

UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



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



SUNDAY 14th JULY 2019

WORSHIP LEADER REV IKANI VAITOHI

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

WINTER EXTRAVAGANZA CONCERT

Next Sunday 21st July at 2 pm
at Belmont Uniting Church.

**Geelong Welsh Ladies Choir
and the International
Harvester Male Chorus**

present a combined concert.

\$15 per ticket which includes
afternoon tea.

Come and enjoy a pleasant
musical afternoon.

More information on the flyer
on the noticeboard.

Contact Keith Moore

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

SUNDAY

28th July, 2019



Following the morning's
Worship Service led by Jean
Murray
(Convenor of Mission & Outreach
Committee)

Cost \$5.00 ea.

Children free

(sausages, salads, slices
provided)

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..

He welcomes 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 16nd July** at 10 a.m. Bring your own craft if you wish or just enjoy Morning Tea and the friendly company. All welcome.

The MISSION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE will meet on **WEDNESDAY, 16th JULY AT 2 PM** in the church hall.

FOUND

After the event to mark the conclusion of Geoff Aitken's ministry at BUC, an arm of a wheelchair was found outside the church. Anyone seeking further information should contact Neville Funston.

WORSHIP ROSTER

The roster for the months August – November inclusive is now being drawn up. Would those who serve on this roster please advise Neville if you intend to be absent from worship at anytime during those months. Please phone him or place a note in the F pigeonhole no later than **TODAY**. Thank you to those who have already attended to this. Your new roster is expected to be in the pigeonholes next Sunday and will come into effect on August 5th.

HOMELESS

Come and hear firsthand about the June CEO Sleepout experience.

Rev. Ikani Vaitohi joined others to spend a night sleeping in the open. With congregational and community support he donated just over \$5000 to St Vincent's homeless program to go towards helping people in the Geelong area. **Wendy Leigh** will add to this local information by speaking about her work at Lazarus Community Centre. This agency provides support for homeless and socially isolated people in Geelong. There will be opportunities to ask questions. A light meal will be provided – a suggested contribution for the meal is \$5 with any money collected shared between Uniting Barwon and Lazarus Community Centre.

When: Sunday 28th July at 5pm. **Where:** Belmont Uniting Church, Thomson Street Belmont

Our FRONTIER SERVICES service and SAUSAGE SIZZLE on Sunday 28th July

will support the work of "our" Bush Chaplain, Benjamin Quilliam, in his work throughout his large area in remote Central Australia. There will be opportunity for you to make a donation to his work on the day. However, if you are going away, you may wish to place your donation in the specially marked envelopes found in the foyer and on the windowsill to Ikani's office. These can be placed in the offering plate or given to Sue Jennings or Jean Murray. Last year Benjamin was Guest Preacher and also spoke at our luncheon. This year at the luncheon you will hear stories of the support and encouragement given by some prominent Australians in the establishment of the Australian Inland Mission, plus some latest news sent to us from Benjamin, as well as updated information on Frontier Services in general.

Your support will be gratefully received.

Jean Murray, Convenor, Mission and Outreach Committee

THANK YOU

It is with sincere thanks that we thank the members of our Congregation who responded to the request for food at the RETIREMENT LUNCHEON for Geoff & Liz Aitken on June 30th.

The varieties of soup, sausage rolls, small cakes & sponges were excellent and many people on the day remarked on the quality of the food.

Special thanks must go to the helpers in the kitchen who willingly worked quietly . . . stirring soup, heating sausage rolls & party pies. . . arranging slices & small cakes and cutting sponges . . . they were so dependable. These folk unfortunately missed out on the church service but hopefully will have a chance to listen to the CD in the very near future.

Following the luncheon there were quite a few people who voluntarily came into the kitchen to help with the dishes (drying & putting away and generally tidying up) . . . absolutely wonderful teamwork from our caring congregation to which we belong.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU..... from Miriam & Nola

WINTER WARMERS

It's time for our annual Winter Warmers drive. Today you will find a suggested list of food to donate for this campaign in the newsletter. All non-perishable food is much appreciated.

Donated food is made available to **Uniting Barwon** clients when they attend the agency for help. Providing food is one of the basic components of assistance available for people in need.

Am I blessed like this?

Blessed are ... Matthew 5:3–10

When we first read the statements of Jesus they seem wonderfully simple and unstartling, and they sink unobserved into our unconscious minds. For instance, the Beatitudes seem merely mild and beautiful precepts for all unworldly and useless people, but of very little practical use in the stern workaday world in which we live. We soon find, however, that the Beatitudes contain the dynamite of the Holy Ghost. They explode, as it were, when the circumstances of our lives cause them to do so. When the Holy Spirit brings to our remembrance one of these Beatitudes we say—‘What a startling statement that is!’ and we have to decide whether we will accept the tremendous spiritual upheaval that will be produced in our circumstances if we obey His words. That is the way the Spirit of God works. We do not need to be born again to apply the Sermon on the Mount literally. The literal interpretation of the Sermon on the Mount is child’s play; the interpretation by the Spirit of God as He applies Our Lord’s statements to our circumstances is the stern work of a saint.

The teaching of Jesus is out of all proportion to our natural way of looking at things, and it comes with astonishing discomfort to begin with. We have slowly to form our walk and conversation on the line of the precepts of Jesus Christ as the Holy Spirit applies them to our circumstances. The Sermon on the Mount is not a set of rules and regulations: it is a statement of the life we will live when the Holy Spirit is getting His way with us.

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

PRAYER POINTS



Dear Heavenly Father, we pray for people who are grieving following the death of a loved one. Pour out Your loving Spirit upon them, comfort them, strengthen them and support them throughout the days ahead.

Dear God, what security this gives us to know that Your love for us will never be diminished and never be taken away. Help us to reflect on this and draw from it the inspiration to live faithfully every day

Dear Lord , we thank You for the parable of the Good Samaritan which teaches us as Christians the importance of reaching out in love and kindness to help others who are hurting or struggling with some aspect of life.

WANTED

Uniting Barwon is short of warm clothing, especially tracksuit pants. Most of us who wear trackie dacks wear them to death and they are not suitable for donating. If, however, yours are in good condition or you are happy to supply a new pair they would be gratefully received. **Children's track pants size 7 – 12 are in short supply.** Kmart currently has them at a reasonable price if people wish to buy a new pair for Uniting”

Thank you

BELMONT
SUNDAY 21st JULY 2019
Worship Leader: Rev. Ikani Vaitohi

Duty	10.00a.m.
Stewards	J. Oman (M),
Readers	J & D Stephens
Porch Stewards	R. Pearson (P), R. Bunting F. Vaitohi, L. Moss
Host/ess	C. Rankin, J. Ferguson
P.A.	J. Hill
Flowers	Silk Flowers
Morning tea	F & W Harper, M & K. Moore, A & R Bunting
Transport	(1) W Harper (2) B Couper (3) N. Lyons (4) H & L McCann

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SERVICES IN AGED CARE HOMES

Kalkee – Nangatta: Thursday 18th July 1.45 pm Rev John Broughton

Kalkee Murray Hostel: Thur. 18th July 3.30 pm Rev John Broughton

LECTIONARY for 21st July, 2019

Amos 8: 1-12 Psalm 52

Colossions 1: 15-28 Luke 10: 38-42

CONTRIBUTIONS for the NEWS SHEET

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before 12 noon on Wednesdays.