

UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



BELMONT CONGREGATION

42 Thomson Street, Belmont Vic. 3216

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SUNDAY 15th SEPTEMBER 2019

WORSHIP LEADER: REV. IKANI VAITOHI

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

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?

Belmont Primary School were grateful for the bottle caps we collected for them as part of a school project. However they are no longer collecting these because of the work involved and we ask any members who are prepared to keep collecting the caps to take them instead to the South Barwon Community Centre at 33 Mt Pleasant Road (open 9-4 Monday to Thursday).

There is information on the main notice board about the centre with a list of normally discarded items they collect to pass on to causes that will re-use these. If you have any enquiries please talk to me. Alwyne Merritt.

CHURCH FAIR 2019

SHEEP MANURE

If you would like bags of sheep manure

please forward your orders to
John Rankin, Brian Wood or
Bill Jennings

ASAP.

**Bags of sheep manure -
\$5.00/bag or \$45/10 bags,
delivered to your door.**

(If you have any bags from
previous years please leave
them with Brian)

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 17th 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.

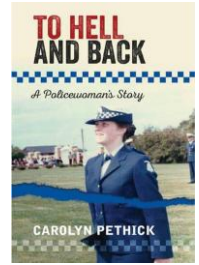
Thank you again to all who have collected empty jam jars! I'm ready for the Fair in November!

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

PASTORAL CARE ADVANCE NOTICE

Please keep **Sunday October 6th** 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.

THE BELMONT LADIES' PROBUS CLUB (VIC) INC



Invites you to morning tea to be held on 30th September 2019

At the Belmont Uniting Church, 42 Thomson Street Belmont

3216 at 10.30am Followed by our **guest Speaker**, Carolyn

Pethick, 'To Hell and Back' is a memoir detailing one

police woman's trials and tribulations working within the

ranks of the Victoria Police Force from the early 1980's to the present

day.

RSVP – Rose Hackett

Mobile No 0421 989 107

Email: rosehackett23@gmail.com **Reply ASAP** (by 22nd Sept.)

THE GEELONG ART SOCIETY invites you to enter the 2019

Seniors Festival Art Competition. For detailed information and entry

form see the notice on the Church Notice Board.

CHURCH FAIR:

The proceeds from the Church Fair will again be distributed to worthy causes – local, national and international. The Mission and Outreach Committee invite the congregation to make suggestions of worthy recipients for consideration. Please put in writing the name of the organization you wish to suggest, plus contact details and a summary of their activity, **Please Label this information for JEAN MURRAY** and **place in the “M” pigeon hole.**

FAIR - PLANT STALL

Spring has sprung. Now is the time to turn your thoughts and actions to gather together plants in readiness for the annual **FAIR plant stall.**

Check out your gardens for self-seeded plants, strike some cuttings and sort out unwanted bulbs. If you need more information and guidance, or pots, please check with Liz Moss, Brian Wood or Bill Jones



Margaret Muffet - Botanical Artist



The Belmont Uniting Church will be presenting **the artworks of Margaret** at the 2019 Geelong Seniors Festival at our church on **Tuesday 8 October to Saturday 12 October** from 10.00am - 3.00pm daily.

Margaret will demonstrate her technique daily, at 11.00am and again at 1.00pm.

There will be approx. 60 beautiful botanical watercolours on display.

The art display will be advertised by the City of Greater Geelong in the festival event program.

Margaret was awarded 'Silver-Gilt' medals in three Royal Horticultural Society of London exhibitions in 2002, 2004 and 2006 for two series of Protea and one of Eucalyptus paintings.

Her drawing, watercolour painting and acute observational skills have enabled her to achieve great accuracy in capturing the essence of the chosen subjects.

Working in botanical art from 1997 has been a great joy and her passion.

The Hunt Institute of Botanical Documentation has Margaret's Protea cynaroides 'White Crown' in its prestigious collection.

As an award-winning artist, her paintings are held in private collections and Margaret is a well-known Victorian tutor.

Destiny of holiness

Ye shall be holy; for I am holy. 1 Peter 1:16 (R.V.).

Continually restate to yourself what the purpose of your life is. The destined end of man is not happiness, nor health, but holiness. Nowadays we have far too many affinities, we are dissipated with them; right, good, noble affinities which will yet have their fulfilment, but in the meantime God has to atrophy them. The one thing that matters is whether a man will accept the God Who will make him holy. At all costs a man must be rightly related to God.

Do I believe I need to be holy? Do I believe God can come into me and make me holy? If by your preaching you convince me that I am unholy, I resent your preaching. The preaching of the gospel awakens an intense resentment because it must reveal that I am unholy; but it also awakens an intense craving. God has one destined end for mankind, viz., holiness. His one aim is the production of saints. God is not an eternal blessing-machine for men; He did not come to save men out of pity: He came to save men because He had created them to be holy. The Atonement means that God can put me back into perfect union with Himself, without a shadow between, through the Death of Jesus Christ.

Never tolerate through sympathy with yourself or with others any practice that is not in keeping with a holy God. Holiness means unsullied walking with the feet, unsullied talking with the tongue, unsullied thinking with the mind—every detail of the life under the scrutiny of God. Holiness is not only what God gives me, but what I manifest that God has given me.

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

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.



PRAYER POINTS

Dear Lord, we pray for people affected by Hurricane Dorian when the powerful storm devastated the Bahamas and the United States mainland. Many people lost their lives, others have been injured and their houses have been destroyed. Bless the organisations which are helping people with emergency accommodation , medical care, food and clothing.

Loving God, we pray for families that are tragically caught in dysfunctional relationships. May You be there in the midst to overcome problems and help children not to be traumatised.

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your mercy and abundant grace, whereby You forgive our sins and provide us with the free gift of eternal life.

Belmont Congregation Sunday 22nd September, 2019

Worship Leader: Rev. Ikani Vaitohi

Duty	8.30 a.m.	10.00 a.m.
Stewards	H. McCann	D. Stephens (M) D. Stephens (I)
Readers	H. McCann R. Leitch	K. & M. Moore
Porch Stewards	R. Angus (P) B. Coomber	G. Coomber (P) J. Cocking T. Jepson J. Stephens
Host/ess		M. Bullock D. Ives
P.A.	L. McCann	R. Bunting
Flowers	Katrina Haas	
Morning Tea		H. & V. Matthewson I. & G. Coomber D. & J. Stephens
Transport	(1) R. Buckwell (3) A. Merritt	(2) J. Murray/ N. Funston (4) L. Main

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SERVICES IN AGED CARE HOMES

Kalkee – Nangatta:

Kalkee Murray Hostel:

LECTIONARY for 22nd September, 2019

Jeremiah: 8: 18 – 9: 1 Psalm 79: 1 - 9

1Timothy 2: 1-7 Luke 16: 1 - 13

CONTRIBUTIONS for the NEWS SHEET

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before 12 noon on Wednesdays.