# WELCOME BELMONT UNITING CHURCH

15th August Weekly Newsletter 2021



## Life Giving - John 6.51-58

This Sunday we will continue where we left off from last Sunday. It is the story in John 6 where Jesus links the bread he gives with his flesh and asserts that those who eat his flesh and drink his blood will have eternal life.

How can we talk about this in a way that people in our community will understand? Does it help to link this passage to John 1.1-14 with its focus on the Word becoming flesh and living among us? Perhaps Jesus is talking less about communion here and more about the meaning of the incarnation.

Imagine that on entering a church for the first time, you heard the words of Jesus being read out declaring that, 'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink.' Would there be any chance of your returning next Sunday? These words might have been a little easier to grasp for Jesus' audience on a hillside in Galilee, in an age and context so different from our own. His contemporaries were familiar with the idea of sacrifice and the spilling of blood, something that was as much about shared meals as about tradition and symbolism. But his invitation to 'eat my flesh' would have been a shock, even for them.



Within our own churches, our understanding of what happens when we celebrate Holy Communion or the Lord's Supper may be something that we take for granted, but it could seem as alarming to newcomers as Jesus' first invitation. It is, of course, meant as a way of expressing or allowing Jesus to be as close to us as food is, to achieve a complete 'oneness' with us. And the purpose of this 'all-consuming' relationship is for our benefit: to feed us with all that is essential to life. Just as Paul wrote to the Ephesians that they are not to be filled with wine but with the Holy Spirit, so Jesus wants us to rely not on physical food alone, but to receive the nourishment of his life, his word.

We can all appreciate that some foods are more appetising than others, and we each have our own preferences. Have you ever felt bored with food and wished for a more varied diet, something new and tasty?

The same will be true of our appetite for the Word, both in the way we worship together and in our private devotions. In Jesus' time the faith of the Jews relied heavily on tradition and perhaps had become dull and tasteless. He offered them something new, exotic and even risky. How is your appetite today? Is your spiritual diet balanced? Do you enjoy your meal of worship enough to invite others to the feast?



Latest on our Sunday Worship Services - more details on page 6 Sunday 15 August - 10.00am In-person worship - no morning tea Sunday 22 August - 10.00am in-person worship - w/morning tea (Sacrament of Baptism for Riley Gill)

Sunday 29 August - 10.00 am in-person worship - w/morning tea Sunday 5 September - 10.00am in -person worship and Sacrament of Holy Communion - w/morning tea

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## Worship At Home

#### Acknowledgement of Country

Today, as we gather together, we acknowledge the Wauthaurong Peoples, the first inhabitants of this place from time beyond remembering. We acknowledge that through this land, God nurtured and sustained the First Peoples of this country, the Aboriginal and Islander peoples.

Reading: Ephesians 5.15-20

#### Call to Worship

The Lord is loving and gracious, worthy of worship with all of our hearts, with all of our minds, with all of our strength. You are a great God, and worthy of our praise. Amen.

#### A prayer of Approach

Lord, it is your will that we should gather in your presence today. We come by invitation, to drink deeply of the fullness of your love, and the depth of your joy. Our hearts are bursting at the seams with the wonder of it all. We welcome you into our midst, dear Lord. Amen.

#### Sharing the Word

Paul gives us a general admonition of what it is to be wise. The application of all that we have read to this point in the letter to the Ephesians will lead to wisdom. What does wisdom look like in our society today? How do we honour it in our everyday lives?

People use various means to distract themselves from difficult, painful emotions and from boredom. What distractions are you particularly susceptible to? Paul's words to the Ephesians suggest that we can know Jesus through understanding the will of God and being filled with the Holy Spirit. What does that mean in practice – for us as individuals, and for our church community? How can we understand better the will of God? How can we be filled with the Spirit?

Paul gives more than one encouragement to sing praise to God. In our hymns and songs, we give honour and thanks to God. Different songs are helpful to different people. Many songs have stories attached to them. How can the emotion that music engenders help us to offer God praise? Given that we all respond differently, how can we resist the negativity that is sometimes evident among those who prefer one sort of hymnody over another? The passage instructs us to give thanks 'at all times'. Yet, we all know that there are times in life when it is very difficult to give thanks for what is happening, whether to individuals we know, or in the world in general. To be one in Jesus Christ is a call for radical sharing. How do we use our resources wisely for others? Those resources include our money and other physical resources, but also our time, energy and gifts. Is this a moment in the life of the Church to begin to shift focus to a particular ethos or goal?

