

# UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



**BELMONT CONGREGATION**  
42 Thomson Street, Belmont Vic. 3216  
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**SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MAY 2019**

**WORSHIP LEADER: REV IKANI VAITOHI**



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

## Happy Mother's Day!

You have been a beautiful example  
of God's love.

She is clothed with strength and  
dignity, she can laugh at the days  
to come. She speaks with wisdom,  
and faithful instruction on her  
tongue. Proverbs 31



All that I ever am and hope to be,  
I owe to my angel mother  
Abraham Lincoln

You may have tangible wealth untold,  
Caskets of jewels and coffers of gold,  
Richer than I you can never be –  
I had a mother who read to me.

## FREE SENIORS MORNING TEA AND FORUM for LAW WEEK 2019

The Barwon Elder Abuse  
Primary Prevention (BEAPP)  
Network is hosting a  
**FREE SENIORS MORNING  
TEA AND FORUM** for **LAW  
WEEK 2019** with the  
**COMMISSIONER FOR  
SENIOR VICTORIANS** Gerard  
Mansour. The Older Wiser  
Know Your Rights Forum is on  
**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May** from  
**10am at the Grovedale  
Community House.** 45 Heyers  
Road, Grovedale



**WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> May 10 am - 12.30 pm**  
at **Grovedale Community Hub**  
45 Heyers Rd, Grovedale VIC 3216

In this interactive forum, you will learn about how to protect your rights and prevent elder abuse as you age with presentations from Seniors Rights Victoria, local experts and a short film screening.

Free morning tea provided.

To register for this event visit: <https://olderwiserevents.burda.com.au>  
or email: [Alexandra.Jones@burda.com.au](mailto:Alexandra.Jones@burda.com.au) tel: 1300 430 599

**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 21st May** at 10a.m. Bring your own craft if you wish or just enjoy Morning Tea and the friendly company. All welcome.

**SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS IN THE CHURCH SERVICE**

I am now announcing at the 10.00 service. It would be appreciated if I could be contacted with any joys, concerns or reminders prior to Sunday when possible.

Thank you Lynne

**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 for collection.

## **PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE**

This Committee has been convened in order to support Rev. Ikani in this vital ministry.

As Pastor Geoff is retiring we are reviewing current pastoral care arrangements, i.e. the number of members who require active and regular pastoral visitations and the ways in which the congregation can remain linked to members who have entered Aged Care or who are unable to regularly participate in the life of the congregation.

The following are members of this Committee:

Elizabeth Wood, Loris Jackson, Katrina Haas, Neville Funston, Brian Cooper, Rev. Ikani, (Pastor Geoff) and Liz Moss.

All those who visit as Pastoral carers are invited to a light luncheon after Church on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. (Could you please bring a plate to share). This is in order to advise of changed visiting groups and the structure of future ways of reporting Pastoral Care needs to Rev. Ikani.

We also want to recognise Geoff's work over the past 15 years of his caring.

Hoping to meet with you then.

Liz Moss (Committee Chair).

## **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

The Education Committee of Belmont Uniting Church has been reconstituted as a coordinating committee to support the Church's educational activities. The following people have agreed to be members of this Committee: Alwyne Merritt, Graeme Mitchell, Lorraine Rankin, Terese Wilby, Ikani Viatohi, Cherry Collins.

If any other church member is interested in being considered for membership of this Committee, please speak to either Rev. Ikani Viatohi or to Cherry Collins, the Committee chair .

## THANKSGIVING and DEDICATION SERVICE

**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.

## PRAYER POINTS



- Loving God, we are thankful for mothers, grandmothers and great-grandmothers for their Christian witness, love, care and guidance down through the years. They have blessed us so much and played a significant part in family life and the life of the church.
- Dear Go, we pray that our church may be a place where people know for themselves the truth about Jesus and His Kingdom. May they experience Jesus' love, grace and peace.
- Dear Lord, we pray for the Drug and Rehabilitation Centre at Mt. Duneed, its director, Rob Litzke and the staff. Bless them in the difficult work they undertake in providing love, care, counselling, guidance, accommodation and medical assistance to people who are struggling with drug addiction.

**SUNDAY MAY 19<sup>th</sup> 2019 Worship Leader Rev. Lisa Stewart**

### **THANKSGIVING AND UNITING DEDICATION SERVICE**

<b>Duty</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>
Stewards	D. Stephens
Readers	R. Pearson, B. Couper
Porch Stewards	W. Jones (P), P. Jones L. Main, G. Coomber
Host/ess	M. Bullock L. Moss
P.A.	R. Bunting
Flowers	Bev, Coomber
Morning Tea	J & R Jeffers B. Pink, M. Vaitohi B. Johns, F. Costin
Transport	(1) M. Richards (2) R. Pearson (3) B. Johns (4) L. Main

## **BELMONT UNITING CHURCH MINISTRY TEAM**

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### **SERVICES IN AGED CARE HOMES**

**Kalkee–Nangatta:** Thurs. 1.45p.m. 16th May Rev. Ikani Vaitohi

**Kalkee Murray Hostel:** Thurs.3.30p.m. 16th May Rev. Ikani Vaitohi

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

### **LECTIONARY 12th May 2019**

Acts 11: 1-18, Psalm, 148

Revelations: 21: 1-6 John 13: 31-35

### **CONTRIBUTIONS for the NEWS SHEET**

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**before 12 noon on Wednesdays.**