, now living in Tasmania, a former worshipper at both Belmont Methodist and Belmont Uniting, she sends Greetings to all. She has cancer which is in the late stages. She would appreciate our thoughts and prayers as she now goes through palliative Care. If you feel you need more information re this matter, please contact Fay Harper.

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.

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.



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.

SUNDAY APRIL 14th 2019 Pastor Geoff. Aitken

Duty	8.30 a.m.	10.00a.m.
Stewards	C. Schaller (M) K. Haas (I)	R. Buckwell (M) H. Collins (I)
Readers	B. & E. Wood	L. Jackson N. Lyons
Porch Stewards	M. Richards (P) E. Richards	B. Couper (P) G. Chapman, S. Vaitohi J. Hill
Host/ess		E. Wood, C. Schaller
P.A.	L. McCann	R. Bunting
Flowers	Alwynne Merritt	
Morning Tea	E. & M. Richards	T. & L. Yates P. & W. Jones M. Bullock
Transport	(1) R. Buckwell (2) I. Henricus (3) B. Wood (4) L. Moss	

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PRAYER POINTS

- Dear Jesus, help us to be compassionate people who know the importance of showing kindness and love towards people who are poor in body, mind and spirit. May we know that in responding to their need we are responding to You.
- Loving God, we give thanks for the diversity of people, languages and cultures found in our Geelong community. We pray for respect, tolerance and understanding as we interact with other people and learn to appreciate our differences.
- Dear Lord, help us to resist temptation from the moment we are confronted by it day by day, may we draw closer to You, trusting you and we pray that you will give us the strength, wisdom and knowledge we need to overcome the many temptations, which we face in our daily lives.

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SERVICES IN AGED CARE HOMES

Kalkee–Nangatta: Thurs. 1.45p.m. April 11th Chaplain Geoff Aitken

Kalkee Murray Hostel: Thurs.3.30p.m. April 11th Chaplain Geoff

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

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

LECTIONARY PALM SUNDAY 14th April 2019

Isaiah: 50: 4-9a; Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29; Philippians.2: 5-11;

Luke: 19: 28-40

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