

# UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



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



**SUNDAY 7th JULY 2019**

**WORSHIP LEADER REV IKANI VAITOHI**

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

## **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

**SATURDAY, JULY 13th**

**8.00 am in the Church Hall**

**Guest Speaker Rod Charles**

**Topic Cycling in Geelong**



Rod has written the definitive story on the grand history of cycling Geelong

Just this last week The Cadel Evans Women's Great Ocean Road Race has received official world UCI status

So tear yourself away from the Tour De France telecast and come along! Max

## **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.  
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 16<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.

## **PASTORAL CARE**

Will *all PASTORAL CARE VISITORS* please meet in the Sunday School Room 10 minutes after church finishes **TODAY** (perhaps bring your cuppa) for a short meeting. Thank you. Loris Jackson

## **WORSHIP ROSTER**

A new roster for the months of August to November inclusive, is about to be drawn up. If those who serve on this roster intend to be absent from church at any time during those months, please advise the dates either by phone (0423 712 398) or by placing a note in the “F” pigeon hole no later than Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July.

## 2019 Synod Meeting

The Vic/Tas Synod meets about every 18 months to hear reports, proposals and other matters that concern the general oversight, direction and administration of the Church's life.

It's not all boring business, however. There is plenty of worship and small group activities to ensure everyone has a chance to participate.

About 300 members attend – all of whom are appointed by our presbyteries – and we ensure there is a healthy mix of gender, ordained and lay people.

The four-day event is an opportunity for members of the Church to have a voice in the way our ministry is carried out.

The synod 2019 meeting is on 5-9 July 2019, at Box Hill Town Hall and will include the induction of our new Moderator, Rev Denise Liersch.

Opening worship of the Synod meeting will commence 7.30pm at St Michael's Uniting Church, corner Russell and Collins St. Thereafter, supper will be enjoyed at The Scot's Church, 156 Collins St.

Rev Ikani will be attending Synod 2019 but still contactable via his mobile: 0432 680 028 or email: [ikaniv@bigpond.com](mailto:ikaniv@bigpond.com), Daily updates on Synod 2019 will be made available through our website <https://buc.unitingchurch.org.au>

Rev Ikani will also report back to the congregation on major decisions and highlights of Synod 2019 at our service on the 14th of July 2019. Please note that 8.30am service is in recess throughout the months of July and August.

## Have you come to “when” yet?

*And the Lord turned the captivity of Job when he prayed for his friends.  
Job 42:10.*

The plaintive, self-centred, morbid kind of prayer, a dead-set that I want to be right, is never found in the New Testament. The fact that I am trying to be right with God is a sign that I am rebelling against the Atonement. ‘Lord, I will purify my heart if You will answer my prayer; I will walk rightly if You will help me.’ I cannot make myself right with God, I cannot make my life perfect; I can only be right with God if I accept the Atonement of the Lord Jesus Christ as an absolute gift. Am I humble enough to accept it? I have to resign every kind of claim and cease from every effort, and leave myself entirely alone in His hands, and then begin to pour out in the priestly work of intercession. There is much prayer that arises from real disbelief in the Atonement. Jesus is not beginning to save us, He has saved us, the thing is done, and it is an insult to ask Him to do it.

If you are not getting the hundredfold more, not getting insight into God’s word, then start praying for your friends, enter into the ministry of the interior. “The Lord turned the captivity of Job when he prayed for his friends.” The real business of your life as a saved soul is intercessory prayer. Wherever God puts you in circumstances, pray immediately, pray that His Atonement may be realized in other lives as it has been in yours. Pray for your friends now; pray for those with whom you come in contact now.

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

## PRAYER POINTS



Lord God, help us to have a better and deeper understanding of mission, reaching out to others we meet in our daily journey with You. May we bring peace, love, joy and hope to those in need.

Dear Heavenly Father, give us the wisdom to know when anger is appropriate. Give us the courage to fight injustice, the wisdom to avoid temptation and the perseverance to follow in the footsteps of Jesus every day of our lives.

Dear Lord, during the Winter months at times we may feel lonely and discouraged.

May we turn to You for strength and renewal, allowing Your Holy Spirit to encourage us by renewing our faith and enthusiasm, regardless of our age.

## 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. Thank you

**BELMONT**

**SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2019**

**Worship Leader: Rev. Ikani Vaitohi**

<b>Duty</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>
Stewards	A. Merritt (M), D. Stephens (I)
Readers	G & L. Rankin
Porch Stewards	A. Page (P), L. Main B & S Jennings
Host/ess	K & M Moore
P.A.	R Bunting
Flowers	Silk Flowers
Morning tea	S & B Jennings, A & M Ingles, A. Merritt
Transport	(1) W Harper      (2) B Couper (3) G Lovel        (4) H & L McCann

## **MILK BOTTLE TOPS**

Many thanks to those who contributed milk and other bottle caps especially to the person who has been collecting these for quite a while! I took 180 tops to Belmont Primary on Wednesday morning. They are very grateful to those who supplied these. The container is on the window sill outside Ikani's office and more contributions are very welcome. Thanks to all, Alwyne.

## **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.

## **TO ALL DRIVERS who pick up residents from Aged Care Hostels**

– Please check that your passengers have “signed out”. The books are located just inside the main entrances. The failure of residents to do this causes Hostel Staff great concern, not knowing where they are.

## **CAN'T SEE THE WORDS ON THE SCREEN?**

There is help. Here is what you can do.

A small number of large print *'Together in Song' Hymn Books* are available stacked above the pigeonholes, or ask a steward on duty.

**SERVICE CDs:** Each Sunday the 10.00 a.m. service is recorded and CDs are available for borrowing – so, if you missed a service or would like to hear one over again, please see Neville Funston, or just help yourself to a CD from the bench in the foyer of the church.

## **WEB PAGE INSERTS & INFO**

### **Contribute to our website.**

Our BUC website is at <https://buc.unitingchurch.org.au> (or just Google us) Please remember go there for information and to make a suggestion or a contribution.

## **BELMONT UNITING CHURCH MINISTRY TEAM**

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### **SERVICES IN AGED CARE HOMES**

**Kalkee – Nangatta:**

**Kalkee Murray Hostel:**

### **LECTIONARY for 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2019**

Amos 7: 7-17 Psalm 82

Colossions 1: 1-14 Luke 10: 25-37

### **CONTRIBUTIONS for the NEWS SHEET**

Please include author's name & phone number, number of repeats required & place in the Church Letterbox at the top of church steps next to the meter box on the right **before 12 noon on Wednesdays.**