



This Sunday @ BCUC

16th September - Communion

Following Jesus in Tough Times^a

9:00am Contemporary and 10:30am Classic : Rev. Rob Williams

Just don't tell anyone – the gospel will speak^b

10:30am Café : Rev. Trevor Klar

Proverbs 1: 20-33; **Psalm 19^b**; James 3:1-12; **Mark 8:27-38^{ab}**

UPCOMING WEEK @ BCUC

Monday 17th September

10:00am mainly music
2:00pm Funeral - Julie-ann Bingham
2:00pm Communion - Cancelled

Tuesday 18th September

9:30am Ladies Table Tennis
9:30am Playgroup
6:00pm Finance Committee

Wednesday 19th September

7:45am Prayer Meeting
9:30am Prayer Meeting
7:00pm Special Church Council Meeting

Thursday 20th September

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

Saturday 22nd September

5:00pm Family Fun @ 5

Sunday 23rd September

12noon Prayer Meeting

Next Sunday @ BCUC

23rd September

We are one in Christ

9:00am Contemporary and 10:30am Classic : Pastor Mark Kickett
10:30am Café : Sean Weetra

Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; **Mark 9:30-37**

Prayer Requests: prayer@burnsidecityuc.org.au

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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.*

**Whoever loses their life for me and the
gospel will save it. Mark 8:35b**



Ministry Team Contacts

Supply Minister: Rev Trevor Klar 0437 708 183

Minister in Association: Rev Rob Williams 0424 123 171

All Ministers are available for Pastoral Care as required

Administrator: Deb Mugford Tuesday & Thursday 9am-2:30pm

Administration Assistant: Stuart MacAdam Monday and Wednesday 9am-2:30pm

Office Hours: 9am-12 noon, Monday - Thursday



A Vibrant Community, Committed to Jesus,

Passionately Engaged in Mission

A MESSAGE FROM ROB

Some people are natural leaders and others are quite good at following. Some who are good at following do so if what or who they follow doesn't demand too much of them. As today's reading from Mark's gospel illustrates (Mark 8:27-38), following Jesus is more than simply stating that you are one of his disciples. Following Jesus is a demanding yet fulfilling journey that not everyone is willing to make.

Christian discipleship isn't an easy journey and with many recent social changes overseas and within Australia it's not getting easier.

Martin Luther wrote this in the early 16th century about being a disciple of Jesus: *A religion that gives nothing, costs nothing, and suffers nothing, is worth nothing.*

In the first half of the 20th century a German pastor named Dietrich Bonhoeffer, authored a classic book entitled *The Cost of Discipleship*. Within it he wrote these words:

Cheap grace is the grace we bestow on ourselves. Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession... Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate.

The idea here is being "all in" for Jesus. It means that we don't just make a one-time decision to say "yes" to him and then just move on. If we are "all in" for Jesus, we will develop some practices in our life like prayer and meditation on the Scriptures that will enable us to grow in our relationship with Jesus – to know him better and therefore become able to walk with him in a consistent manner that reflects his lifestyle. And this has its cost.

Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. Mark 8:34b

A Season of Prayer – Final Week

You are invited to join with other UC congregations in a Season of Prayer. Its purpose is to help us grow in our life of prayer. This week's theme is "**How to Pray in a Crisis**". Video links for each week can be found on the home page of the BCUC website. The presenter is well known Christian author Rick Warren.

THIS WEEK'S NEWS & NOTICES

Julie-anne Bingham Funeral

The Funeral Service for Julie-anne Bingham will be held at Burnside City Uniting Church, at **2:00 pm on Monday September 17** (tomorrow).

Monday Communion—Cancelled

The communion service scheduled for tomorrow, September 17 is cancelled.

Pastoral Contact Afternoon Tea

Members serving as a Pastoral Contact are invited to an appreciation afternoon tea at BCUC at 2:30pm, **October 7**. Ian Olver will be speaking on the topic "What I learned from people with Cancer". This will be a very informative afternoon and we encourage you to attend. Please RSVP to Ruth, Di, or Marie by October 2.

Introduction to the Psalms

Dr Liz Boase

October 3rd 7:30pm repeated October 10th 2pm. All welcome.

Women's Ministry

The Women's Ministry Group invites all Women to a free Pancake Brunch on Wednesday October 10 at 9:30am at the home of Ruth Daws. Donations will go to the Frontier Services Drought Support Appeal. Please RSVP to Ruth Daws by October 5 to book you place.

Operation Christmas Child

Today we will launch this year's shoebox project. Boxes & brochures will be available if you wish to make up a box on your own. You may prefer to buy items or make a monetary donation. Packing day is Monday **October 8** from **9:30am**. Enquiries to Di.

Family Fun @ 5

Saturday September 22nd 5-7pm

A Reminder for families to come and bring friends! Can you help with the running of FF@5? Can you come at 4:00-7:15pm or part of the time? In the kitchen, with craft, talking to families, setting up and cleaning up. Please sign up on the forms in the foyer after church. If you have any questions, speak to Leonie, Heather or Chris.

Dr Jon's Pantry

We received several bags of cumquats! If you have never tasted Cumquat jam, come to TASTE/BUY. It is delicious!

Special Meeting

In response to an issue raised at CHATS Live on August 26, we will be holding a meeting on **September 19** at 7:00pm. Those concerned about the UCA Assembly's decision on same gender marriage are invited to this meeting to discuss their concerns with Church Council.

Please e-mail articles for the BCUC weekly news to Stuart MacAdam at info@burnsidecityuc.org.au no later than 10am on Wednesday