



Burnside City
Uniting Church
Community, Faith and Purpose

This Sunday @ BCUC

11th March

9am Contemporary and 10.30am Classic: Rev Dr Gary Stuckey

10:30am Café: Rev Rob Williams—Jesus brings life

Numbers 21:4-9, Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22, Ephesians 2:1-10, John 3:14-21

UPCOMING WEEK @ BCUC

Monday 5th March

10am mainly music

1:30pm Monday Day Fellowship

Tuesday 6th March

9:30am Ladies Table Tennis

9:30am Playgroup

Wednesday 7th March

7:45am Prayer Meeting

9:15am Mission Focus Group

9:30am Prayer Meeting

Thursday 8th March

9:30am Craft, Chat & Sew

12noon Friendship Club

6pm Worship & Music Ministry

7:30pm Choir practice

Friday 9th March

6pm Kids Club

Sunday 11th March

12noon Prayer Meeting

12noon Seniors Second Sunday Lunch

Next Sunday @ BCUC

18th March

9am Contemporary and 10.30am Classic: Rev Rob Williams

10:30am Café: Rev Dr Gary Stuckey

Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16, Hebrews 5:5-10, John 12:20-33

Prayer Requests: prayer@burnsidacityuc.org.au

If you require more information please contact the church office or visit our website.

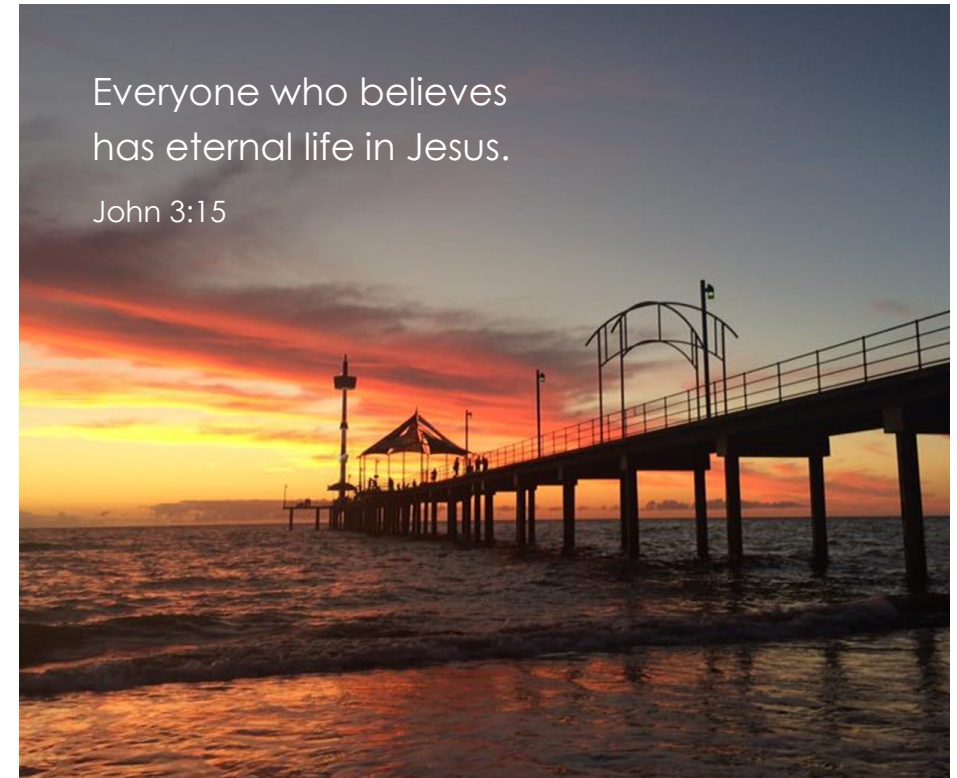
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WELCOME

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



Everyone who believes
has eternal life in Jesus.