#### **Prayers of Intercession**

We pray for people who struggle with their lives; for those for whom the chips are down and everything feels like an uphill struggle. We pray for all whose lives have been affected by tragedy. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. We pray for lawmakers and peacekeepers, as they seek to make the world a better place; for police, as they deal with challenging situations... We pray for the work of hospices, as they seek to bring a good end to life; for staff in care and nursing homes, who have the responsibility of looking after people who are no longer able to care for themselves... We pray for parents nurturing children; for teachers; and for the church's role in the nurture of the physically young and the spiritually young... We pray for people living with addictions; for organisations that seek to help them in their search for wholeness, and to bring normality back to their lives... We pray for ourselves, that we will make the most of our God-given time, and that we will live well and be thankful... In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

#### **Blessing**

God of all joy, we go out into your world with our hearts beating to the tune of your music. Help us to find new songs in all we do, and to share our joy in you with everyone around us. Praise be to you, most blessed Lord. Amen.

Date	Time	Leader	Leader's Steward	Readers	Greeters & Ushers	PowerPoint	PA Operator	<u>Organist</u>		
<u>Aug 15</u>	10.00am	Rev. Ikani	J. Ferguson R.	<u>&amp; J. Ferguso</u>	n C. Schaller	R. Ferguson	R. Bunting	L. Rankin		
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<u>Aug 22</u>	10.00am	Rev. Ikani	L. Jackson	R. Pearson	R. Jeffers	R. Ferguson	B. Jennings	L. Rankin		
	J. Jeffers									
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<u>Aug 22</u>	N/A		R. Buckwell	Nola & Peter Woods						
					Liz Moss					
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<u>Aug 29</u>	10.00am Rev. Ikani		G. Allen	G. Coombe	er A. Merritt	R. Ferguson	D. Zucarro	L. Rankin		
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<u>Aug 29</u>	N/A R. Buckwell			Fay & Wal Harper						
				Katrina Haas						

<u>If for any reason you are unable to attend your rostered duty, please endeavour to swap with anyone & contact the worship</u>

leader and the Newsletter Editor too.

## Prayer Points For the Week

Loving God, help us to be wholehearted in our devotion to You, loving You fully and accepting Your unconditional love. Teach us to be loyal, to remain close to You and to be eager to do Your will.

Dear Lord Jesus, we know that we are like sheep in many ways, easily frightened, a follower, vulnerable, with a tendency to wander away from what is good. Thank You for being the good Shepherd who protects and cares for His sheep. May we always stay close to You, listening for Your voice, seeking Your guidance each day.

Dear Heavenly Father, we pray for people who are faced with being locked down for an extended period of time and in particular children who are unable to attend school and miss being with their friends. Our thoughts are with people running small businesses who have been faced with constant closures and disruptions.

\*Peter Woods\*\*

#### **Lectionary Readings**

Aug 15 - Pentecost 12	Aug 22 - Pentecost 13	Aug 29 - Pentecost 14	Sept 5 - Pentecost 15
1 Kgs 2: 10 - 12, 3: 31 - 33	1 Kgs 8: 22 - 30, 41 - 43	Song 2: 8 - 13	Prv 22 8: 1 - 2, 8 - 9, 22 - 23
Psalm 111	Psalm 84	Psalm 45: 1 - 2, 6 - 9	Psalm 125
Eph 5: 15 - 20	Eph 6: 10 - 20	Jas 1: 17 - 27	Jas 2: 1 - 10, 11 - 17
John 6: 51 - 58	John 6: 56 - 69	Mark 7: 1 - 8, 14 - 15, 21 - 23	Mark 7: 24 - 37

#### **Prayers For Others**

God of mercy and love let us serve you in our world, we pray for desert people, who live in a dry, parched land who lack water who travel constantly so that they might live. Give them living water. Let the deserts bloom into flower.

We pray that those who work on climate change may find solutions so that the erosion

of soil may be halted or reversed.

