

# UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



## BELMONT CONGREGATION

42 Thomson Street, Belmont Vic. 3216

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**SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

**WORSHIP LEADERS: REV. IKANI VAITOHI**

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

### TODAY

**ACCOMMODATION  
COMMITTEE MEETING** will  
be held after the 10.00 am  
service today, **11<sup>th</sup> August.**

**PASTORAL CARE:** Re-  
phone numbers.

If you no longer have a landline  
in use, could you make sure that  
we have your mobile number, as  
when trying to contact people,  
the landline number does not  
indicate it has been terminated  
and I leave a message on  
Message bank to no avail.  
Please let your Pastoral Care  
Visitor know or anyone on our  
Committee.

Thanks, Liz Moss

### CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Council will meet at  
7.30pm on Tuesday, 13 August.

### THANKS

**The Worship Committee** would  
like to thank most sincerely the  
following people who enhance  
the quality of our worship: the  
organists who regularly play for  
our services, those who read the  
scriptures, those who present  
the intercessory prayers, those  
who welcome visitors, those who  
prepare the flowers, those who  
act as church stewards, those  
who are communion stewards,  
those who prepare the  
overheads on the screen and the  
members of the choir for their  
contribution each Sunday.

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

**NOTICE BOARD**

If any organization needs any changes or inclusions to the Notice Board (North Side) please contact Property Board Member Cliff Rankin.



**JARS.** Pam is no longer collecting jars for jams etc. – These may be taken to your local Op- shop

## PRAYER POINTS



Dear Heavenly Father, we pray that worship, thanksgiving and praise be essential aspects of our faith journey with You. In worship we relate to Your holiness; in thanksgiving we relate to Your goodness and in praise we relate to Your greatness.

Dear Lord, we pray for families affected by the dreadful shootings in the U.S.A. May You draw close to the people who have lost loved ones; surround them with Your loving arms and give them Your peace.

Loving and gracious God, help us to understand more deeply than ever what it means to be a recipient of Your grace. May we daily be open to Your loving spirit which will never be diminished or taken away.

## PRODUCE STALL

The Produce Stall, although no longer collecting Jam Jars, is continuing until at least the Fair on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019 (not necessarily every Sunday). Thank you to all those who collected jars for me! Without you there would be no jams. I'm pleased to say that **Madras Tomato Relish** is available again! Same size, same price.

PRODUCTS available: Lemon Butter, Apricot Jam, Cumquat Marmalade, Crab Apple Jelly, Fig Jam, Lime Marmalade (limited), Plum Jam, Quince Jelly, Quince Jelly, Raspberry Jam, Strawberry Jam, Tomato Relish and Madras Tomato Relish.

SEEDLINGS available from time to time e.g. Violas. Keep your eye out! (Gardeners, time to think about growing things for the FAIR'S PLANT STALL)

FRUIT sometimes available e.g. lemons, cumquats.

And who knows what? Pam Duthie

## UPGRADE ON BOTTLE CAP COLLECTION.

Belmont Primary School are no longer collecting these but I have visited the South Barwon Community Centre and have good news about re-using some items we usually discard and thus enable us to reduce items that go to our garbage collection. The **South Barwon Community Centre** at 33 Mt Pleasant Road (just below the school and with off-street parking) encourage recycling and have a lot of plastic boxes in the left foyer to collect various items. I have put a photo of these on the notice board.

**All the following items are welcome, each have their own collection receptacle and will find a second use.**

Prescription glasses and cases.

Ring pulls from drink cans.

Clean lids and caps from anything but take-away food.

Bread ties. Corks. Bras. Audio tapes and cassettes.

Stamps (although better if you bring those to church and put in the wooden receptacle next to Ikani's office door so the profits go to UCA causes).

**However, I will not be collecting any of these items at church.** I suggest if you wish to do so that you put items into a container on your fridge or elsewhere and deliver these when it suits you. The centre is open 9-4 Monday to Thursday. If however you have a quantity of items to donate but don't have transport you can give them to me most Sundays in a plastic bag and I will deliver them.

**So - no more collections at church of bottle tops but members are asked if possible, to pass on items that could be of use.**

The final delivery of bottle caps was 313 taken to South Barwon Community Centre making a total of 1,725 donated.

