

# UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



**BELMONT CONGREGATION**  
42 Thomson Street, Belmont Vic. 3216  
<https://buc.unitingchurch.org.au>



**SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MAY 2019**

**WORSHIP LEADER: REV IKANI VAITOHI**

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

## **TODAY**

**THERE WILL BE A  
SPECIAL  
CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING**

**AFTER THE 10a.m.  
SERVICE.**

**The only agenda item** will be the presentation of the Strategy Report to the congregation for consideration and comment. Copies of the report will be available prior to the meeting.

*This is a very important meeting*, as together we reflect on the future of our life as a congregation here in Belmont.

Please give this meeting a high priority and attend if possible.

## **At the Congregational Meeting Today**

There will be a presentation from Council on the Strategic Committee and Plan.

If you didn't get last week's Newsletter there are more copies of the Recommendations available if needed. Please ask the stewards.

There will be an opportunity after the service at today's meeting to discuss the plan.

**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.

**PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE** The **NEXT MEETING** will be held on **Monday May 6<sup>th</sup>** at 7.30 pm. Minutes of the previous meeting will be placed in members pigeon holes.

**CRAFT FELLOWSHIP** will meet on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May** at 10a.m. Bring your own craft if you wish or just enjoy Morning Tea and the friendly company. All welcome.

**MISSION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE** meeting on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May** at 2.00 pm. in the hall to arrange Thanksgiving Service

# TONIGHT AT 5 PM AT BELMONT UNITING CHURCH

## 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:** Tonight Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **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  
Thank you Lynne

## **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

**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

**FINE MUSIC CONCERTS – MUSIC at the BASILICA**  
**Artistic Director Frank De Rosso**  
**11<sup>th</sup> Annual Windfire Music Festival 10<sup>th</sup> May – 26<sup>th</sup> May**

**Festival opening concert** Friday May 10<sup>th</sup> Geelong Chorale  
Conductor – Alistor Cox OAM  
Tickets \$25 Children and school students – free  
[www.trybooking.com/BACAQ](http://www.trybooking.com/BACAQ) or at the door

**SEE DATES AND PROGRAM OF CONCERTS in booklet on the noticeboard**

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



Older Wiser  
Know Your  
Rights

A FREE Seniors Forum  
and morning tea

With the  
Commissioner for  
Senior Victorians  
Gerard Mansour

WEDNESDAY 15th 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 presenters from Seniors Rights Victoria, local experts and a short film screening.

Free morning tea provided.

To register for this event visit <https://olderseniors.com.au>  
or email [Alexandra.Zonek@education@seniorsrights.org.au](mailto:Alexandra.Zonek@education@seniorsrights.org.au) tel: 1300 430 599

  

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

## **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 and gracious God, we thank you for all that you created. Help us to delight in the beauty of nature and all aspects of your creation. May we take time to gaze at the stars and appreciate the immensity of space, enjoying the stillness and silence of night-time.
- Dear Lord, we pray for unity in your church worldwide. May people learn to live in harmony and peace with each other, allowing your Holy Spirit to bind them together in Christian love.
- Dear God, help us to be affective gardeners as we journey through life; let us sow seeds of goodness and love, let our words be good and fruitful, our ideas and thoughts be acceptable to you and our actions be helpful and loving.

**SUNDAY MAY 12<sup>th</sup> 2019 Worship Leader Rev. Ikani Vaitohi**

<b>Duty</b>	<b>8.30 a.m.</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>
Stewards	E. Wood (M) K. Haas (I)	R. Pearson (M) J. Murray (I)
Readers	E. Richards, C. Schaller	R. & J. Ferguson
Porch Stewards	B. Wood (P) M. Richards	R. Bunting (P) L. Main L. Vaitohi, B. Couper
Host/ess		W. & F. Harper
P.A.	M. Richards	G. Schneider
Flowers	Bev. Coomber	
Morning Tea	L. & R. Angus	H. & V. Matthewson I. & G. Coomber R. Pearson
Transport	(1) M. Richards (3) B. Johns	(2) R. Pearson (4) L. Main

**BELMONT UNITING CHURCH MINISTRY TEAM**

Rev. Ikani Vaitohi ..... 0432 680 028  
 Evenings only ..... 03 5208 3600

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

**Kalkee–Nangatta:** Thurs. 1.45p.m. 9th May Rev. Ikani Vaitohi

**Kalkee Murray Hostel:** Thurs.3.30p.m. 9th May Rev. Ikani Vaitohi

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

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

Acts 9: 36-43, Psalm, 23

Revelations: 7: 9-17 John 10: 22-30

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

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next to the meter box on the right

**before 12 noon on Wednesdays.**