We pray that water and other vital supplies might not be used as a weapon of war in countries where resources are scarce.

Loving Lord let us not stand aside and tolerate lack of basic human resources, dehumanising practices, or the use of violence to disempower your people. Give us strength to act and challenge hatred, and instead bring your justice and mercy. In your name we humbly ask that we may be a channel for your peace and love. Amen. May we daily be mindful not only of others' needs but those of ourselves, taking time to be still, rest from our busyness, and in your embrace breathe in your peace God of wholeness, we pray.



#### SCONES, JAM & CREAM/SAVOURY OR PLAIN

#### Please be advised that the date now for the Scone Morning Tea is Sunday 22nd August

The Social Justice Group is providing the morning tea as a fundraiser for the ALOLA Foundation.

This East Timor charity supports women and children in many aspects including assistance for victims of domestic violence, health and education. \$75 will provide a scholarship for a girl to stay in school and gain a qualification to prepare her for work.



We are asking, if you feel able, for a donation to go toward providing some \$75 scholarships. East Timor has a population of 1.3 million. Covid19 numbers are high but probably underreported. The Australian Government is providing some vaccine assistance.

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#### **BELMONT UNITING EVENING FELLOWSHIP**

Wed August 25 at 1.30pm - Please note time

Raye Pearson will come and tell us about her many travels on this afternoon. Everyone is invited!! There will hopefully be a cuppa too. Please keep checking the Newsletter in case of any changes due to Covid







#### **Faith Sharing**

Now that in-person Church is resuming this Sunday, Faith Sharing will resume at 10am next Tuesday 17 August.

As a general rule for the rest of this Covid year, if in-person Church is permitted on any Sunday, then Faith Sharing will happen the following Tuesday.



## **BUC FACEBOOK PAGE**

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#### Riley Kevin Gill's Baptism - Sunday 22nd

It was in early February that Riley's parents Suzie and Stewart were discussing Riley's baptism with Rev Ikani. Due to Riley having now outgrown his baptismal clothes, now the new ones that were sourced, are ready for Sunday 22nd, the waiting is almost over for Riley. Thankfully, big sister Bridie is keeping him focussed and motivated as they eagerly await Riley's turn to be baptised and welcomed as a member of the family of God. Thank you Riley for your patience!









#### Pastoral Reflection - Tribute to Stuart Maxwell Eastwood

When someone gets hit by something, you'll often hear people say, "That's going to leave a mark!" Although my rugby days have truly and wholly receded to mere relics of a distant memory, rugby has undoubtedly left its mark on my battered and bruised body.

We often hear about people who want to leave a mark on this old world of ours, to be remembered for something they did, something they gave, something they accomplished.

Some people make a difference with their gift for writing, speaking, and singing.

We hear of famous and well-known people like Mandela, Gandhi, or Mother Teresa for the legacy they have left behind, which have made an indelible mark on the lives of millions worldwide.

And this morning, we have heard of Max's life and influence, that perhaps, maybe not as famous and well known as Mandela or Mother Teresa, but someone, nonetheless, has left an indelible mark on the memories and hearts of us here this morning. So although we may not see Max in the same league as Gandhi and Mandela, all of them share something in common. That is, each of them had harnessed the unique gift that God has given them, and in doing so, they became blessings to those around them and the world



Max had an eye for a good photo. The Geelong Football Club will testify to that, and the family have just shared that with us. People in Geelong would still recall with fondness the unassuming, quiet, pleasant, yet with a beaming smile of a man behind the camera.

Max's creativity had no bounds. He took time to make sure that a perfect photo is achieved each time, even if the pursuit of that perfect snap could only come from a flying aeroplane hanging from a harness; Max was there to bring beauty to life, to capture the special moment in one perfect snap. To retain and preserve the story of a thousand words in a mere single snap.

Friends, believe it or not, like Max, like Gandhi and the Mandelas of the world, each one of us here has a unique gifting in life. It may not be the gift of photography or being a famous leader, but each one of us has been blessed with a gift. We journey in life in search of those gifts. When we have found and can exercise those gifts, we often experience an extra spring in our step because we are finally made aware that our life has meaning and purpose.