John 3:15

Ministry Team Contacts

Supply Minister: Rev Dr. Gary Stuckey 0437 708 183

Minister in Association: Rev Rob Williams 0424 123 171

All Ministers are available for Pastoral Care as required

Youth Coordinator: Ben Randall —0403 369 154

Administrator: Deb Mugford Tuesday and Thursday 9am—2:30pm

Office Hours - 9am—12 noon Monday to Thursday



A Vibrant Community, Committed to Jesus,

Passionately Engaged in Mission



A MESSAGE FROM GARY

One of the best known passages in the Bible would have to be John 3:16. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life." We see it on Billboards, car bumper stickers and hand-made signs at sporting events, at least events in the USA.



The words we know so well came in a conversation with a Pharisee by the name of Nicodemus. He came to Jesus at night. Why? Had his sleeping tablet worn off? Did he not want to be seen; a Pharisee coming to Jesus? The Rabbis taught that the Torah was best studied at night when it was quiet and free from distractions. Perhaps Nicodemus had been up studying the Torah, pondering its teaching when his mind and heart started to make connections with Jesus. Nicodemus was a religious man. He knew the Law and he was faithful in his practice. But in Jesus he saw someone who had something more than he had. There was still a place of discontent in his inner being and he thought Jesus could help him find what was missing.

We live in a world (at least in our part of it) where we have so much. But there still seems to a high level of discontent amongst the population. We never seem quite satisfied with where we are or what we have. Much like Nicodemus. How can we quiet the discontent?

That's why I think this encounter with Nicodemus ends up with statement about God's love. Because ultimately, it is only love that will satisfy the depths of soul. We, like Nicodemus, can have so much, but it is only love that can fill the emptiness we feel. So to Nicodemus, and us, Jesus reminds us that God is hopelessly, madly, passionately in love with all the world, which of course includes us.

THIS WEEK'S NEWS & NOTICES

Seniors Second Sunday Lunch

Sunday March 11, 12noon until 2.30pm. Come and join us for friendship, fun and food. Chicken & Salad plus a fruit platter. Please see Anita Wheaton for more information.

Induction Service

Matthew Bond invites members of BCUC to attend his induction service, **Wednesday March 14 at 7pm** at Spicer Memorial Uniting Church 44a Fourth Avenue St Peters. Everyone is welcome.

Saturday Night Friendship Club

For the Club's meeting on **March 17**, we have Prof Stephen Lincoln to give an unbiased speech about the facts of Climate Change and the supply of Future Energy. Prof Lincoln I swerved in these matters. Usual basket supper. 7:15pm for 7:30pm.

I Can Only Imagine Movie

The inspiring and unknown true story behind MercyMe's beloved, chart topping song that brings ultimate hope to so many is a gripping reminder of the power of true forgiveness. In cinemas for 1 week only from March 15.

Casual Administration Assistant position available

For more information on this position please go to the Uniting Church website/ positions vacant.

Kids Camp Out

KCO (a Uniting Church camp for children in years 3-7) will be held on the weekend of **March 17-18** at Adare, Victor Harbor. Please see Gaynor Strapp to register.

BBQ Breakfast Fundraiser

Join us for a BBQ breakfast after the 7:30am Dawn Service on **Easter Sunday** morning and support Kids Club and Youth Group with a donation. Breakfast, including barista coffee, is open to anyone and will be served from 8am after the service. For more details contact Ben Randall.

Monday Day Fellowship

Monday April 9. Please meet at the church at 12:30pm for a bus trip to the Ingle Theatre. Cost \$20. Please see Ruth Daws to book.

ELECTION DAY - MARCH 17

With BCUC being used as a polling venue for the upcoming State Election, we will again take the opportunity to raise funds for the **Schools Ministry**. Please consider baking for the cake stall - homemade cakes and biscuits are always in demand, as are our wide variety of plants. On the day we will need volunteers to assist on the stalls and the sausage sizzle. Please mark the date in your diary. Sign up sheets will be available on Sunday March 4th. Enquiries to Di Croft.

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