

# UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



**BELMONT CONGREGATION**  
42 Thomson Street, Belmont Vic. 3216  
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**SUNDAY 23rd JUNE 2019**

**WORSHIP LEADER REV IKANI VAITOHI**

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

## **PASTOR GEOFF AITKEN'S RETIREMENT**

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 minister.

## **LADIES EVENING FELLOWSHIP**

Midyear Luncheon: Wed 26<sup>th</sup>  
June, 2019 at White Eagle.

Any questions?? 0418 334 994



**TODAY** June 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Celebrating the 42<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary  
of the Uniting Church.**

## **TODAY**

**Bushikori Thanksgiving  
Service, 2pm in the Church  
Hall**

## **SLEEPOUT**

**Your generous contributions to  
the CEO Sleepout (and Ikani)  
raised just over \$1000.**

**There will also be a  
contribution from St Luke's  
UC to add to this total.**

**See page 7 for more!**

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> July** at 10 a.m. Bring your own craft if you wish or just enjoy Morning Tea and the friendly company. All welcome.

**PRODUCE STALL: Tomato Relish** available again!

**Made this week:** A new one for the year is Lime & Ginger Marmalade.

**Usually in stock:** Lemon Butter, Apricot Jam, Crab Apple Jelly, Cumquat Marmalade, Lime & Ginger Marmalade, Plum Jam, Quince Jam, Quince Jelly, Strawberry Jam, Raspberry Jam. Out of Madras Tomato Relish! Proceeds towards Church Fair, here, on Sat. 9<sup>th</sup>.  
November 2019

## **KNEE RUGS**

It has been suggested that several knee rugs be placed on some of the pews at the back. These would be available to any one who would like to keep a bit warmer during the Sunday service. If you have a rug to spare please put it on a pew. These rugs will be left on the pews from week to week.

## SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> June, 2019

### SONG AND STORY

Duty	10.00a.m.
Stewards	F Harper (M)
Readers	L Rankin
Porch	D Stephens (P)
Stewards	G & J Schneider
Host/ess	R Buckwell, D Ives
P.A.	W Harper
Flowers	Ros Buckwell
Morning	J Jeffers, B Pink/M Vaitohi
Tea	B Johns/F Costin
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.

## **AFTERNOON COMMUNION SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 1.30pm.

A warm welcome awaits all who attend (and the heaters will be on).

**Leader:** Rev Ikani Vaitohi   **Stewards:** M & K Moore

**Hostesses:** M Bullock, B Pink

### **PRAYER POINTS**

- Loving God, we pray for the Uniting Church, it's leaders, the clergy and all its members. Fill us all with Your loving spirit so that we may learn to love as you love us, sharing Your peace and joy with others.
- Dear Lord, help us to know the importance of developing a healthy spiritual life whereby we meditate on Your word, spend time in prayer, seek the guidance of Your Holy Spirit and accept the loving grace of Jesus.
- Dear Heavenly Father, we pray for Millie Lehman, John, Ruth and family on the passing of the Rev. Graham Lehman. We are so thankful for Graham's ministry over many years, his dedicated service and commitment to sharing his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. May the family know Your peace at this sad time.

### **Notice of 8.30am Service Recess**

After much consultation between the 8.30am congregation and the Worship Committee, please be advised that the 8.30am congregation services will be in recess throughout the months of July and August 2019. Services will resume to normal time in September as per our worship roster. If you have any questions please contact the Worship Convenor or the minister

## 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. Other flexible caps (softer plastic) are also welcome e.g. from fruit juice bottles but rigid plastic tops (e.g. soft drink, water bottles) are not suitable. However, if in doubt put it in the container outside Ikani's office for later sorting. Please make sure bottle caps have been rinsed and any foil, metal or insert removed. The project also aims to reduce items such as these going to landfill or being discarded and encourages children and other users to reduce waste items.