But there is a catch. Our journey in life will ultimately come to an end, like today. The writer of Ecclesiastes was keenly aware of the fact of life that there is a time for everything. The rhythm of life contains seasons that bring both joy and pain, for there is a time to be born and a time to die, weep and a time to laugh, mourn, and dance. So, where do you see yourself in your season of life?

Recognising the everchanging nature of this life, Jesus was keenly aware of the burdens his followers were carrying. So, in their time of uncertainty, Jesus offered them and us this invitation. He says, 28 "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Jesus is saying that when we have a heavy load; when we are battling through the seasons of our life; when Max has now left his mark on each of your hearts when the going in life gets tough like today; it is much easier to lean on Jesus- and allow him to carry the heaviest part of your loss. To offer you his comfort and assurance, that he has got your back, that he has got you covered. In the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### From Jenny Fox:

He was a loyal, spiritual and community-minded man. He and Auntie Marie seemed so perfectly suited to each other. Their shared passion for travel allowed them to see some wondrous sights. Uncle Max's love of dogs was boundless. As a young niece, I remember him tickling me at Christmas and other family gatherings. His passion for the footy and cricket was a constant and he was interested in his beloved Cats till the very end.

Uncle Max lived a simple and humble life and was very connected to Rotary and his Church.

#### Sarah - Geelong Football Club

About 10 years ago, I had the pleasure of meeting Max at Kardinia Park. We discussed at length his involvement with the club. So many of our award winners and players, in general, were photographed by him. He always produced high-quality images. Like many others, I recall him visiting Geelong region schools to arrange class and individual photos.

He was popular with so many groups and individuals. Best wishes, Col Hutchinson

#### **NOTICES continued......**





# There will be an in-person worship service this Sunday August 15th @ 10:00am (no morning tea)

The News Team are excited, are you?

#### William Simpson – a benefactor from Belmont

We are thankful to this forward thinking man whose estate is still helping churches in this Presbytery 128 years later. This is from where our new grant came. Thank you to Alwyne Merritt for the story.

The Simpson Bequest now called the Simpson Fund, which is administered by the Presbytery of Port Phillip West (PPPW), began as a legacy from William Simpson who left money in his estate to Anglican, Methodist and Presbyterian outreach and welfare organizations.

Little is known of William's early background. His death certificate on 31 January 1893 named his place of birth as County Tyrone, Northern Ireland but there is no clue of family, his arrival or time in Australia. He was 65 when he died at his home in Colac Road (now High St) Belmont south of Mt Pleasant Road.

It is suggested he sailed from Liverpool and may have left Ireland several years earlier due to harsh economic conditions brought about by the potato famine.

From 1860 to early 1877 William was the teacher at Moorabool National School which became State School No 393. This is recorded in 'Vision and Realisation' (V and R) the Centenary History (1873 to 1973) of Government Education in Victoria. He was also the postmaster for the area and possibly the government registrar as well as this required a literate person. Moorabool School was known as the Viaduct School and many of those in the area would have been associated with the construction and use of the Geelong to Ballarat railway line.

On 13th January 1877 William advertised his eight-room house plus kitchen, staff quarters and other outbuildings for sale. This had been used for school and post office as well as personal quarters and that due to numbers at the school reaching 120 some of his private accommodation was needed too . He had purchased this building earlier from Williams and Little of the Geelong and Ballarat Railway Company and may have done so to enable the school to continue.



The Moorabool / Viaduct National School; adult in centre of back row possibly William Simpson

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Education Department closed the Moorabool school in February 1877 and Batesford opened in March 1877. William was transferred to Morrisons (Diggings) School 194. Newspaper reports indicate he was also the Church of England reader for the area and able to conduct burials. On 9 August 1887 the Geelong Advertiser recorded that he transferred to Smythesdale where he had three assistant teachers. One Ballarat newspaper report states that as he was a bachelor he was able to make part of his home available for extra classes.

The Geelong Advertiser of 22 March 1889 stated 'We understand that Mr W. Simpson, so long known as the Viaduct schoolmaster, where he taught from upwards of 17 years, and subsequently at Morrisons, Ballarat and Sandhurst (Bendigo), has now retired on the pension. He has elected to spend the balance of his days in and about Geelong near which he resided subsequent to his arrival in the colony.

