



TODAY @ BCUC—Life in community

10th September

9am Contemporary & 10:30am Classic: Rev Dr Gary Stuckey

10:30am Café: Rev Matthew Bond

Exodus 12:1-14, Psalm 149, Romans 13:8-14, Matthew 18:15-20

UPCOMING WEEK @ BCUC

Monday 11th September

10am mainly music

Tuesday 12th September

9:30am Playgroup

9:30am Ladies Table Tennis

7pm Finance Committee

Wednesday 13th September

7:45am Prayer Meeting

9:30am Prayer Meeting

Thursday 14th September

9:30am Craft, Chat & Sew

12noon Friendship Club

6pm Worship & Music Ministry

7:30pm Choir practice

Friday 15th September

6:30pm Kids Club

Saturday 16th September

Family Fun @5

Sunday 17th September

12noon Prayer Meeting

Next Sunday @ BCUC— Life in community – Communion

17th September

9am Contemporary & 10:30am Classic: Rev Matthew Bond

10:30am Café: Rev Gary Stuckey

Exodus 14:19-31, Psalm 114, Romans 14:1-12, Matthew 18:21-35

Prayer Requests: prayer@burnsidecityuc.org.au

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Sunday 10th September 2017

WELCOME

Please stay for a cup of tea or coffee after the service , so that we can get to know each other better.



Love does no harm to a neighbour. Therefore, love is the fulfilment of the law.
Romans 13:10

Ministry Team Contacts

Minister: Rev Matthew Bond Ministry Team Leader 0400 777 410

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Office Hours - 9am—12 noon Monday to Thursday



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Passionately Engaged in Mission

A MESSAGE FROM GARY

Resolving our differences

The theme for services at BCUC during September is "Relationships." That is hardly surprising. The pages of the Bible often address the relationships amongst the people of God and exhort us to engage in supportive, encouraging and loving relationships. The way we relate to and with one another is a part of our witness to those around us.



However, we know that even in the best relationships differences and conflict will arise. And so it sometimes is in the life of the church. There will be times when those alongside whom we work and worship in Christian community will see things differently from the way we do. Sometimes these will be small differences, easily resolved. On other occasions the differences will be over more substantial matters.

I've heard it said on occasions, as I'm sure you have, that as a Christian community we shouldn't experience differences, let alone conflict. A common criticism of churches is, "Look, they can't even get on together." But this misses the point.

The text from Matthew's Gospel this morning is about resolving conflicts that arose within the church. That Matthew even wrote about this at least shows us that this is nothing new! There have always been differences when people get together, even as the church. When you look around at those with whom we are in Christian community and consider how different we are, sometimes it is surprising that we can agree on anything at all.

As Jesus addresses the matter of handling differences, he starts by assuming that they will arise. What makes the difference is not whether or not we fight or disagree or wound one another, but *how* we go about addressing these issues. We are not to yell, slander, gossip about or humiliate those with whom we disagree, but neither are we to pretend that conflict does not exist. The invitation is to seek reconciliation, and Jesus provides a way to move in that direction. Firstly, we go to the one with whom we disagree privately. If that fails, involve one or two wise, trusted people to help towards reconciliation. If the matter is still not resolved, it is then given a public airing in the church. But always the aim and desire is for reconciliation.

Could we do any less when we worship a God who is reconciling all things to himself?

Gary

THIS WEEK'S NEWS & NOTICES

eMAC

Please note that the next eMAC will be on **Tuesday September 19 at 7pm**. Come along and find out more about our vision and mission and plans for the future.

Meeting of the Congregation

There will be a short Meeting of the Congregation before the eMAC at **7pm on Tuesday September 19**. Agenda items are

- Approval of the auditor
- Acceptance of the Audit report

Aged Care Ministry

There will be a meeting to continue planning for Aged Care Ministry in local Nursing Homes on **Wednesday September 13 at 2pm** in the Chapel. All welcome. Please see Verna Drexel for more information.

About Face

Do you have a burn to learn more about the faith journey of the First People's in Australia? If so, About Face, a faith and cultural exchange taking place in January 2018, may be for you. For more information check online at aboutface.org.au or ring Gaynor Strapp.

Family Fun @5

Saturday 16th September from 5.00pm-7.00pm at BCUC. The theme is "Where is your treasure?" Craft and games are followed by an interactive story and a shared meal. This is great opportunity for families with pre-school & primary children to have an enjoyable evening together. Please see Chris Lake for more information

Family Fun @ 5 help needed

We are looking for helpers for Family Fun @ 5 on Saturday September 16 from 4pm—7:15pm. Can you help in the kitchen, with craft, talking to families, setting up, cleaning up). Please sign up on the forms in the foyer after church. If you have any questions, speak to Leonie, Heather or Chris

BCUC Saturday Friendship Club

The next meeting of the club is on **Sat 16th Sept** & is an old fashioned movie night at the Ingle Theatre at Pasadena. The cost is \$10. Please see James Wilson or Leigh Duffett to book. Bookings close Mon 11th Sept. Car pooling at Burnside Council car park at 6pm.

Frontier Services Concert

There will be a concert featuring the Australian Army Band on **Sunday 15 October at 1:30pm** at BCUC. Funds raised will support Frontier Services. Cost \$15 Adult, \$5 Child. Please see Margaret Morey for more information.

Please e-mail articles for the BCUC weekly news to Deb Mugford at admin@burnsidecityuc.org.au no later than 12noon on Tuesday