

# UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



## BELMONT CONGREGATION

42 Thomson Street, Belmont Vic. 3216

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

**SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY 2020**

**WORSHIP LEADER: REV. IKANI VAITOHI**

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

### UNITING AGEWELL COSTA COURT OPEN DAY

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February  
2-4 pm.**

**Serviced 1 and 2 bedroom  
serviced apartments in lovely  
garden setting priced from  
\$260,000.**

Features include:

- all meals provided
- weekly cleaning of apartments
- easy access to care and support services
- on-site staff and emergency call system
- close to amenities

Come to the Open Day and afternoon tea to experience the serviced apartments for yourself. For more information, call Vanessa on 5243 9566

### The Annual WORLD DAY OF PRAYER service

**FRIDAY, 6th MARCH at 11 am**  
**Wesley Uniting Church**  
100 Yarra Street, Geelong.

This is an ecumenical service, conducted world-wide, and was prepared by Christians in ZIMBABWE. Everyone is welcome, and there will be light refreshments after the service.

**SERVICE CDs:** Each Sunday the 10.00 a.m. service is recorded and CDs are available for borrowing – so, if you missed a service or would like to hear one over again, please see Neville Funston, or just help yourself to a CD from the bench in the foyer of the church.

**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.

**THE BIBLE SHARING GROUP** meets every **Tuesday 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).

**DATES FOR YOUR NEW YEAR DIARY**

Feb 24 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

**ADVANCE NOTICE FOR EVENING FELLOWSHIP**

March 25 7.30pm Service led by Lorraine Leitch  
April 9 Evening Maundy Service - time TBA  
April 22 7.30pm - Open Meeting - Ian Henricus - Cycling in  
France.  
May 27 7.30pm - Open Meeting - Glen Coomber – Calligraphy

## **LIBRARY**

Have you read a good book from the church library or one that you did NOT enjoy? If you have then feel free to write a review of that book for "The Star". Either hand it to me (Pam Jones) or send it to Glen Coomber (glengeel@yahoo.com.au) .

If you would prefer to make just one comment about one of the books, positive or negative, please send it to the news sheet organiser for that particular month. (Refer to the back of the news sheet for details.)

**HAPPY READING!**

## **AFTERNOON COMMUNION SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

**1.30 pm.**

LEADER: Rev. ikani Vaitohi

Minister's Stewards T.B.A.

Hostesses: J. Cocking, G. Chapman.

**All welcome**

## **THANKSGIVING SERVICE – QUILTS**

In preparation for the Thanksgiving Service in May, your help would be appreciated in assembling the fabric quilts for distribution to the UnitingCare agencies.

Packs of material squares are available on the table in the Morning Tea Room. Simple instructions are included – anyone who can sew a straight line will be able to assemble one.

Please take a set or two and return them to Norma Phillips or leave the completed panel in the storeroom as soon as you are able.

Happy sewing!!

**THE CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD AFTER THE 10 AM SERVICE ON SUNDAY MARCH 1ST.**

You are encouraged to be at this important meeting of the congregation and to bring with you the printed copy of the reports ,which will be available on Sunday, February 23rd. If there are urgent matters, which you may wish to bring before the meeting please discuss these with Raye Pearson, or Alex. Page by the end of February at the latest. Please remember that this meeting will elect a new chairperson to represent the congregation and that nominations need to be prepared during February. Nominations by a mover and seconder will also require the consent of the nominee. Please let Raye Pearson, our secretary, know about such nominations before the end of February. Further nominations can be made at the meeting on March 1st.

**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.



## PRAYER POINTS

Forgiving God, we count on Your unfailing strength and love to help us overcome the stumbling blocks in our faith journey. Uphold us when we falter and pick us up when we fall.

Dear God, help us not to look back at past failures but be people of hope and optimism. May we keep our eyes on Jesus and walk the path that He desires for each of us as Christians.

Loving God, we ask a blessing upon the new members who have recently joined our church family. We pray that they will feel part of our community and we look forward to their contribution throughout the years ahead.

### **Belmont Congregation Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2020**

**Rev. Ikani Vaitohi**

<b>Duty</b>	<b>10 .00 a.m. HC</b>
Stewards	G. Coomber (M & HC), R. Pearson (L) C & L Rankin, J. Hill, G. Chapman R & J Ferguson, B. Dickie
Readers	L. Jackson, L. Yates
Porch Stewards	W. Harper (P & HC) T. Yates, N. Lyons, L. Waitohi
Host/ess	W & F Harper
P.A.	W. Jones
Flowers	Ros Buckwell
Morning Tea	L. Main, L. Moss, L. Jackson M. Viatohi, G. Chapman, J. Cocking
Transport	(1) B. Couper (2) B & P Jones (3) B. Johns

**BELMONT UNITING CHURCH MINISTRY TEAM**

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**SERVICES IN AGED CARE HOMES**

**Kalkee – Nangatta:** Thursday: February 27th at 1.45 p.m.  
Rev. Robert van Zetten

**Kalkee Murray Hostel:** Thursday February 27<sup>th</sup> at 3.15 p.m.  
Rev. Robert van Zetten

**LECTIONARY for 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2020**

Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7 Psalm 32

Romans 5: 12-19 Matthew 4: 1-11

**CONTRIBUTIONS for the NEWS SHEET**

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at the top of the church steps next to the meter box on the right

**before 12 noon on Wednesdays.**