William was a member of Christ Church Geelong but six years after his death was named as the first canvasser of funds to build a Church of England in Belmont which was to commence as soon as adequate finance had been raised.

The Rev. G.N. McDonnell of Christ Church conducted William's funeral on 1st February 1893. William was buried in the C of E section of the Geelong Eastern Cemetery

On 3rd March 1893 the Geelong Advertiser published details of William Simpson's will, which included: Real property £175 and personal estate £7065.16.0. Estate valued at £7240.16.0. £100 Children's Hospital, Melbourne.

£200 Home of Hope for Destitute Children, Melbourne.

£200 Livingstone Home for Destitute Children, Cheltenham (a Wesley Mission outreach) After expenses were paid the remainder of William's estate was divided equally between

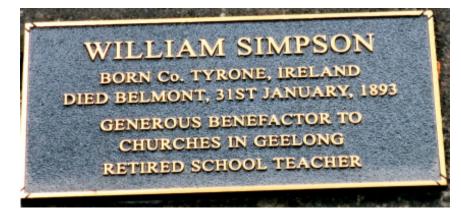
- The Bishop of Melbourne's Fund,
- The Presbytery of Geelong in connection with the Presbyterian Church of Victoria for Home Mission work within the bounds of the said Presbytery,
- The Home Missionary Society of the Wesleyan Methodist Church within the Geelong district. The initial bequests to both Methodist and Presbyterian funds were invested and the capital added to by other bequests, donations and sale of gifted land. In 1978 after the inauguration of the Uniting Church of Australia the consolidation of the Simpson Bequest (Presbyterian) and the Church Extension Fund (Methodist) was approved and grants from the interest used within the Barwon Presbytery. After Port Phillip West Presbytery superseded this the fund became available for all congregations and faith communities in the Presbytery.

The criteria to apply for a grant must show that the application for a project is one to which the applicant body is able and willing to make a contribution and that the project furthers the mission of God through the activities and communications of the church locally. There are two rounds of grants each year and funding may not be applied for again for another three years.

At the suggestion of John Brownbill, a member of St David's UC Newtown and former long-term treasurer of Barwon Presbytery and Rev Joe Fraser from Anglesea UC a plaque was placed on William Simpson's grave to acknowledge his legacy.

You may like to view the tribute to this very ecumenical benefactor whose legacy continues and grows 128 years after his passing.





William Simpson's grave at East Geelong Cemetery



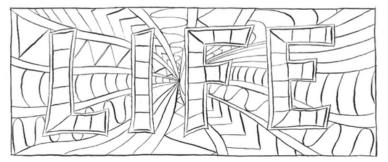


## ROOTS Activity sheet

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#### John 6.51-58

Jesus uses a complicated description of eating his flesh and drinking his blood, to try and show people how we must live close to him; almost as if Jesus is inside us, so that we can live the best and fullest life possible.





Can you find these 8 words from today's Bible passage?

living bread blood life eat drink heaven eternal

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Colour in the word 'life'. Try to use as many colours as possible.



Draw the other half of the loaf of bread, and, below the picture, write the words that Jesus called himself: 'living bread'.





How many new words can you make from the phrase: 'living bread'?

### Living bread

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esus said to the people, 'I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will have eternal life. The bread that I will give for the life of the world is my body.'



But the people argued among themselves 'How can this man say that? How can he give us his body to eat?'

Jesus replied, 'I am telling you the truth; unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood you will have no life within you. Whoever eats and drinks this will live for ever, and I shall take them to God at the end of time. My flesh is true food and my blood is true drink.'

He continued, 'Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, lives in me, and I live in them. Just as the Father sent me and I draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is what I mean by the bread that has come from heaven; not like the manna that your ancestors ate, and they died. Anyone who has this bread inside them will live for ever.'

John 6.51-58

#### Did you know?

• To 'abide' means to stay or remain.

• 'Ancestors': members of your family who have lived before you, also the people of Israel, whom Moses led out of Egypt and into the wilderness, where they spent 40 years.

#### **HEAVENLY SHOPPING**

Walking down life's highway
I saw a sign above the door in great big letters –
'HEAVEN'S GROCERY STORE."