Check Envisions web site if you can on [envision.org.au](http://envision.org.au) and look under the sub-headings of Recycling and Plastic Hands to find further information. I hope we can assist with this project to encourage local students to be aware of ensuring the safe environmental future of our planet and its occupants. I will be delivering the tops to the school. Many thanks, Alwyne Merritt

Mr David Haughton, the Principal of the Belmont primary school, has asked for our assistance in reaching the school target of 167 caps or more per grade. **A special box is on the window ledge, any enquires to Alwyne.**

## WORSHIP ROSTER

This is a reminder to those leaving on holiday soon, you may not be here when the new roster for August to November inclusive is being drawn up in July. If you intend to be absent from church at any time during those months, please phone 0423 712 398 before you leave.

## At its meeting on 11 June, CHURCH COUNCIL

- received the resignation of Ray and Julie Ferguson from Church Council, and from their roles as Chairperson and Minute Secretary, with regret
- requested the Deputy Chairperson (Alex Page) to chair the August, October and December meetings of Council
- received a report from the Education Committee, noting that a Sunday School Leadership team had been formed
- received a report from the Treasurer that included approving a new position description for the Treasurer's role
- noted the work being done by the Pastoral Care Committee in reviewing pastoral care and visiting arrangements
- noted that Belmont UCs leadership of services in aged care facilities at Opal South Valley and Alan David Lodge had ceased
- received an overview of activities happening in support of the Strategy Plan
- approved arrangements for connecting the church to the NBN
- thanked Ps Geoff Aitken for his contribution to Church Council over 15 years

## BULLYING WORKSHOP

The Presbytery and the Bethel Centre invite you to attend a workshop "**Bullying: How does it happen in your church community**". Bullying can come out of nowhere or it can sneak up on a church community in subtle ways. This workshop offers participants the opportunity to name what bullying is and share something of their experience to assist in identifying how bullying happens in their own community.

This is the first of a two- part series led by the Bethel Pastoral Centre. Workshop one will be facilitated twice within the Presbytery. Workshop two will be facilitated later in 2019

**This workshop will be held at two venues:**

**[Thursday, 27 June, 9:30am-1pm](#), St David's Uniting Church, Corner Aphrasia & Talbot Streets, Newtown**

## REACHED MY GOAL - THANK YOU!

Dear friends, I have been overwhelmed by your act of generosity in donating over \$3100.00 in just over two weeks towards my Sleepout fundraiser for homelessness. I am lost for words to convey my deep and profound gratefulness for your support to a cause that is close to all our hearts. Homelessness and housing are in a state of severe stress in our state. According to the latest Australian Bureau of Statistics people living in severely crowded dwellings comprise the largest homeless group, which is up 23 percent from 2011. One in 56 people in Victoria received homelessness assistance. These are staggering figures. Our effort may not make a sizeable dent on these figures but with one voice acting locally, we chipped away at the homelessness in our region one bed, one meal at a time. After all, we know that our motivator and enabler fed over 5 thousand people with one day ration of food. I only wish that he could do HIS magic on the weather come Thursday next week! Watch this space for updates on how I will go. Again, as we say in the Island - Malo, Thank you! Ikani.



Thank You

## **BELMONT UNITING CHURCH MINISTRY TEAM**

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## **SERVICES IN AGED CARE HOMES**

**Kalkee – Nangatta:** Thurs. 27th June 1.45p.m. Pastor Geoff Aitken

**Kalkee Murray Hostel:** Thurs. 27th June 3.30p.m. Pastor Geoff Aitken

## **LECTIONARY for 30th June 2019**

2 Kings2: 1 – 2, 6 – 14 Ps 77: 1 – 2, 11 – 20

Gal 5: 1, 13 – 25 Lk 9: 51 - 62

## **CONTRIBUTIONS for the NEWS SHEET**

Please include author's name & phone number, number of repeats required & phone, 0414 431006 or place in the Church Letterbox at the top of church steps next to the meter box on the right

**before 12 noon on Wednesdays.**