

UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



BELMONT CONGREGATION

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SUNDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 2020 H.C.
WORSHIP LEADER: REV. IKANI VAITOHI

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

Lenten Study 2020: **Rowan Williams** ***God With Us***

This year the Christian Education Committee is again offering a study opportunity during Lent. We plan to read a book by Rowan Williams, the former Archbishop of Canterbury and respected theologian, written in 2017. It is called *God With Us: the meaning of the cross and resurrection -- then and now.*

We will read and discuss a chapter a week over 5 Sundays in March: Sunday March 1, March 8, March 15, March 22, March 29.

We shall meet in the Belmont Uniting Church Meeting Room from 5pm until 6.15 or so and share a light meal from around 6.15 until 7pm

We have borrowed 18 copies of this book from the Otira Library.

If you are interested in committing to this 5-week study, please let Lorraine Rankin or Cherry Collins know in person and we will set aside a book for you.

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.*

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 February 4th at 10.00 am in the Meeting Room. Bring your own craft if you wish or just enjoy Morning Tea and the friendly company. All welcome

THE BIBLE SHARING GROUP will recommence on Tuesday February 4th, at 10.00 a.m. in the main hall. New members are most welcome to attend. Come along and enjoy a “cuppa” at 9.45 a.m. For further information, contact Peter Woods, phone 0419111190 (mobile).

AFTERNOON COMMUNION SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP:

Wednesday 5th February at 1.30 p.m. All welcome.

Leader: Rev. Ikani Vaitohi

Minister’s Stewards: M & E Richards

Hostesses: Church Groups

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE will meet on **Friday, February 7th,** at **10.00 a.m.,** in the Chapel in the Church.

UNITING BARWON PANCAKE DAY

The Uniting Barwon Local Engagement Group (LEG), is looking for volunteers to help at the Big Pancake Day Event.

Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks for a shift of about two hours. Information is on the noticeboard in the hall.

Volunteers will be needed on **22nd Feb from 9.00am to 1.00pm in central Geelong**. Check with Raye Pearson or Ikani for more details.

FUNERAL CATERING

I would like to thank everyone who has been involved in funeral catering over the last few months, from those who have provided food, helped set up, serve and clean up afterwards. This includes the men who lend a hand when needed.

We have lost some of our much loved Church members recently, and the catering teams have all responded to the call to help with much willingness. I am grateful for all your help, and the families we serve are always grateful for the service we provide in a time of grief.

Jill Jeffers, Convener Funeral Catering

DATES FOR YOUR NEW YEAR DIARY

Feb 3 at 7.30 p.m.	Pastoral Care Executive Meeting
5 at 1.30 p.m.	Afternoon Communion Service
11 at 7.30 p.m.	Church Council Meeting
16 at 8.30 a.m.	H.C. Service
26 at 7.30 p.m.	Pastoral Care Executive Meeting
26 at 7.00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service followed by an open Evening Fellowship Meeting with guest speaker Ian Henricus

CHURCH NAME BADGES

Today 2nd February is the last day to order a name badge if you want one. The order will be placed first thing tomorrow with The Sticker Company. The cost per badge is \$12.50 and there are envelopes available from me to order these. If you are a new member you will receive a complimentary badge but make sure that I have checked that your name is spelt correctly for this. Several new members who will receive a complimentary badge have offered payment and should you wish to do this just put your donation in the collection plate anytime.

Please remember to wear your badge if you have one. It's so much easier and friendlier if we can greet each other by name. We will have a service late February when new members are officially welcomed and it makes it easier for these people if those who have badges wear them each Sunday.

Thanks, Alwyne Merritt



PRAYER POINTS

Dear Lord, we pray for the firefighters, SES workers, the police and volunteers who have been involved in fighting fires in the past weeks. We thank them for their great commitment and sacrifice in spending countless hours trying to save people's lives, houses, property and animals.

Dear Heavenly Father, we pray for the Rev. Ikani as he leads us throughout 2020. Bless him, Moana and their family; encourage them and inspire them in the many aspects of ministry which they undertake as they serve You faithfully at Belmont.

Loving God, we pray for students and teachers at the beginning of the school year. May the students develop an enthusiasm for learning, sound study skills and effective relationships with their fellow students and teachers.

Belmont Congregation Sunday 9th February, 2020

Rev. Ikani Vaitohi HC

Duty	8.30 a.m.	10 .00 a.m.
Stewards	N. Phillips (M) K. Haas (I)	A. Merritt (M) B. Couper (I)
Readers	H. McCann, N. Phillips	H & C Collins
Porch Stewards	R. Leitch (P) B. Coomber	R. Bunting (P), L. Moss N. Lyons, S. Vaitohi
Host/ess		B. Pullin, E. Wood
P.A.	L. McCann	W. Harper
Flowers		Lorraine Rankin
Morning Tea	R. Angus	T & L Yates P & W Jones E & B Wood
Transport	(1) I. Henricus (3) A. Merritt	(2) C. Schaller

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SERVICES IN AGED CARE HOMES

Kalkee – Nangatta: Thursday: February 6th at 1.45 p.m.

Rev. Robert van Zetten

Kalkee Murray Hostel: Thursday February 6th at 3.15 p.m.

Rev. Robert van Zetten

LECTIONARY for 9th February, 2020

Isaiah 58: 1-9a (9b-12); Psalm 112: 1-9 (10)

1 Corinthians 2: 1-12 (13-16); Matthew 5: 13-20

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