



BELMONT UNITING CHURCH

9th May Weekly Newsletter 2021

2021 - THE YEAR OF HOPE



With Sympathy Notices



Our love and prayers continue to be with the Vaitohi family as they begin moving forward into the future without Ikani's father Fehoko



It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Claire Jones on May 3. Claire is the much loved and loving daughter of Ann and Phillip (dec) Jones, sister to Karin, devoted aunt to Robert and Samuel and sister-in-law to Nigel



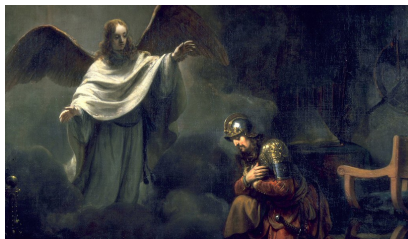
A Memorial Service to celebrate the Life of Ms Claire Alison Jones will be held here at Belmont Uniting Church on TUESDAY (11th May) at 1.30pm. A private cremation will precede this service.

Live streaming is available, please refer to Tuckers website



Simon & Cornelius

Cornelius was a centurion in the Cohors II Italica Civium Romanorum, mentioned as Cohors Italica in the Vulgate. He was stationed in Caesarea, the capital of Roman Iudaea province. He is depicted in the New Testament as a God-fearing man who always prayed and was full of good works and deeds of alms. Cornelius receives a vision in which an angel of God tells him that his prayers have been heard; he understands that he has been chosen for a higher alternative. The angel then instructs Cornelius to send the men of his household to Joppa, where they will find Simon Peter, who is residing with a tanner by the name of Simon.



When Cornelius' men arrive, Simon Peter understands that through this vision the Lord commanded the Apostle to preach the Word of God to the Gentiles. Peter accompanies Cornelius' men back to Caesarea. When Cornelius meets Simon Peter, he falls at Peter's feet. Simon Peter raises the centurion and the two men share their visions. Simon Peter tells of Jesus' ministry and the Resurrection; the Holy Spirit descends on everyone at the gathering. The Jews among the group (presumably they were all Jews if Cornelius was the first gentile convert). After they entered into Caesarea Cornelius waiting for them, had called together his kinsmen and near friends. They are amazed that Cornelius and other Jews should begin speaking in tongues, praising God. Thereupon Simon Peter commands that Cornelius and his followers be baptised. The controversial aspect of Gentile conversion is taken up later at the Council of Jerusalem.



Belmont Uniting Church May Roster 2021



Date	Time	Leader	Leader's Steward	Readers	Greeters & Ushers	PowerPoint	PA Operator	Organist
May 9	10.00am	Lorraine Leitch	J. Jeffers	L. Yates	L. Jackson A. Merritt	R. Ferguson	B. Jones	L. Rankin

Date	Communion	Flowers
May 9	N/A	B. Coomber

Date	Time	Leader	Leader's Steward	Readers	Greeters & Ushers	PowerPoint	PA Operator	Organist
May 16	10.00am	Rev. Kenneth Ralph	S. Jennings	L. Moss	J. Stephens D. Stephens	R. Ferguson	TBA	L. Rankin

Date	Communion	Flowers
May 16	N/A	B. Coomber

Date	Time	Leader	Leader's Steward	Readers	Greeters & Ushers	PowerPoint	PA Operator	Organist
May 23	10.00am	Rev. Ikani	Ros Buckwell	D. Zucarro	B. Couper R. Bunting	R. Ferguson	B. Vaitohi	C. Collins

Date	Communion	Flowers
May 23	N/A	B. Coomber

If for any reason you are unable to attend your rostered duty, please endeavour to swap with anyone & contact the worship leader and the Newsletter Editor too.



PLEASE NOTE

**There will be Morning Tea from our kitchen after the service this Sunday
May 9th**

Social distancing still applies at our church service.
Face Masks are still required to be worn during hymn singing.

