

UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

BELMONT CONGREGATION

42 Thomson Street, Belmont Vic. 3216

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SUNDAY 9th 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**

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

It is Pentecost!

Around the time of Jesus, the Jewish philosopher Philo wrote that having no mouth God made a miraculous sound in the air, a breath, articulated into words, turning the air into fire, which those far away could hear as clearly as those nearby. This voice, sounding from the midst of the fire from heaven, became articulate in the native tongues of the hearers. (*Paraphrased from E Charpentier, How To Read The New Testament, SCM Press London p. 84.*)

Don't over think it, just let Spirit be!

The Belmont Uniting Church welcomes you to this Spirit Day. Join us for fellowship over morning tea after the service.

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.

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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.

CHURCH COUNCIL: meets on **Tuesday 11th June.**

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.

Today and next **Sunday 16th**, we are attempting to outline the word **HOMELESS** in coins. Check it out at morning tea. Bring along your loose change!

Next week, 16th June, congregational members will have the opportunity to make a donation at morning tea – for fresh scones to go with your tea or coffee.

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.



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Donation page

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

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.

SUNDAY JUNE 16th 2019 Worship Leader: Rev. Ikani Vaitohi

PENTECOST DAY

Duty	8.30 a.m. HC	10.00a.m.
Stewards	N Phillips (M & HC) Prep: E & B Wood	K Moore (M)
Readers	E & B Wood	P & W Jones
Porch Stewards	C Nolte (P & HC) R Angus	R Buckwell (P) B Couper, L Moss A Merritt
Host/ess	B Pullin, J Ferguson	
P.A.	M Richards	J Hill
Flowers	Jean Kelly	
Morning Tea	C Fyffe, C Schaller	G Chapman/L Moss E Wise/L Jackman L & F Barnard
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 0416 14 8080

PRAYER POINTS

- Loving God, Pentecost reminds us as Christians that we need to be an inclusive church and people who reach out to others with genuine love. May your Holy Spirit guide us each day as we interact with people from diverse cultures.
- Heavenly Father, keep us mindful that forgiveness is your commandment. You have forgiven us Lord; let us show our thankfulness to you by offering forgiveness to others.
- Dear God, you sent your Son, Jesus, to earth so that we might have the gift of eternal life. Thank you, Father for this priceless gift. Help us to share the wonderful message of Jesus with others so that they too, might accept him as their Saviour.

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.

June 5th was World Environment Day.

Monday the 10th - Queen's birthday. This date does not correspond to Queen Elizabeth II's birthday who was born on the 21st April 1926. As a nation, we have been celebrating on this day the British monarch's birth date which was declared as public holiday by Governor Arthur Phillip since 1788.

16 - 22 June is Refugee Week.

Wednesday 12th June - UN World Day Against Child Labour. Globally over 1.5 billion people live in countries that are affected by conflict, violence and fragility. At the same time, around 200 million people are affected by disasters every year. A third of them are children. A significant proportion of the 168 million children engaged in child labour live in areas affected by conflict and disaster. The World Day Against Child Labour this year will focus on the impact of conflicts and disasters on child labour. As the world strives to achieve the elimination of child labour by 2025, on this World Day Against Child Labour, let's join forces to end child labour in areas affected by conflict and disaster!



THANKYOU

Following our Thanksgiving Service held on Sunday 19 May a large quantity of clothing, rugs, etc was delivered to Cottage by the Sea at Queenscliff. A letter received from Tony Featherstone, the General Manager states: "On behalf of all the children who attend camps at Cottage by the Sea we would like to thank you for your kind donation of many knitted beanies, scarves, slipper socks, rugs and pyjamas, undies and socks. Your gift is greatly appreciated and important to the experience we are able to offer the children. Cottage by the Sea offers the experience of a lifetime to over 1400 young people every year."

So, many thanks, again, to all who contributed to our Thanksgiving Service in any way. A report is included in the current issue of The Star.

Jean Murray, Chairperson, Mission and Outreach Committee

Pentecost Prayer

God of the Spirit, when we are feeling fragile and frightened, bewildered and confused, in places that are unfamiliar to us, send your Spirit into our hearts, so that we may know peace and hope today.

God of the Spirit, when we are overwhelmed with joy, and carried away with our enthusiasm, when we believe that all things are possible, send your Spirit into our hearts so that we might make wise choices for your kingdom.

God of the Spirit, when we begin to recognise that our church is bigger than our congregation, that your kingdom expands beyond the limits of our town and city, send your Spirit into our hearts that we might work in unity with all God's people.

God of the Spirit, when the world sees the church in action, and is astounded by our ability to serve with a smile, or when those doubters and confounders of God's holy truth are confronted with our holy joy, send your Spirit into all our hearts and make all things new.



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SERVICES IN AGED CARE HOMES

Kalkee–Nangatta: Thurs. 13th June 1.45p.m. Jean Murray

Kalkee Murray Hostel: Thurs. 13th June 3.30p.m. Jean Murray

Opal South Valley:

LECTIONARY 16th June 2019 (Trinity Sunday)

Prv 8: 1 – 4, 22 – 31, Psalm 8, Rom 5: 1 – 5

Jn 16:12 - 15

CONTRIBUTIONS for the NEWS SHEET

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before 12 noon on Wednesdays.