As I came a little closer, the door opened wide.

Next thing I knew was, I was standing right inside.
I saw a host of angels, they were standing everywhere.
One handed me a basket, saying, "My child, shop with care".
Everything a Christian needed was in that Grocery Store,
Everything you needed and perhaps a little more.

First I got some Patience and found Love in the same row.

Further down was Understanding – you need that wherever you go.

I got a box or two of Wisdom a bag or two of Faith.

I couldn't miss the Holy Spirit, He was all over the place.

I stopped to get some Strength and Courage to help me run this race.

My basket was looking fairly full, when I remembered I needed Grace.

I didn't forget Salvation, I found that it was free.

So I tried to get enough of that to save you and me.

Passing up the aisle, I saw Prayer and put that in,

For I knew that when I stepped outside, I would run right into sin.

Peace and Joy were plentiful, down there on the last shelf.

Songs and Praises were hanging near so I just helped myself.

Then I approached the counter to pay my grocery bill,
Thinking that I had everything to do my Creator's will.
I said to the Angel, "Now how much to I owe?"
He just smiled and said, "My Child,
Jesus paid your bill a long, long time ago."

Anonymous









As of 11:59pm Monday August 9, the snap lockdown restrictions only apply to Metropolitan Melbourne.

## The following COVID-safe restrictions apply to Regional Victoria from 11:59pm on August 9:

- Stay at Home requirement has been lifted and the 5km travel limit has been removed.
- Masks must be carried at all times and must be worn indoors and outdoors unless at home or with a valid exemption.
- **Visitors to the home** are not permitted. Intimate partner visits or single person bubble permitted.
- Public outdoor gatherings are limited to 10 people only.
- Religious gatherings and ceremonies are permitted for up to 100 people indoors and up to 300 people outdoors subject to the following:
  - A density quotient of 1 person per 4 square metres applies
  - A venue smaller than 100sqm can have up to 25 people per venue before the density quotient applies
  - COVID Check-in Marshals must ensure all attendees check-in
- Funerals (indoors or outdoors) maximum of 50 people plus those required to conduct the funeral. Children under 12 months are not counted in the cap. COVID Check-in Marshals must ensure all attendees check-in
- Weddings (indoors or outdoors) maximum of 50 people, including the two persons being married and two witnesses. The celebrant and photographer are not included in the cap. COVID Check-in Marshals must ensure all attendees check-in. Dancefloors are not permitted.
- Schools All students return to face-to-face learning subject to 1 person per 4sqm in all nonstudent areas. Facemask requirements apply to everyone aged 12 years and over.
- Adult education If you can study from home, you should continue to study from home.
- Childcare and Early Learning may remain open.

#### **GATHERINGS**

## What face-to-face gatherings are permitted at church?

Indoor and/or outdoor religious gatherings are allowed, subject to maximum attendance caps and density limits, with COVIDSafe plans including cleaning and signage. Covid Check-in Marshals must be used to ensure check-in upon entry using the Service Victoria app (QR code), even for visits less than 15 minutes.

#### **WORSHIP SERVICES**

# Religious gatherings and ceremonies are permitted for up to 100 people indoors and up to 300 people outdoors subject to a density quotient of 1 person per 4 square metres. A venue smaller than 100 sqm can have up to 25 people per venue before the density quotient applies. COVID Check-in Marshals must ensure all attendees check-in using the Services Victoria app (see p4).

As of 09/08/2021

## Do face masks have to be worn at all times during worship?

Yes. Masks are currently mandatory in all settings, apart from at home, unless an individual has a valid reason for not wearing one. Ministers or other faith leaders may remove their masks whilst leading worship, as teaching/broadcasting/public speaking are valid exceptions.

## Can we gather for morning tea afterwards?

As seated service is currently available in cafes etc for up to 100 people indoors, it is possible to gather for morning tea, providing:

- all attendees remain seated and socially distanced, with no more than 10 people in any group
- the same density quotient and maximum numbers would apply as for the worship service.
- all food and drink would need to be served, rather than buffet style.

As of 09/08/2021

#### Can we sing?

Singing is permitted, but facemasks must be worn at all times.

As of 09/08/2021

