

# UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA



## BELMONT CONGREGATION

42 Thomson Street, Belmont Vic. 3216

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

**SUNDAY 8th March 2020**

**WORSHIP LEADER: Mr John Russell**

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

### **CRAZY WHIST and GAMES EVENING**

at

**Belmont Uniting  
Church Hall**

**Friday 20<sup>TH</sup> March, at**

**7.30pm**

Donation \$5 per person

Please bring a small  
plate of food for supper  
Come along & enjoy this  
night of fun & fellowship  
Proceeds to assist with  
our special morning teas

**PRIZES GALORE**

**TODAY, 8<sup>th</sup> March, is  
International Women's Day**

### **CHURCH "SPRING" CLEAN**

A late spring clean is planned to  
clean the Church and hall on  
**Monday March 16 starting at  
9.00am.**

It is planned to complete the job  
on the same day.

Your help would be appreciated  
to achieve this.

If you are able to help, even for  
an hour or so, we would be  
grateful.

**If you have a cleaning kit,  
bucket, rags, window cleaner,  
etc. please bring it (not  
essential).**

For additional info contact a  
property committee rep.

Les McCann, Cliff Rankin, Vern  
Matthewson, Max Richards,  
Richard Buckwell, Ray Bunting

**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.

**CRAFT FELLOWSHIP:** Meets on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March** at 10 a.m. in the Meeting room. Bring your own craft if you wish or just enjoy Morning Tea and the friendly company. All welcome

## **WORSHIP ROSTER**

Planning has begun for the period April to July inclusive. Please advise Neville of any dates that you will be unaviable to serve. Also, Neville is looking for more people to volunteer to help in this capacity. Please speak to him for more information.

All information needs to be with him by next **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March** and it is hoped to have the new rosters in the pigeon-holes by the following Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## **A HARVEST THANK YOU!**

Our very successful Harvest Thanksgiving Service, held last Sunday, was the result of great teamwork! Thank you for the wonderful array of non-perishable food, the lovely fresh garden produce and the monetary donations given for distribution at Uniting Barwon (Grovedale). Your response was most generous! In addition to the food items for Uniting, we converted the \$150 cash into Food Vouchers. The Harvest Thanksgiving Service, conducted by Rev Ikani, the choir anthem, the welcoming of new members, and the scrumptious morning tea/lunch culminated in an inspiring time of worship, thanksgiving and fellowship. Thank you, too, to all those who assisted with displaying the food, packing it up after the service and delivering it to Uniting Barwon. The members of the Mission and Outreach Committee say, **“Well done, and thank you all so much!”**

Non perishable food delivered to Uniting Barwon last Monday weighed 191 kgs!!!

## **THANK YOU**

I would like to thank all the ladies who sewed the quilt tops. They were all done and returned so promptly it was amazing. Your assistance in this Thanksgiving project is greatly appreciated and we can look forward to another lovely display at that service before they are given to those in need of some winter warmth. Many thanks. Norma Phillips

## **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



UnitingWorld Lenten appeal is focused on Indonesia. Last year the Lent Event raise \$400 000 for the poor in Timore Leste.

If you wish to support this Lenten appeal there are envelopes available in the hall. The project aims to bring Christians and Muslims together to build peace and beat poverty in Indonesia.

UnitingWorld is an agency of the Uniting Church.

### **CAN'T SEE THE WORDS ON THE SCREEN?**

There is help. Here is what you can do.

A small number of large print *'Together in Song' Hymn Books* are available stacked above the pigeonholes, or ask a steward on duty.

“This is your great-grandma and great grandpa,” I told my grandson as I handed him a photo of my parents. “Do you think I look like them?”

He shook his head. “Not yet.”



## PRAYER POINTS

Loving God, we pray for the children who are attending our Sunday School; may they be eager to learn about You and enjoy interacting with the teachers and the activities they prepare each week. Bless the children, their parents and Sunday School teachers.

Dear Lord, grant us the faith that we may cheerfully and confidently place our trust in You and follow Your guidance as we cope with life's problems and pleasures.

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank You for the Scriptures and for sending Your Son, Jesus Christ, to share the message of hope and eternal life. May we follow Him, honour Him and love Him this day and throughout our lives.

### Belmont Congregation Sunday 15th March, 2020

#### Rev Ikani Vaitohi

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Duty	8.30 a.m. HC	10.00a.m.
Stewards	C Nolte (M & HC) Prep. E & M Richards	G Allen (M)
Readers	E Richards, B Wood	L Moss, C Rankin
Porch Stewards	E Wood (P & HC) M Richards	A Page (P) R Buckwell B Vaitohi M Grahame
Host/ess	\	E Wood R Buckwell
P.A.	M Richards	B Jennings
Flowers	Jill Jeffers	
Morning Tea	C Schaller	H & V Matthewson I & G Coomber D & J Stephens
Transport	(1) B Couper      (2) P & B Jones (3) B Johns	

## **BELMONT UNITING CHURCH MINISTRY TEAM**

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## **SERVICES IN AGED CARE HOMES**

**Kalkee – Nangatta:** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 1.45 p.m.

Rev. Robert van Zetten

**Kalkee Murray Hostel:** Thursday 12th March at 3.15 p.m.

Rev. Robert van Zetten

## **LECTIONARY for 15th March, 2020**

Ex 17: 1 – 7,

Ps 95

Rom 5: 1 – 11,

Jn 4: 5 - 42

## **CONTRIBUTIONS for the NEWS SHEET**

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