

UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



BELMONT CONGREGATION

42 Thomson Street, Belmont Vic. 3216

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SUNDAY 25th August 2019

WORSHIP LEADERS: Cherry and Hugh Collins

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

AFTERNOON COMMUNION SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday 4th 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 7th Sept, 12 – 2 pm.

UNITING CHURCH ADULT FELLOWSHIP

UCAF - Adult Fellowship
(formerly Ladies' Evening Fellowship)

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

Devotions: Doreen

Afternoon Tea: Alwyne and
Doreen

*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
very interesting book?*

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

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.

Belmont Congregation Sunday 1st September, 2019

Worship Leader: Rev. Ikani Vaitohi

10.00am

Stewards	G Coomber (M & HC), S Jennings (L), B Jennings, T Yates, L Moss, M Grahame, Lynne Rankin, S Rossiter, K Cameron)
Readers	L Main, N Lyons
Porch Stewards	J Oman (P & HC), B Couper, F Vaitohi, D Woods
Host/ess	E Wood, C Schaller
P.A.	J Hill
Flowers	Jill Sinclair
Morning Tea	S & W Jennings, M & K Moore, A & R Bunting
Transport	(1) R Buckwell (2) J Murray (3) A Merritt (4) L Main

TODAY, 25th AUGUST, IS REFUGEE AND MIGRANT SUNDAY.

SUNDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER IS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION.

RUGS ON PEWS

Thank you to those who have provided knee rugs for the pews.

Please feel free to use them!



PRAYER POINTS



Loving God, we pray for refugees and people who are displaced around the world; in particular those who find themselves in the midst of violence and warfare. Bless all agencies which seek to alleviate the suffering of mankind.

Dear Lord, help us to place our hope in You. If we become discouraged, may we turn to You; if we are afraid, may we seek strength and comfort in You. In every aspect of our lives may we learn to trust You.

Dear Heavenly Father, we pray for the police, emergency workers and Christians who patrol our city during the night hours. Keep them safe as they interact with people of all ages who may need counselling, comforting, healing, protecting and guidance.

BUSHIKORI FUND RAISER

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

Have you ever been expressionless with sorrow?

And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich. Luke 18:23.

The rich young ruler went away expressionless with sorrow; he had not a word to say. He had no doubt as to what Jesus said, no debate as to what it meant, and it produced in him a sorrow that had not any words. Have you ever been there? Has God's word come to you about something you are very rich in—temperament, personal affinity, relationships of heart and mind? Then you have often been expressionless with sorrow. The Lord will not go after you, He will not plead, but every time He meets you on that point He will simply repeat—"If you mean what you say, those are the conditions.'

"Sell all that thou hast"—undress yourself morally before God of everything that might be a possession until you are a mere conscious human being, and then give God that. That is where the battle is fought—in the domain of the will before God. Are you more devoted to your idea of what Jesus wants than to Himself? If so, you are likely to hear one of His hard sayings that will produce sorrow in you. What Jesus says *is* hard, it is only easy when it is heard by those who have His disposition. Beware of allowing anything to soften a hard word of Jesus Christ's.

I can be so rich in poverty, so rich in the consciousness that I am nobody, that I shall never be a disciple of Jesus; and I can be so rich in the consciousness that I am somebody—that I shall never be a disciple. Am I willing to be destitute of the sense that I am destitute? This is where discouragement comes in. Discouragement is disenchanting self-love, and self-love may be love of my devotion to Jesus.¹

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 1st September, 2019

Jer 2: 4 – 13, Psalm 81: 1, 10 - 16

Heb 13: 1 – 8, 15 - 16 Luke 14: 1, 7 - 14

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