

UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



BELMONT CONGREGATION

42 Thomson Street, Belmont Vic. 3216

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SUNDAY 16th FEBRUARY 2020

WORSHIP LEADER: REV. IKANI VAITOHI

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

NEXT SUNDAY
23rd FEBRUARY AT 10 AM.

Our HARVEST
THANKSGIVING SERVICE,
supporting UNITING
BARWON at Grovedale
(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!

The Annual WORLD DAY OF PRAYER service will be held on **FRIDAY, 6th MARCH**, at 11 am at 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.

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).

CRAFT FELLOWSHIP will meet on Tuesday February 18th 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

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 – Calligraph

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.



Please note: There will be no 8.30 Service on Sunday February 23rd

BUSHFIRE APPEAL.

BUSHFIRE APPEAL - **Thank you** to everyone who donated to the Uniting Church Bushfire Appeal via our red bucket over the last two Sundays. A wonderful amount of \$1,020 was received. What a great result! These donations will be allocated for immediate needs as well as on-going needs in the bushfire areas.

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.

St. Luke's Uniting Church

GARAGE



Saturday 22nd February
8am—12noon

Furniture, Collectibles, Antiques,
Cakes, Tools, Books, Devonshire Tea,
Sausage Sizzle, Plants

Sites Available Contact: Ian 5243 4832

Cnr Barrabool & Scenic Roads, Highton

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.

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!

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 22nd from 10.00 am – 1.00pm

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 TO RESGISTER
or check with Raye Pearson or Ikani for more details.

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

Dear Lord, forgive us for the times we have let You down and offended others by the way we have spoken or acted. Pour out Your grace and truth; let us live with greater hope and purpose as we allow Your Holy Spirit to guide us each day.

Loving God, we pray for the Uniting Church, the President, the Moderator and all who provide leadership; guide them with Your Holy Spirit in all their decision making. May they seek to serve You faithfully throughout the year..

Dear Heavenly Father, we pray for Uniting and it's welfare agencies which reach out to help people who lack the basic necessities of life. Bless all those who volunteer their time by supporting the work of these agencies caring for people who are struggling to cope.

Belmont Congregation Sunday 23rd February, 2020

Rev. Ikani Vaitohi

Duty	10 .00 a.m.
Stewards	R/ Buckwell, (M), G. Allen (I)
Readers	W. Harper, R. Pearson
Porch Stewards	J. Jeffers (P), R. Jeffers I. Henricus, J. Stewart
Host/ess	C. Schaller, J. Ferguson
G. Schneider	R. Bunting
Flowers	Jill Sinclair
Morning Tea	T & L Yates P & B Jones W & B Wood
Transport	(1) I. Henricus (2) C. Schaller (3) A. Merritt

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SERVICES IN AGED CARE HOMES

Kalkee – Nangatta: Thursday: February 20th at 1.45 p.m.
Rev. Tupe Ioelu

Kalkee Murray Hostel: Thursday February 20th at 3.15 p.m.
Rev. Tupe Ioelu

LECTIONARY for 23rd February, 2020

Exodus 24: 12-18 Psalm 2 Or 99

2 Peter 1: 16-21 Matthew 17: 1-0

CONTRIBUTIONS for the NEWS SHEET

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