

UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



BELMONT CONGREGATION

42 Thomson Street, Belmont Vic. 3216

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SUNDAY 19th MAY 2019

WORSHIP LEADER: REV IKANI VAITOHI



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

Uniting

**...to inspire people, enliven
communities
and confront injustice**

The Staff and volunteers of Uniting **Barwon** would like to thank all the congregations of the Uniting churches in the Geelong, Bellarine and Surf Coast regions for their support during 2018. Food, clothing, material aid and financial assistance has contributed to the Emergency Relief and Christmas Programs, resulting in the following distribution:

Food Vouchers	\$54,727
Food in Kind	\$48,459
Clothing & Material Aid	\$20,450
Christmas Hampers	396
Toys - 1350 given to	289 children
Client visits	2945



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

LADIES EVENING FELLOWSHIP will meet **Wednesday 22nd May** at 1.30 pm for our **MOTHERS and OTHERS** day. We invite all ladies in our congregation to join us. Should you be able to come, please advise an LEF member today for catering purposes.

Devotions: Muriel

CHURCH COUNCIL meets on **Tuesday 11th June.** Reports, recommendations and items for business should be sent to the Secretary (Glen Coomber) by Sunday, May 26.

Articles and items for **The Star** should be sent to the Editor (Glen Coomber) by **Sunday, 26 May**

CHRISTIAN CLOTHES

By Bill Pugh

Our morning paper is delivered by man in a red car. Driving past on his round he hurls our paper, wrapped tightly, on to our driveway. Sometimes his aim is not good. And the paper ends up in the lavender bushes, on the side fence or rolls back into the gutter. On wet mornings it is very damp.

Lately the paper has ended up on our front doorstep, left while it is still dark by some mysterious person. I wanted to say thank you, but I could never see the identity of the kind deliverer. Now it is getting lighter, and one morning I happened to catch a glimpse of a man and his dog disappearing down our driveway. I knew who it was as each afternoon he came by walking his dog. At last I could thank him. He was not looking for thanks, just being a kind neighbour.

Paul in his letter to the Colossians describes Christ-like acts as articles of clothing, to be put on each morning. “Put on compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness and patience” (Colossians 3 :12).

My thoughtful neighbour put on kindness every morning. He went out of his way to do a kindly deed. It takes a bit of thought but what kind of Christian clothes do you put on each morning?

Reflection

Read Colossians 3: 12–17.

Where in the Bible did Paul describe love as patient and kind?

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 2nd. (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).

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.

PRAYER POINTS



- Dear Lord, we are very thankful for the people in our congregation who have spent a great deal of time and worked with considerable skill over many months to create beautiful quilts, knitted rugs, beanies, slipper socks, gloves and other items. May the recipients be blessed as they receive these gifts.

- Dear Heavenly Father, we pray for the newly elected members of the Federal Government. May all politicians who have been elected to serve in the House of Representatives and the Senate understand their responsibilities and know the importance of working with honesty, integrity and a genuine concern to help all people.

- Loving God, give us courage to remain strong in our faith and to follow you even when we see so many people around us who are heading in a different direction. Help us to know the importance of trusting you and serving you faithfully day by day.

SUNDAY MAY 26th 2019 Worship Leader Rev. Ikani Vaitohi

Duty	8.30 a.m.	10.00a.m.
Stewards	N. Phillips	G. Allen (M) M. Cooper (I)
Readers	B & E Wood	B. Dickie, L. Main
Porch	R. Angus (P)	L. Jackson (P), K. Cameron
Stewards	R. Leitch	J. Coking, T. Jepson
Host/ess		K & M Moore
P.A.	M. Richards	W. Harper
Flowers	Cherry Collins	
Morning Tea	H & L McCann	T & L Yates, P & W Jones E & B Wood
Transport	(1) M, Richards (3) B, Johns	(2) R. Pearson (4) L. Main

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SERVICES IN AGED CARE HOMES

Kalkee–Nangatta: Thurs. 1.45p.m. 23rd May Geoff Aitken

Kalkee Murray Hostel: Thurs.3.30p.m. 23rd May Geoff Aitken

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

LECTIONARY 26th May 2019

Acts 16: 9-15, Psalm, 67

Revelations: 21: 10, 22-25 John 14: 23-29 or John 5: 1-9

CONTRIBUTIONS for the NEWS SHEET

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