

UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



BELMONT CONGREGATION

42 Thomson Street, Belmont Vic. 3216

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SUNDAY 26th MAY 2019

WORSHIP LEADER: REV IKANI VAITOHI



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

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).

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 4th June** 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 5th June at 1.30 p.m.** All welcome
Leader: Rev. Ikani Vaitohi. Minister's Stewsrds: L 7 H McCann
Host/ess: J 7 D Stephens

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**

THE BATTLE OF THE FIG TREE

By Ian Menzies

I am at war with a fig tree. Self-sown in a narrow garden bed and disturbingly hard up against a wall of the church, it torments me. Only seaside daisies, perennial and annual bulbs have my permission to thrive in that bed, but this wretched fig has other ideas. Unable to dig it up due to the proximity of both church and pathway, I remorselessly and regularly hack it off at the roots. With surprising vigour it reshoots anew while I'm not watching. A reluctant poisoner, I am forced to reach for the secateurs once more. O for a faith so determined, a spirit so undeterred! I can only look for Luke's promised signs of the Kingdom as the battle rages on...

Reflection

"See the fig tree, and all the trees. When they are already budding, you see it and know by your own selves that the summer is already near. Even so you also, when you see these things happening, know that the Kingdom of God is near.

Luke 21:29-31

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

HOW ABOUT A 4 Night Cruise aboard the PS Murray Princess boarding at Mannum, South Australia. 30th March – 3rd April 2020.

Group picked up at the Masonic Centre, Belmont and taken to Avalon Airport to fly to Adelaide. Coach takes group to Mannum where they board. Sleep aboard 4 nights.

There are organised activities on land as well and some opt.

We're returned to Tullamarine and transferred back to Masonic Centre, Belmont.

The Flight Centre, 182 High St. Belmont (Georgia Mackay 0433 556 819 email:georgia.mckay@flightcentre.com.au), is organising everything. All we have to do apart from pay is get a lift to Masonic Centre, 25 Regent St. Belmont and on one's return. The \$500 deposit will be payable early June to secure the berth you want.

Flight Centre organises Transfers to the airport and the PS Murray Princess, everything. I hear the meals are wonderful on board the 120 berth PS, just ask Elizabeth R.

IF anyone is interested one needs to act reasonably fast to secure the cabins you'd require. Best to contact Georgia at Flight Centre (reference Pam Duthie) if you are interested. Pam Duthie



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 God, we know at times we are undeserving of your love and goodness. Help us to turn from our self-centredness to allow your Holy Spirit to guide us to renew our commitment as we seek to serve you faithfully each day.

- Loving God, like Lydia who offered hospitality to Paul, may we know the importance of Christian hospitality. Guide us as we seek to reach out in love and kindness to develop effective relationships with others.

- Dear Lord, we pray for people who are facing surgery in the near future. Bless the surgeons and nursing staff as they dedicate themselves to provide the best care, treatment and support for their patients.

SUNDAY JUNE 2nd 2019 Worship Leader Rev. Ikani Vaitohi

Duty	10.00a.m. HC
Stewards	A. Page (M & HC) A. Merritt (I), J. Hill, L. Moss K & M Moore, J. Cocking, T. Jepson H. Collins, R. Buckwell
Readers	J. Oman, L. Yates
Porch Stewards	L. Moss (P & HC), T. Yates R & J Ferguson
Host/ess	R. Buckwell, D. Ives
P.A.	B. Jennings
Flowers	Cherry Collins
Morning Tea	F & W Harper, A & M Ingles A. Merritt, M. Bullock
Transport	(1) B. Dickie (2) A. Merritt (3) P. Woods (4) K. Cameron

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SERVICES IN AGED CARE HOMES

Kalkee–Nangatta: Thurs. 1.45p.m. 6th June Geoff Aitken

Kalkee Murray Hostel: Thurs.3.30p.m. 6th June Geoff Aitken

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

LECTIONARY 2nd June 2019

Acts 16: 16-34 or Genesis 11: 1-9 Psalm, 104: 24-34, 35b

Revelations: 77: 12-14, 16,17, 20,21 John 17: 20-26

CONTRIBUTIONS for the NEWS SHEET

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next to the meter box on the right

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