

UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



BELMONT CONGREGATION

42 Thomson Street, Belmont Vic. 3216

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SUNDAY 4th August 2019

WORSHIP LEADERS: REV. IKANI VAITOHI

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

SAUSAGE SIZZLE – CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN PATROL FRONTIER SERVICES

On behalf of the Mission and Outreach, and Fellowship Committees, thank you to everyone who supported our “Sausage Sizzle” Luncheon on Sunday 28th July.

We have been able to forward \$1000.00 to Pastor Benjamin’s Central Australian Patrol of Frontier Services.

This is a wonderful result. Many thanks again for your support and generosity.

CHURCH COUNCIL

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

WINTER WARMERS

Thank you for the contributions today. Next week the effort is focussed on cans of tuna, soup (cans/packets), oil, 1ltr or smaller. Any non-perishable food items will be gratefully received.

AFTERNOON COMMUNION AND FELLOWSHIP

Wed 7th August, 1.30pm.

Leader: Rev. Ikani Vaitohi

Communion Steward: C Rankin

Hostesses: L Rankin, T Yates

All welcome

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 6th August at 10 a.m.** Bring your own craft if you wish or just enjoy Morning Tea and the friendly company. All welcome.

ACCOMMODATION COMMITTEE MEETING will be held after the 10.00 am service on **Sunday 11th 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

PRAYER POINTS



Dear Heavenly Father, we pray for Patrol Padres, doctors, nurses, teachers and others who serve in isolated communities throughout Australia. Bless them and guide them as they serve You faithfully in quite difficult conditions; please keep them safe and well.

Dear Lord, guide us on our journey through life. Give us clear direction so that we can stay on the path You have for us. Help us not to lose faith when we face the difficulties of life.

Loving God, we pray for chaplains and counsellors who work in prisons. Guide them and grant them wisdom as they bring hope to prisoners, a new purpose for living and a fresh understanding of the Christian faith.

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

BOTTLE CAPS FOR ENVISION

Thanks to many kind collectors I took almost 700 bottle caps to Belmont Primary School on Wednesday. However, they tell me that they will no longer be collecting these. I've made a phone call to Encompass Geelong who are listed as one of the collection depots and will take the next lot there and see what other discarded items they can reuse. We are all being made very aware that we need to recycle what we can and avoid unnecessary land fill. Ensure though that all tops are clean please.

However, at this stage please limit donations to soft plastics (no jar lids etc). So far I have bagged up tops separately that are not appropriate for Envision but can be used in a school setting for craft projects but need to check if these are wanted. Thanks, Alwyne.

Belmont Congregation Sunday 11th August, 2019

Worship Leader: REV. IKANI VAITOHI

Stewards	P/ Woods (M & HC), N. Woods, (L) L. Main, B. Couper, N. Lyons, K. Hass J. Jeffers, J. Cocking, T. Jepson
Readers	B & S Jennings
Porch Stewards	D. Stephens (P & HC), D. Woods R. Bunting, J. Stephens
Host/ess	M. Bullock, D. Ives
P.A.	W. Harper
Flowers	Elizabeth Wood
Morning Tea	J & R Jeffers, B. Pink, M. Vaitohi B. Johns, F. Costin
Transport	(1) R. Jeffers (2) L. Moss (3) G. Lovell (4) H & L McCann

The baffling call of God

And all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished.... And they understood none of these things. Luke 18:31, 34.

God called Jesus Christ to what seemed unmitigated disaster. Jesus Christ called His disciples to see Him put to death; He led every one of them to the place where their hearts were broken. Jesus Christ's life was an absolute failure from every standpoint but God's. But what seemed failure from man's standpoint was a tremendous triumph from God's, because God's purpose is never man's purpose.

There comes the baffling call of God in our lives also. The call of God can never be stated explicitly; it is implicit. The call of God is like the call of the sea, no one hears it but the one who has the nature of the sea in him. It cannot be stated definitely what the call of God is to, because His call is to be in comradeship with Himself for His own purpose, and the test is to believe that God knows what He is after. The things that happen do not happen by chance, they happen entirely in the decree of God. God is working out His purposes.

If we are in communion with God and recognize that He is taking us into His purposes, we shall no longer try to find out what His purposes are. As we go on in the Christian life it gets simpler, because we are less inclined to say—'Now why did God allow this and that?' Behind the whole thing lies the compelling of God. "There's a divinity that shapes our ends." A Christian is one who trusts the wits and the wisdom of God, and not his own wits. If we have a purpose of our own, it destroys the simplicity and the leisureliness which ought to characterize the children of God.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 11th August, 2019

Is 1:1, 10 - 20 Psalm 50: 1 – 8, 22 – 23

Heb 11: 1 – 3, 8 - 16 Luke 12: 32 - 40

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