

UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



BELMONT CONGREGATION
42 Thomson Street, Belmont Vic. 3216
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SUNDAY 16th JUNE 2019

WORSHIP LEADER REV IKANI VAITOHI

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

HOMELESS

TODAY: continue outlining
the word **HOMELESS** in
coins.

Scones for morning tea – a
donation would be
appreciated.

Help Rev. Ikani reach his
goal!

Notice for Geoff and Liz's
farewell is on page 7.

Trinity and Reconciliation Sunday

This Sunday we celebrate Trinity and Reconciliation. The Uniting Church recognises the need to walk together with First Peoples on the journey towards reconciliation. One way the Church does this is Reconciliation Sunday, which takes place during the months of May and June each year. Our worship service will seek to acknowledge and recognise the pain and trauma suffered by First Peoples and to help the Church as a whole in embracing Indigenous traditions.



First established in 2006 by the South Australian Presbytery, Reconciliation Sunday is an opportunity to strengthen relationships between First and Second Peoples.

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: meets on **Tuesday 18th June** at 10 a.m. Bring your own craft if you wish or just enjoy Morning Tea and the friendly company. All welcome.

Calling for Bus Drivers!

The Alexander Thomson Pre-school is looking for a bus driver to drive a 22 seater bus on the following days this month - Mon 10,17,24 and Tuesday - 11,18,25

On Mondays - Pick up children from kinder at 9.00am and drop off at 11:30am.

On Tuesdays- Pick-up at 9.00am and return to kinder at 11.30am.

Bus is provided. If you have the required licence and available to assist please contact Ikani - 0432 680 028.

June 17th is World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought



NEXT SUNDAY June 23rd

You are welcome to join us in celebrating the Uniting Church 42nd anniversary

BUSHIKORI CHRISTIAN CENTRE THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Bushikori Christian Centre Thanksgiving Service for 25 years of the Australian Support Centre will be held on

Sunday 23rd June at 2pm in the
Belmont Uniting Church. All are welcome.

Would those attending please bring a small plate of afternoon tea to share

SLEEPOUT

Rev Ikani had registered to participate in the CEO Vinnies Sleepout. (Geelong Thursday 27th June). **“One night isn’t a lot but it can make a whole lot of difference”**

The Social Justice group is supporting Ikani and will be raising money to help the homeless.

It is possible to make a direct donation to Ikani and the cause on the Vinnies Sleepout web site. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Donation page

<https://www.ceosleepout.org.au/fundraisers/ikanivaitohi>

Dependent on God's presence

They that wait upon the Lord ... shall walk and not faint. Isaiah 40:31.

There is no thrill in walking; it is the test of all the stable qualities. To “walk and not faint” is the highest reach possible for strength. The word “walk” is used in the Bible to express the character—“John looking on Jesus as He walked, said, Behold the Lamb of God!” There is never anything abstract in the Bible, it is always vivid and real. God does not say—‘Be spiritual,’ but—“Walk before Me.”

When we are in an unhealthy state physically or emotionally, we always want thrills. In the physical domain this will lead to counterfeiting the Holy Ghost; in the emotional life it leads to inordinate affection and the destruction of morality; and in the spiritual domain if we insist on getting thrills, on mounting up with wings, it will end in the destruction of spirituality.

The reality of God's presence is not dependent on any place, but only dependent upon the determination to set the Lord always before us. Our problems come when we refuse to bank on the reality of His presence. The experience the Psalmist speaks of—“Therefore will we not fear, though ...”—will be ours when once we are based on Reality; not the consciousness of God's presence but the reality of it—‘Why, He has been here all the time.’

At critical moments it is necessary to ask guidance, but it ought to be unnecessary to be saying always—‘Oh Lord, direct me here, and there.’ Of course He will! If our common sense decisions are not God's order, He will press through them and check; then we must be quiet and wait for the direction of His presence.

