

UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



BELMONT CONGREGATION

42 Thomson Street, Belmont Vic. 3216

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SUNDAY 18th August 2019

WORSHIP LEADERS: REV. IKANI VAITOHI

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

PASTORAL CARE

As there will be no services this week at Nangatta or Murry Hostel (and I will be away), if any members of the congregation could find time to visit someone they may know, I'm sure it would be appreciated. Liz Moss (Pastoral care Convenor).

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 7th Sept, 12 – 2 pm.

Bottle tops notice adjustment.

Please change bread “ties” to bread “tags”.

Sunday 25th August

The service next Sunday will be led by Cherry and Hugh Collins

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 20th 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.

UNITING CHURCH ADULT FELLOWSHIP

UCAF - Adult Fellowship (formerly Ladies' Evening Fellowship)

will meet **Wednesday 28th August at 1.30pm** for a CRAFT AFTERNOON.

Devotions: Julie

Afternoon Tea: Alwyne and Julie

PRAYER POINTS



Loving God, in the race of life help us to fix our hearts and minds firmly on our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. We pray that You will encourage us in our daily faith journey.

Dear Lord, although we mourn the loss of Graeme Frederick Mitchell, we also give thanks for the many ways in which Graeme shared his life with us and others. We pray for comfort and peace for those who were closest to Graeme. We especially remember Jannette, David, Anthony and their families in this difficult time.

Dear Lord, we are grateful for Your Word. Thank You for the comfort, healing and peace Your Word brings us. May we know the importance of reading and studying Your Word every day.

Dear Heavenly Father, we pray for our children and grand - children as they mature and develop, that they may be more aware of Your love and gracious Spirit.

PRODUCE STALL

The Produce Stall, although no longer collecting Jam Jars, is continuing until at least the Fair on Saturday 10th 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

Belmont Congregation Sunday 25th August, 2019

Worship Leaders: C & H Collins

10.00am

Stewards	J Murray (M), P Woods (I)
Readers	R & B Wood
Porch Stewards	B Dickie (P), D Woods, G & J Schneider
Host/ess	R Buckwell, L Moss
P.A.	B Jennings
Flowers	Pat Rankin
Morning Tea	F & W Harper, A & M Ingles, A Merritt/M Bullock
Transport	(1) R. Jeffers (2) L. Moss (3) G. Lovell (4) H & L McCann

BUSHIKORI FUNDRAISER

**MOVIE NIGHT AT READINGS CINEMAS, WAURN
PONDS**

FRIDAY, 13th SEPTEMBER, 2019 AT 6.30PM. \$20pp

“DOWNTON ABBEY”

Raising funds for children in Uganda

Tickets available from Bill & Sue Jennings

Are you discouraged in devotion?

Yet lackest thou one thing; sell all that thou hast ... and come, follow Me.
Luke 18:22.

“And when he heard this ...” Have you ever heard the Master say a hard word? If you have not, I question whether you have heard Him say anything. Jesus Christ says a great deal that we listen to, but do not hear; when we do hear, His words are amazingly hard.

Jesus did not seem in the least solicitous that this man should do what He told him, He made no attempt to keep him with Him. He simply said—‘Sell all you have, and come, follow Me.’ Our Lord never pleaded, He never cajoled, He never entrapped; He simply spoke the sternest words mortal ears ever listened to, and then left it alone.

Have I ever heard Jesus say a hard word? Has He said something personally to me to which I have deliberately listened? Not something I can expound or say this and that about, but something I have heard Him say to me? This man did understand what Jesus said, he heard it and he sized up what it meant, and it broke his heart. He did not go away defiant; he went away sorrowful, thoroughly discouraged. He had come to Jesus full of the fire of earnest desire, and the word of Jesus simply froze him; instead of producing an enthusiastic devotion, it produced a heart-breaking discouragement.

And Jesus did not go after him, He let him go. Our Lord knows perfectly that when once His word is heard, it will bear fruit sooner or later. The terrible thing is that some of us prevent it bearing fruit in actual life. I wonder what we will say when we do make up our minds to be devoted to Him on that particular point? One thing is certain, He will never cast anything up at us.

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

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SERVICES IN AGED CARE HOMES

Kalkee – Nangatta:

Kalkee Murray Hostel:

LECTIONARY for 25th August, 2019

Jeremiah 1: 4 – 10, Psalm 71: 1 - 6

Hebrews 12: 18 – 29, Luke 13: 10 - 17

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