Morning Tea Roster

May 9th

Sue & Bill Jennings, Muriel Bullock

May 16th

Aileen & Ray Bunting, Elizabeth Wood

May 23rd

Lorraine & Cliff Rankin, Alwynne Merritt

May 30th

Glen Coomber, Raye Pearson, Liz Moss

Prayer Points For the Week

Loving God, we are so thankful for mothers, grand mothers and great grand mothers for their Christian witness, love, care and guidance down through the years. They have blessed us so much, playing a significant part in family life and the life of the church.

Dear Lord, let forgiveness rule our hearts, even when forgiveness is difficult. May we be Your obedient servants and be Christians who are ready to forgive others just as You have forgiven us.

Dear Heavenly Father, we pray for Frontier Services and in particular Patrol Padres who often serve in isolated communities throughout Australia. Bless them and keep them safe as they often travel great distances and they serve You in quite difficult conditions.

Peter Woods



Belmont Uniting Evening Fellowship

Blume's Fashion Show

Wednesday 12th May @10:00am \$7

Glen Coomber - Guest Speaker

7:30pm Wednesday May 26th

"Calligraphy & Candles" (All Welcome)

Glen will explain Calligraphy and the amazing art work he does on our Church candles.

Lectionary Readings

May 9 - Easter 6

Acts 10: 44 - 48

Psalms 98

1 Jn 5: 1 - 6

Jn 15: 9 - 17

April 2021

May 13 - Ascension Day

Acts 1: 1 - 11

Psalms 47 or 93

Eph 1: 15 - 23

Lk 24: 44 - 53

May 16 - Easter 7

Acts 1: 15 - 17, 21 - 26

Psalms 1

1 Jn 5: 9 - 13

Jn 17: 6 - 19

May 23 - Pentecost

Acts 2: 1 - 21 or Ezek 37: 1 - 14

Psalms 104: 24 - 34, 35b

Rom 8: 22 - 27 or Acts 2: 1 - 21

Jn 15: 26 - 27, 16: 4b - 15

→ NOTICES ←

We sincerely thank Lorraine Leitch for leading our service today and announce the minister next week will be the Rev. Kenneth Ralph.

Evening Fellowship

To all BUEF members we need to have a very short meeting after church on this Sunday May 9th in the Meeting Room. I know it is Mother's Day but I need to get your OK on 2 matters.

Cheers, Julie x

Birthday

80th Congratulations to Peter Woods on May 13th who is enjoying a lovely family time this weekend.

Farewell

Next Sunday May 16th will be the last official Sunday Service for our hardworking Treasurer Jeannine Oman and her wonderful family. They've sold their home in Highton and are off on an adventure to live on a farm (with real cows!!!) at Yambuna halfway between Echuca and Kyabram. We will miss them all! More next week!

A Prayer for all Mothers

Thank you, Lord, that you fill a mother's heart with love,
That you have instilled in her very being the need to protect her children if at all possible,
Thank you for giving her the gift of nurturing her children, of teaching them, of comforting them, for feeding them and making a safe place for them.



For guiding them to be all that God has created them to be.
Fill every mother with love, wisdom and endurance,
with strength and patience and joy.
Give them ability to forgive again and again.
Enable her to rely on You and call upon You, because You will give her all she needs.
In Your precious and all powerful name, Amen

There are

Angels

God puts on this Earth

Who care for us and guide us.
You can feel their love and gentleness as they walk through life beside us.

They do great things for us every day they whisper in our ears, they even hold us in their hearts when we are filled with all our fears.

They are always there to give a hug and try to make us smile. They treat us with respect and love, they treat us like their child.

God blessed me with an Angel, I'm proud to call my own. She's been with me throughout my life, been with me as I've grown.

She's guided me the best she can, she's taught me like no other, and I'm thankful I'm the lucky one who get's to call her...

Mother

He has risen!



He has risen indeed!