

# UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



## BELMONT CONGREGATION

42 Thomson Street, Belmont Vic. 3216

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**SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2020**

**WORSHIP LEADER: REV. IKANI VAITOHI**

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

**Our HARVEST**  
**THANKSGIVING SERVICE,**  
**supporting UNITING**  
**BARWON at Grovedale will**  
**be held on**  
**SUNDAY 23rd FEBRUARY AT**  
**10 AM.**  
**(There will be no 8.30**  
**service that day.)**

Suggestions for nonperishable food items include: long life milk, tea, coffee, breakfast cereals, tinned fruit, tinned vegies, 1 kg pkts of sugar or flour, and assorted toiletries. Fresh produce from your garden is also welcomed. These items will be available for purchase during morning tea on that day, with proceeds converted into Food Vouchers.

The church will be open on Saturday 22nd February from 9 to 10 am to receive any goods, or you may prefer to bring them with you to church on the day of the service. The Mission & Outreach Committee appreciate your support!

### ***THANKS***

Myrtle Barnes and family want to specially thank Ikani, the ladies of the Catering Committee and the Church family for the many cards, messages, flowers and concern given while Gernie was in hospital and on his passing. The Thanksgiving service was a fine tribute to Gernie's life in the Church. Many thanks to you all.

Myrtle.

**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.

**DATES FOR YOUR NEW YEAR DIARY**

Feb 11 at 7.30 p.m. Church Council Meeting  
16 at 8.30 a.m. H.C. Service  
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 – Calligrap

## Welcoming New Members

We are always delighted and give thanks to God for those who wishes to join us as members of the Belmont Uniting Church. During our combined Harvest Festival Thanksgiving Service on Sunday the 23rd of February, we will officially welcome our most recent members. We wish to extend an invitation to the family and friends of our newest members to join us on this very special occasion. After the service, everyone is welcome to join in fellowship over a special morning tea hosted by our Fellowship Committee.



### BUSHFIRE APPEAL.

**Last Sunday cash donations placed in the red bucket for the Uniting Church bushfire appeal totalled \$500.** Thank you for such an amazing effort! In addition, an unknown amount has also been donated directly through debit cards. **TODAY is the last opportunity** to give cash donations during morning tea. The red bucket is located just inside the entrance to the hall. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

Jean Murray (on behalf of the Mission & Outreach Committee)

## **HALL OF FAME CANDIDATES**

***We are updating our Hall of Fame candidates list. If you know of any Church member who is turning 90 this year, or in the next 2-3 years, would you please see, or contact Sue Jennings, Convener of the Fellowship Committee.***

## **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

## **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!!



## **CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS**

The Uniting Churches of the Uniting Barwon Local Engagement Group (LEG) are joining forces with Uniting to host a **BIG Pancake Day Event** in the center of Geelong City. This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase our UCA presence across our wonderful city and support local community needs.

Proceeds earmarked for Uniting Housing and Homelessness Support Services in Geelong.

**Date: Saturday February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10.00 am – 1.00pm**

### **What we need:**

**Set-up** – Pack Up: 9.00 to set up stall/kitchen From 1:00 to pack up

**Cooks** – to prepare and flip pancakes.

**Runners** – to replenish supplies to the stall

**Admin** – to do the paper-work and monitor the finances

**Servers** – to dish-up pancakes

**Hosts** – to be a friendly presence on the day, to share info about local congregations (and to distribute any hand-outs your congregation would like to share).

**Coordinators** – to coordinate volunteers, and oversee operations at the Central City stall site, and the kitchen.

**LET'S GIVE GEELONG A BIG DELICIOUS TASTE OF OUR UCA HOSPITALITY – AND THE CHANCE TO HELP OUT THE VULNERABLE IN OUR COMMUNITY.**

**CONTACT LISA STEWART – [Lisa.Stewart@vt.uniting.org](mailto:Lisa.Stewart@vt.uniting.org) TO RESGISTER**  
or check with Raye Pearson or Ikani for more details.

**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 and we will set aside a book for you.



## PRAYER POINTS

Dear Lord, throughout 2020, help us to make You our primary focus. Give us the grace, strength and faith to maintain this focus as we face changes and challenges during this year.

Loving God, we realise there are many problems in society today and many people have turned away from You. Help us to be salt and light to people we meet today and in the days ahead.

### **Belmont Congregation Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2020**

**Rev. Ikani Vaitohi**

<b>Duty</b>	<b>8.30 a.m. HC</b>	<b>10.00 a.m.</b>
Stewards	C. Schaller (M & HC) Prep: L & H McCann	A. Page (M)
Readers	R. Leitch H. McCann	B & S Jennings
Porch Stewards	C. Nolte (P & HC) R. Angus	B. Couper (P), J. Ferguson K. Cameron, N. Funston
Host/ess		C. Rankin, D. Ives
P.A.	L. McCann	R. Bunting
Flowers		Lorraine Rankin
Morning Tea	C. Schaller	R. Pearson, M. Moore A & R Bunting A & M Ingles
Transport	(1) I. Henricus (3) A. Merritt	(2) C. Schaller

## BELMONT UNITING CHURCH MINISTRY TEAM

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## SERVICES IN AGED CARE HOMES

**Kalkee – Nangatta:** Thursday: February 13th at 1.45 p.m.

Rev. Robert van Zetten

**Kalkee Murray Hostel:** Thursday February 13<sup>th</sup> at 3.15 p.m.

Rev. Robert van Zetten

## LECTIONARY for 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2020

Deuteronomy 30: 15-20      Psalm 119: 1-8

1 Corinthians 3: 1-9      Matthew 5: 21-37

## CONTRIBUTIONS for the NEWS SHEET

Please include author's name & phone number, number of repeats required and phone **Norma Phillips** 5243 7448, or email

[norphil@hotmail.com](mailto:norphil@hotmail.com) or place in the Church Letterbox

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

**before 12 noon on Wednesdays.**