Chambers, O. (1986). My utmost for his highest: Selections for the year. Grand Rapids, MI: Oswald Chambers Publications; Marshall Pickering

SUNDAY JUNE 23rd, 2019

Worship Leader: Rev. Ikani Vaitohi

Duty	8.30 a.m. HC	10.00a.m.
Stewards	E Wood (M)	S Jennings (M) G Coomber (I)
Readers	N Phillips, R Leitch	J Murray, A Page
Porch Stewards	B Wood (P), R Angus	B Jennings (P) L Moss, J Hill, J Oman
Host/ess		F & W Harper
P.A.	L McCann	G Schneider
Flowers	Ros Buckwell	
Morning Tea	L & R Angus	H & V Matthewson I & G Coomber R Pearson
Transport	(1) B Dickie (2) A Merritt (3)P Woods (4)K Cameron	

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

- New envelopes will be available to collect on Sundays 23 and 30 June.
- Any person wanting to begin using envelopes, please contact Graeme Allen.
- Any person who is currently using envelopes but wishes to cease using them, or knows of someone who wishes to stop using them please contact Graeme Allen.
- Graeme Allen can be contacted at worship on Sundays or on mobile 0416 148 080.

Have you noticed? That our lights are a bit brighter, a bit cleaner, a bit more environmentally friendly - all thanks to Mr Bunting and our Property Team for their work in organising for the installation of well over 100 fluorescent light tubes across our buildings. We are one step closer to becoming a greener and environmentally friendly CHURCH.

PRAYER POINTS

- Loving and Gracious God, help us to understand more deeply than ever what it means to be a recipient of Your grace.
- Dear God, we pray that we will allow Your Holy Spirit to develop within us the Fruit of the Spirit. Encourage us to know the importance of Christian love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.
- Dear Heavenly Father, we pray for the Bushikori Christian Centre in Uganda and we thank You for the many ways you have blessed the centre in the past 25 years. Bless Ann who manages the centre, the children who attend the school, the teachers and the staff who are involved in the Medical Clinic. Bless the Australian Committee and encourage them in the many ways they support Bushikori.

Refugee Week – 16-22 June.

Get involved and help celebrate Refugee Week 2019!

Refugee Week is an incredible opportunity for the whole nation to celebrate the contribution refugees make to our society, while raising awareness, remembering and honouring the often perilous journey that refugees have taken to reach Australia.

For many Australians, Refugee Week provides an opportunity to meet a refugee for the first time. Through storytelling we have the chance to educate the Australian community to better understand the courage and contribution that refugees make in our society.

Given that there are 68.5 million forcibly displaced people worldwide as of June 2018, the need to draw attention to the challenges facing refugees is incredibly urgent. We are on a mission to engage more Australians in Refugee Week than ever before in 2019.

PASTOR GEOFF AITKEN'S RETIREMENT

30th June, 2019

We invite our congregation to contribute to a farewell gift to Geoff and Liz in appreciation of their wonderful sharing of their God-given talents and love during the last 15 years.

Please place your financial gift in an envelope marked "Geoff's retirement" and either 1) put it in the Sunday collection plate **or** 2) give to Lynne Rankin

Belmont Church helping Belmont Primary School

Envision is a not-for-profit organisation working with community groups to assist disadvantaged jobseekers. Part of their aim is to help reduce carbon footprint through recycling. Envision is partnering up with schools across Victoria, like the Belmont Primary school, in turning milk container tops for the production of prosthetic limbs. These prosthetic limbs are then distributed to those in need in war-torn countries.



Mr David Houghton, the Principal of the Belmont primary school, has asked for our assistance in reaching the school target of 167 caps or more per grade. If anyone is available and willing to look after our collection and drop them off to school, please speak with Ikani.

BELMONT UNITING CHURCH MINISTRY TEAM

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SERVICES IN AGED CARE HOMES

Kalkee – Nangatta: Thurs. 21st June 1.45p.m. Rev. Ikani Vaitohi

Kalkee Murray Hostel: Thurs. 21st June 3.30p.m. Re. Ikani Vaitohi

LECTIONARY for 23rd June 2019

Deu 30:1 – 10; Ps: 100; 1Cor 3: 10 – 17; Jn 15: 1 - 8

CONTRIBUTIONS for the NEWS SHEET

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before 12 noon on Wednesdays.