

# UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



## BELMONT CONGREGATION

42 Thomson Street, Belmont Vic. 3216

<https://buc.unitingchurch.org.au>

**SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019**

**WORSHIP LEADER: REV. IKANI VAITOHI**

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION.**

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

### AFTERNOON COMMUNION SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September,  
1.30pm

**Leader:** Rev. Ikani Vaitohi

**Minister's Steward:**

A Merritt

**Hostesses:** J Jeffers,

J Ferguson

### GREAT OUTBACK BBQ FUNDRAISER

You are invited to join the congregation at the Uniting Church, 10 Wendover Ave Norlane, for their **Great Outback BBQ** to raise funds for Frontier Services.  
Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Sept, 12 – 2 pm.

### BELMONT UNITING CHURCH ADULT FELLOWSHIP

invites all Ladies to



*Summer Collection*

**PRICES FROM** **\$25<sup>95</sup>**  
Nothing over  
\$59.95

**Monday September 9th 2019**

**10am Morning Tea**

**10.30am Fashion Parade**

at Belmont Uniting Church Hall  
42 Thomson St, Belmont



Donation \$7 -  
*includes door prizes*

Enquiries: Muriel 5244 1864  
or Loris 0418 334 994

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*Would the person who has  
borrowed the book "Noah's Other  
Son" please return it to the library  
so other people can also read this*

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

**INDUCTION** of Kalkee's new Chaplain Robert Van Zetten will take place **next Thursday September 5<sup>th</sup>** at Murray Hostel at 2.00 pm. You would be most welcome to attend.

**BLUME'S FASHIONS:** **Monday September 9<sup>th</sup>** at 10 a.m.  
See front page for details.

## **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

**The Next Meeting** of the Men's Breakfast is on **Saturday the 14th of September** at 8.00 am in The Church Hall

**The Topic** for this Breakfast is Men's Health

If you could **put this date in your diaries.**

## **PASTORAL CARE**

### **ADVANCE NOTICE**

Please keep **Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup>** noted in your diary for our last group meeting for the year of all Pastoral Care Visitors (and their spouse) for a luncheon and training session.

## **THANKYOU**

*Jannette, Anthony, David and Families wish to thank all who have supported them in the past weeks with the sad loss of Graeme.*

*The cards, phone calls, flowers and food has been wonderful, and very much appreciated by the family.*

*Thankyou also to the many friends who attended the Thanksgiving Service for Graeme, it was uplifting to see you all there.*

*To those who helped with food for the afternoon and those who worked in the kitchen we say a big thankyou*

## **CROSSLIGHTS**

There are a large number of Crosslights still on the table. Could people please check if they could help to deliver one to a member of our congregation

## **PRODUCE STALL**

You never know what may appear for sale! **Next Sunday**, besides the usual jams & relishes, there could be some seedlings – viola, maybe lettuce. Viola \$1 a pot. Maybe lemons. Bring along your excess produce.

Thank you again to all who have collected empty jam jars! I'm ready for the Fair in November!

It's hoped to have a dozen Rhubarb Plants for sale this year. Wait another couple of months. \$10 each.

## **RUGS ON PEWS**

Thank you to those who have provided knee rugs for the pews. Please feel free to use them!



**Seminar series, here at Belmont Uniting Church, on:**

## **"Christian Responses to Earth's Environmental Crisis"**

For 3 Sundays in a row -- **October 20, October 27 and November 3** -- we at Belmont Uniting Church will host 3 timely seminars on our responsibilities as people of God regarding the environmental crisis on planet Earth.

The seminars will begin at 5 pm and a light meal will be served at 6.30.

We do hope you are able to come and can put these dates in your diaries now. The Seminars are being organised jointly by the Christian Education and Social Justice Committees. Members of other churches in the Geelong region will also be invited.

On October 20, the speaker will be Prof. Peter Rayner, Melbourne University climate scientist and UCA layman. He will talk about the science and about his views on climate change as a Christian.

On October 27, the speaker will be Peter Saunders from the Campion Centre of Ignatian Spirituality. He will introduce us to the Pope's encyclical on the environmental crisis: *Laudato Si*.

On November 3, Jan Morgan, UCA eco-ministry teacher, and Graeme Garrett, Anglican priest and theologian, will help us to think about how we might, as Christians, respond to the environmental challenge.

*Sublime intimacy* Said I not unto thee, that if thou wouldst believe, thou shouldst see the glory of God? John 11:40.

Every time you venture out in the life of faith, you will find something in your commonsense circumstances that flatly contradicts your faith. Common sense is not faith, and faith is not common sense; they stand in the relation of the natural and the spiritual. Can you trust Jesus Christ where your common sense cannot trust Him? Can you venture heroically on Jesus Christ's statements when the facts of your commonsense life shout 'It's a lie'? On the mount it is easy to say—'Oh yes, I believe God can do it'; but you have to come down into the demon-possessed valley and meet with facts that laugh ironically at the whole of your mount-of-transfiguration belief. Every time my programme of belief is clear to my own mind, I come across something that contradicts it. Let me say I believe God will supply all my need, and then let me run dry, with no outlook, and see whether I will go through the trial of faith, or whether I will sink back to something lower.

Faith must be tested, because it can be turned into a personal possession only through conflict. What is your faith up against just now? The test will either prove that your faith is right, or it will kill it. "Blessed is he whosoever shall not be offended in Me." The final thing is confidence in Jesus. Believe steadfastly on Him and all you come up against will develop your faith. There is continual testing in the life of faith, and the last great test is death. May God keep us in fighting trim! Faith is unutterable trust in God which never dreams that He will not stand by us.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Chambers, O. (1986). *My utmost for his highest: Selections for the year*. Grand Rapids, MI: Oswald Chambers Publications; Marshall Pickering.

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## PRAYER POINTS

Dear Lord, may Your Spirit guide us to have a deeper understanding of the Scriptures as we live out our lives in this complex world. Teach us the importance of forgiveness and that our hope of heaven may remain strong and true.

Dear Heavenly Father, help us to understand the importance of humility and show us how to let Your light shine in our lives so that we may be genuine witnesses for You.

Loving God, if we are called to understand someone else's suffering, give us the empathy to be good listeners and show that we genuinely care for the person in need.

Help us to deepen our compassion and our sensitivity towards someone who is suffering.

### **Belmont Congregation Sunday 8th September, 2019**

**Worship Leader: Rev. Ikani Vaitohi**

<b>Duty</b>	<b>8.30 a.m.</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>
Stewards	N. Phillips (M) K. Haas (I)	J. Jeffers (M) H. Collins (I)
Readers	R. Leitch N. Phillips	L. Jackson J. Jeffers
Porch Stewards	M. Richards (P) E. Richards	R. Bunting (P) R. Jeffers R. Pearson, J. Hill
Host/ess		K. & M. Moore
P.A.	L. McCann	G. Schneider
Flowers	Sue Jennings	
Morning Tea		G. Chapman/L. Moss E. Wise/L. Jackson L. & F. Barnard
Transport	(1) R. Buckwell (2) J. Murray/ N. Funston (3) A. Merritt (4) L. Main	

**BELMONT UNITING CHURCH MINISTRY TEAM**

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**SERVICES IN AGED CARE HOMES**

**Kalkee – Nangatta:**

**Kalkee Murray Hostel:**

**LECTIONARY for 8th September, 2019**

Jeremiah: 18: 1-11, Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18

Philemon: 1: 21 Luke 14: 25-33

**CONTRIBUTIONS for the NEWS SHEET**

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