



This Sunday @ BCUC – Guest Preacher

15th April

9:00am : Contemporary Barty Shokralla
10:30am : Classic CEO Miracle Connect
10:30am : Café

Isaiah 54:1-8 and Matthew 28:16-20

Sunday 15th April 2018

WELCOME

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

UPCOMING WEEK @ BCUC

Monday 16th April

2:00pm Monday Communion

Tuesday 17th April

9:30am Ladies Table Tennis
7:00pm Finance Committee

Wednesday 18th April

7:45am Prayer Meeting
9:30am Prayer Meeting

Thursday 19th April

9:30am Craft, Chat & Sew
12noon Friendship Club
6:00pm Worship & Music Ministry
7:30pm Choir practice

Friday 20th April

10:00am Annual UCAF Celebration

Saturday 21st April

7:30pm Saturday Night Friendship Club

Next Sunday @ BCUC

22nd April

9:00am: Contemporary and 10.30am Classic: Ian Olver
The commitment to be a good shepherd

10:30am Café: Heather Maynard

Acts 4:5-12, Psalm 23, 1 John 3:16-24, **John 10:11-18**

Prayer Requests: prayer@burnsidecityuc.org.au

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

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**Matthew 28:16-20
Disciples Making Disciples**

Ministry Team Contacts

Supply Minister: Rev Dr. Gary Stuckey 0437 708 183

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* Deb is on leave until May 1st

Office Hours - 9am-12 noon Monday to Thursday



A Vibrant Community, Committed to Jesus,

Passionately Engaged in Mission



THIS WEEK'S NEWS & NOTICES

A MESSAGE FROM GARY

The Sign of the Fish

On Easter Day, in the creative spot, I made reference to the origin and meaning of the fish symbol in Christianity. Afterwards someone mentioned that they had never heard what it meant, so if there are others who have not heard about the meaning I offer a brief explanation.

The symbol of the fish, without the writing in it, is a long held symbol of the Christian faith. It comes from the Greek word for fish, transliterated into English as ichthus. Ichthus is an acrostic where the letters stand for other words.

Iota (i) is the first letter of *Iēsous* (Ἰησοῦς), Greek for "Jesus".

Chi (ch) is the first letter of *Christos* (Χριστός), Greek for "anointed" (of the Lord).

Theta (th) is the first letter of *Theou* (Θεοῦ), Greek for "God's"

Upsilon (y) is the first letter of *(h)uios* (Υἱός), Greek for "Son".

Sigma (s) is the first letter of *sōtēr* (Σωτήρ), Greek for "Saviour".

Taken together the word ichthus stands for "Jesus Christ God's Son Saviour".



The symbol first appeared in the second century and its use became widespread through the third and fourth centuries. It is, of course, connected to the many stories involving fish in the Gospels, including the scene following Christ's resurrection when Jesus cooked fish to feed the disciples.

It is said that the sign itself became a sort of secret code whereby Christians could identify one another at a time when Christians were persecuted. If two people met on the road, for example, one would draw one arch of the symbol and if the other completed it with the second arch, you knew you were in the company of a companion disciple.

Guest Preacher – Today

Barty Shokralla, C.E.O. Miracle Connect, a Christian Arabic satellite channel, is our guest preacher today at all three services.

BCUC Saturday Friendship Club

The April meeting for the Saturday Friendship Club is on **Saturday April 21st**. The speaker is Peter Mansfield and he will talk about the history of the Jews. He will concentrate on post 70AD. This is a very interesting speaker. Usual basket supper and we meet at 7:15pm for 7:30 pm.

Annual UCAF Celebration

Friday April 20th at BCUC. 10.00am Morning tea for 10.30 start. Speakers: Don Sarre and Mark Schultz with a blessing for those who are serving on the National Committee for next 3 years. You will be able to purchase "The Word Lights the Way" before it is launched in Hobart in May. Lunch will be provided for a donation of \$6. Stay and chat to people from city and country fellowships.

Church Council Meeting

Tuesday April 24th 6:00pm. All invited to attend this meeting to observe. Previous CC minutes available at reception.

Peter Pollock

Peter Pollock, former South African cricketer, businessman and evangelist will be with us at BCUC on **Wednesday May 23rd**.

7.00 am to 8.45 am. BCUC Business Breakfast, RSVP to Tim Andrew by May 21st 2018, 0447 569 496.

7.00 pm Testimony and Message : *Life changing story of the power of Jesus Christ*.

Personal Prayer

Prayer is available after the 10:30 service in the Café. If you would like confidential personal prayer for healing or anything else that may be troubling you, please contact either Angela Andrew, Sally Andrew or Colette Williams and we will arrange a convenient time to pray with you.

Women's Ministry Group

will meet on **Wednesday May 9th** at 1.30 in the church hall to pack Mother's Day gifts for distribution to Estia Health and Clayton Church Homes. Packing will be followed by afternoon tea. Please bring any spare ribbon and wrapping paper.

Suggested items include – socks, bed socks, magnets, small vases, shower caps, soap, coat hangers, combs, note pads & biros, pocket tissues, playing cards, hand cream.

Please e-mail articles for the BCUC weekly news to Stuart MacAdam at info@burnsidcityuc.org.au no later than 12noon on Tuesday