

UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



BELMONT CONGREGATION

42 Thomson Street, Belmont Vic. 3216

<https://buc.unitingchurch.org.au>

SUNDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2019

WORSHIP LEADER: REV. IKANI VAITOHI

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

MEN'S BREAKFAST

NEXT SATURDAY

14th September

at 8.00 am

in The Church
Hall

**The Topic for this Meeting has
changed and is as follows**

SUBJECT: 50 years on from the
Lunar Landing

Our Guest speaker is Gil Lovel
who has just returned from
America after sharing a table at
NASA with an Astronaut.

**We look forward to your
attendance**

BELMONT UNITING CHURCH ADULT FELLOWSHIP

invites all Ladies to



Summer Collection

PRICES FROM **\$25⁹⁵**
Nothing over
\$59.95

Monday September 9th 2019

10am Morning Tea

10.30am Fashion Parade

at Belmont Uniting Church Hall
42 Thomson St, Belmont



Donation \$7 -
includes door prizes

Enquiries: Muriel 5244 1864
or Loris 0418 334 994

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.

BLUME'S FASHIONS: **Monday September 9th** at 10 a.m. in the church hall. Donation \$7.00. Morning tea provided. See front page for more details.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Next Meeting of the Men's Breakfast will be held **NEXT SATURDAY** 14th September at 8.00 am in The Church Hall The Topic for this Breakfast is 50 years on from the Lunar landing. Please put this date in your diaries as a reminder to come and join us next Saturday.

CROSSLIGHTS

There are a large number of Crosslights still on the table. Could people please check if they could help to deliver one to a member of our congregation

THANKYOU

Jannette, Anthony, David and Families wish to thank all who have supported them in the past weeks with the sad loss of Graeme.

The cards, phone calls, flowers and food has been wonderful, and very much appreciated by the family.

Thankyou also to the many friends who attended the Thanksgiving Service for Graeme, it was uplifting to see you all there.

To those who helped with food for the afternoon and those who worked in the kitchen we say a big thankyou

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 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.



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 at No. 167 Roslyn Road)

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.

My joy ... your joy That My joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. John 15:11.

What was the joy that Jesus had? It is an insult to use the word happiness in connection with Jesus Christ. The joy of Jesus was the absolute self-surrender and self-sacrifice of Himself to His Father, the joy of doing that which the Father sent Him to do. "I delight to do Thy will." Jesus prayed that our joy might go on fulfilling itself until it was the same joy as His. Have I allowed Jesus Christ to introduce His joy to me?

The full flood of my life is not in bodily health, not in external happenings, not in seeing God's work succeed, but in the perfect understanding of God, and in the communion with Him that Jesus Himself had. The first thing that will hinder this joy is the captious irritation of thinking out circumstances. The cares of this world, said Jesus, will choke God's word. Before we know where we are, we are caught up in the shows of things. All that God has done for us is the mere threshold; He wants to get us to the place where we will be His witnesses and proclaim Who Jesus is.

Be rightly related to God, find your joy there, and out of you will flow rivers of living water. Be a centre for Jesus Christ to pour living water through. Stop being self-conscious, stop being a sanctified prig, and live the life hid with Christ. The life that is rightly related to God is as natural as breathing wherever it goes. The lives that have been of most blessing to you are those who were unconscious of it.

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



PRAYER POINTS

Loving God, we thank You for Psalm 139 which is a prayer which reflects Your amazing wonder and which indicates the importance of our intimate connection and co-operation with You.

Dear Lord, we pray that You will be with us on our daily journey of faith. Some times life has many challenges; help us to be loyal to You and trust You day by day.

Dear Heavenly Father, when we are worried or weary, give us strength for today and hope for tomorrow. Keep us mindful of Your infinite love, Your healing power and Your eternal salvation.

Belmont Congregation Sunday 15th September, 2019 **Worship Leader: Rev. Ikani Vaitohi**

Duty	8.30 a.m. H.C.	10.00a.m.
Stewards	E. Wood (M&HC) Prep. H. & L. McCann	G. Allen (M)
Readers	B. & E. Wood	P. & N. Woods
Porch Stewards	C. Nolte (P&HC) B. Wood	W. Jones (P) P. Jones G. Chapman K. Cameron
Host/ess		B. Pullin J. Oman
P.A.	M. Richards	W. Harper
Flowers	Sue Jennings	
Morning Tea		J. & R. Jeffers B. Pink/M. Vaitohi B. Johns/F. Costin
Transport	(1) R. Buckwell (2) J. Murray/ N. Funston (3) A. Merritt (4) L. Main	

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SERVICES IN AGED CARE HOMES

Kalkee – Nangatta:

Kalkee Murray Hostel:

LECTIONARY for 15th September, 2019

Jeremiah: 4: 11-17, 77-78 Psalm 14

1Timothy 1: 12-17 Luke 15: 1-10

CONTRIBUTIONS for the NEWS SHEET

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