

UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



BELMONT CONGREGATION
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SUNDAY 21st JULY 2019

WORSHIP LEADERS: JOHN & MARGARET RUSSELL

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

WINTER EXTRAVAGANZA CONCERT

Today 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.

Tickets can be purchased at the
door.

Come and enjoy a pleasant
musical afternoon.

More information on the flyer
on the noticeboard or from

Keith Moore.

All welcome.

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)

A THANK YOU FROM LIZ & GEOFF

It's 5.30 am on Monday morning 1st July, with a cup of tea, and I am writing pondering the day before . . . and not wanting to move on yet . . . yes, there are some days, some chapters in our lives we just do not want to end . . . Like in a movie or a book when left to imagine for ourselves. . . . what will be the outcome, what could be a next chapter, will it be "a live happily ever after ending"?? The art of good writing someone said or perhaps it's the living expectantly for each new day that dawns. . . .

Well it is a couple of weeks later now, they have been busy days helping at Brother Rod's farm, but slowly we get to read and savour your notes and all your expressions of love and care reminders of all we have shared.

I shall endeavour to continue the reflecting and writing of story in some way but for now Liz and I want to express our gratefulness not only for Sunday 30th but again for all the years.

There are too many to mention individually and if we did we would likely miss someone But for all involved in a wonderful day of celebration, and for those unable to be there, we are truly grateful.

From preparation and planning, through worship, lunch, entertainment and formalities welcoming visitors and regulars, enthusiastic leadership, music/reflection, catering, stirring soup and serving, writing of songs, kind words, flowers, cards, notes, photos, gifts, thank you for each part.

To each of you we are grateful.

May our God continue to bless you in all your caring for one another.

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

Always now

We ... beseech you that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.

2 Cor 6:1

The grace you had yesterday will not do for to-day. Grace is the overflowing favour of God; you can always reckon it is there to draw upon. “In much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses”—that is where the test for patience comes. Are you failing the grace of God there? Are you saying—‘Oh, well, I won’t count this time?’ It is not a question of praying and asking God to help you; it is taking the grace of God now. We make prayer the preparation for work, it is never that in the Bible. Prayer is the exercise of drawing on the grace of God. Don’t say—‘I will endure this until I can get away and pray.’ Pray now; draw on the grace of God in the moment of need. Prayer is the most practical thing, it is not the reflex action of devotion. Prayer is the last thing in which we learn to draw on God’s grace.

“In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours,”—in all these things manifest a drawing upon the grace of God that will make you a marvel to yourself and to others. Draw now, not presently: The one word in the spiritual vocabulary is Now. Let circumstances bring you where they will, keep drawing on the grace of God in every conceivable condition you may be in. One of the greatest proofs that you are drawing on the grace of God is that you can be humiliated without manifesting the slightest trace of anything but His grace.

“Having nothing ...” Never reserve anything. Pour out the best you have, and always be poor. Never be diplomatic and careful about the treasure God gives. This is poverty triumphant.

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

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

PLASTIC BOTTLE CAPS COLLECTION (milk, juice etc)

Before the school holidays I took 180 caps to Belmont Primary and this week have taken a further 533. Well done to all those who contributed. Just a couple of reminders - caps must be clean (no milk residue etc) and have any inserts removed if possible. Many thanks to all those who are helping. There is a sheet on the notice board about the prosthetic hands Envision can make from these usually discarded items so a good cause worth supporting with no financial or other outlay. Place your caps in the box on the outside window sill of Ikani's office. Thanks again, Alwyne.

PRAYER POINTS



Dear God, help us to be like Amos and to be Christians who live out our lives as peacemakers, reaching out to others with love and compassion, building a society which is concerned about justice and developing the fruits of the Spirit.

Dear Heavenly Father, we live in times of great confusion, great strife and great uncertainty. Help us to be people of faith who place our trust in You and know that You are holy and supreme.

Dear Lord, we pray for people in U.S.A. who have been affected by "Hurricane Barry" which has caused horrendous flooding and damage to thousands of houses. Bless the emergency workers who are striving to help people who are homeless and in dire need.

Belmont Congregation
Sunday 28th July, 2019
Worship Leader: Miss Jean Murray

Duty	10 .00 a.m.
Stewards	B. Jennings (M), P. Woods (I)
Readers	J. Jeffers, G. Allen
Porch Stewards	S. Jennings (P), K. Cameron G & J Schneider
Host/ess	B. Pullin, J. Oman
P.A.	G. Schneider
Flowers	Silk flowers
Morning Tea	G. Chapman, L. Moss, E. Wise L. Jackson, L & F Barnard
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 25th July 1.45 pm Rev Tupe Ioelu

Kalkee Murray Hostel: Thur. 25th July 3.30 pm Rev Tupe Ioelu

LECTIONARY for 28th July, 2019

Hosea 1: 2-10 Psalm 52

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

CONTRIBUTIONS for the NEWS SHEET

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