Thanks for your wonderful response with these - Alwyne

# Belmont Congregation Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2019

Worship Leader: REV. IKANI VAITOHI

10.00am

Stewards	A Merritt (M)
Readers	P & W Jones
Porch Stewards	W Harper (P), F Harper, B Vaitohi, S Rossiter
Host/ess	J Ferguson, C Rankin
P.A.	W Jones
Flowers	Pat Rankin
Morning Tea	D & J Stephens, P & W Jones, E & B Wood
Transport	(1) R. Jeffers                      (2) L. Moss (3) G. Lovell                        (4) H & L McCann

## **BUSHIKORI FUND RAISER**

MOVIE NIGHT AT READINGS CINEMAS, WAURN PONDS

**FRIDAY, 13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2019 AT 6.30PM. \$20pp**

**“DOWNTON ABBEY”**

Raising funds for children in Uganda

Tickets available from Bill & Sue Jennings

## *The cross in prayer*

*At that day ye shall ask in My name.* John 16:26.

We are too much given to thinking of the Cross as something we have to get through; we get *through* it only in order to get into it. The Cross stands for one thing only for us—a complete and entire and absolute identification with the Lord Jesus Christ, and there is nothing in which this identification is realized more than in prayer.

“Your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask Him.” Then why ask? The idea of prayer is not in order to get answers from God; prayer is perfect and complete oneness with God. If we pray because we want answers, we will get huffed with God. The answers come every time, but not always in the way we expect, and our spiritual huff shows a refusal to identify ourselves with Our Lord in prayer. We are not here to prove God answers prayer; we are here to be living monuments of God’s grace.

“I say not that I will pray the Father for you: for the Father Himself loveth you.” Have you reached such an intimacy with God that the Lord Jesus Christ’s life of prayer is the only explanation of your life of prayer? Has Our Lord’s vicarious life become your vital life? “At that day” you will be so identified with Jesus that there will be no distinction.

When prayer seems to be unanswered, beware of trying to fix the blame on someone else. That is always a snare of Satan. You will find there is a reason which is a deep instruction to you, not to anyone else.<sup>1</sup>

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

*Answers to word find. God, Jesus, Christ, Jacob, Isaac, Abraham, Moses, Adam, Eve, David, Samson, Solomon, Job, John, Joel*

**WORD FIND**

See if you can find 15 names mentioned in The Bible

G	N	O	M	O	L	O	S	X
P	O	M	A	H	A	R	B	A
Q	Y	D	J	O	E	L	B	D
S	Z	I	S	A	A	C	O	A
A	A	T	S	I	R	H	C	V
M	D	J	U	M	A	D	A	I
S	M	O	S	E	S	Z	J	D
O	Q	B	E	V	E	D	I	D
N	X	Y	J	O	N	A	H	Z

**Bible Study at Home** By Bill Pugh

Sometimes it is not possible to belong to a group. Study at home is really worthwhile. You need to have access to resources. If you do not have help from Google these suggestions are worthwhile. My *Cruden's Concordance* lists 225,000 [1930 Revised] references to words and names in the Old and New Testaments. Alexander Cruden, a bible student, published his first edition in 1736. Also helpful is a *Smith's Bible Dictionary*. An old commentary such as Peakes [*Peake's Commentary on the Bible*] is also special. Maybe William Barclay's Commentaries found in a late minister's collection, or a purchase from a Christian bookshop. All helpful.

You can also phone a fellow student, or talk to your minister. Every study brings some new insight for our Christian education and spiritual growth. The Psalmist well says, "[Your Word O Lord] Your word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path".

**Reflection:** A verse from an old hymn is a special prayer: "Holy Spirit shine thou on the book we read. Gild its holy pages with the light we need."

## **BELMONT UNITING CHURCH MINISTRY TEAM**

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

**Kalkee – Nangatta:**

**Kalkee Murray Hostel:**

### **LECTIONARY for 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2019**

Is 5: 1 - 7 Psalm 80: 1 – 2, 8 - 19

Heb 11: 29 – 12: 2 Luke 12: 49 - 56

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

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