



**Burnside City**  
Uniting Church  
*Community, Faith and Purpose*

**This Sunday @ BCUC—In the wilderness**

**18th February**

9am Contemporary and 10.30am Classic: Rev Rob Williams

10:30am Café: Rev Matthew Bond

Genesis 9:8-17, Psalm 25:1-10, 1 Peter 3:18-22, **Mark 1:9-15**

**UPCOMING WEEK @ BCUC**

**Monday 19th February**

10am mainly music  
2pm Communion Service

**Tuesday 20th February**

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

**Wednesday 21st February**

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

**Thursday 22nd February**

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

**Friday 23rd February**

6pm Kids Club

**Sunday 25th February**

12noon Prayer Meeting

**Next Sunday @ BCUC— What now?**

**25th February**

9am Contemporary and 10.30am Classic: Rev Matthew Bond

10:30am Café: Heather Maynard

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, Psalm 22:23-31, Romans 4:13-25, **Mark 8:31-38**

Prayer Requests: [prayer@burnsidecityuc.org.au](mailto:prayer@burnsidecityuc.org.au)

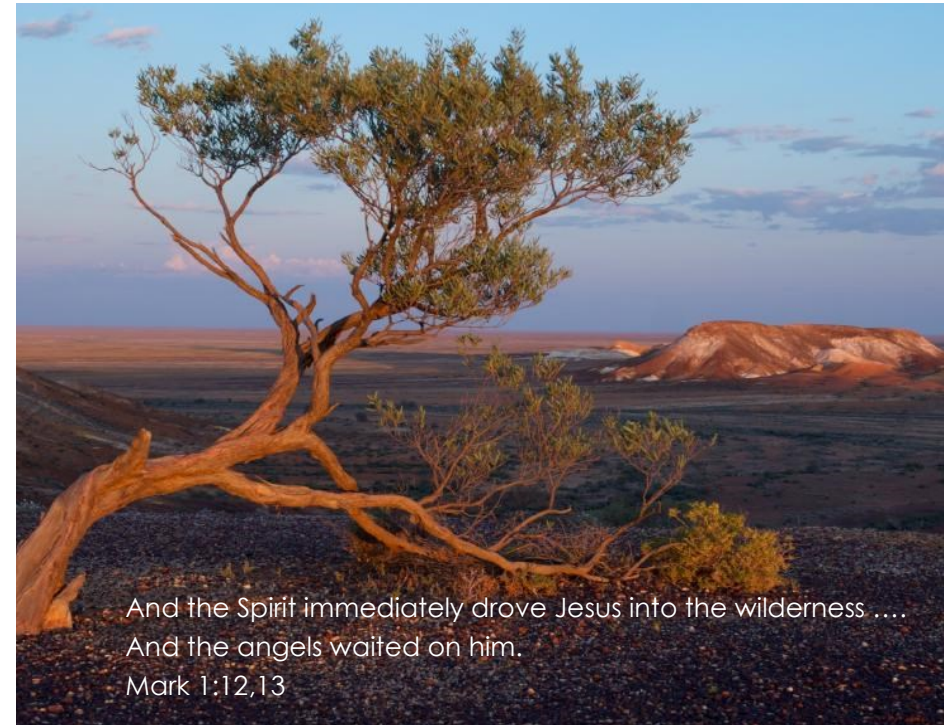
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**Sunday 18th February 2018**

**WELCOME**

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



And the Spirit immediately drove Jesus into the wilderness ....  
And the angels waited on him.  
Mark 1:12,13

**Ministry Team Contacts**

**Minister: Rev Matthew Bond** Ministry Team Leader 0400 777 410

**Minister: Rev Dr Gary Stuckey** 0437 708 183 Supply Ministry (On leave January 29—  
March 5)

**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** Monday—Thursday 9am—2:30pm

**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 MATTHEW

#### My time at Burnside City Uniting Church

My pastoral ministry began in **November 2007** as I completed my theological degree with Supervised Field Education under the guidance of Reverend Donald Wilson. Before this I had spent 16 years in the mission fields of **Australia, Africa, India and the United States**. I returned to Adelaide in 1998 with Ruthmary (my wife), 4 small children and our 5<sup>th</sup> child was born soon after. We were a truly multi-national family with two of us born in Australia, two in Africa, two in Brazil and one in the USA. We all experienced a little bit of culture shock as we settled into life in South Australia. I paid the bills by driving a forklift for the first 12 months, we bought our own home and then I began 5 years of study at the **Adelaide College of Divinity**.

All of this was God's way of preparing me for ministry in the first 10 years of **Burnside City Uniting Church's** existence. In July 2018 our church will be 10 years old! God knew that what I had experienced in **16 different countries**, while living by faith, trusting God for the next meal or place to sleep, would be the perfect preparation for the years ahead. Now I would say that "Expect the unexpected" is the advice I needed at the time. My time at BCUC began with Youth Ministry, School Chaplaincy and Pastoral duties in the church and the prayer I prayed regularly was "Dear God, please guide me through the various challenges we will face together today!"

In 2012 my role changed dramatically as I became the Ministry Team Leader and my responsibilities increased yet again. This was a time of exciting changes as our church continued to grow together from 4 neighbourhood churches into one larger church. We learned how to do ministry together and we saw many new people join the church during these years. We began to say, **"We are one church now."**

Now, as we stand on the edge of new beginnings we may wonder what God has planned for us? As I go to Spicer Memorial Uniting Church to begin a new chapter in my ministry and BCUC commences the process of calling new ministers, I would like to leave you with these well-known words from Jeremiah 29:11-14a

**"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you".**

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

#### Farewell Lunch for Matthew

There will be a farewell lunch for Matthew on **Sunday February 25 at 12noon**. Please bring food to share for the lunch. If your surname begins with A-M please bring a savoury and if your surname begins with N-Z please bring something sweet.

#### With Love to the World

Please collect your copy of With Love to the World from the reception desk. To pay for your subscription, please put \$20 in an envelope with your name and place in the offering, or give the money to Deb during the week.

#### Autumn Clean @ BUC

**8.30 to 11.00 on Saturday 3 March!**  
Join with others to undertake a variety of periodic cleaning tasks eg dusting, cleaning paintwork, chairs etc. Bring gloves. Morning tea will be provided. Let's spruce up BCUC!

#### Women's Ministry

Women's Ministry Breakfast to be held Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March gam at the home of Antoinette and Peter Morris. Cost is \$10 pp. Proceeds to Frontier Services Outback Links. R.S.V.P. to Antoinette 8431 5233 by Wed. 28 February.

#### Monday Day Fellowship

Our first meeting for the year will be on **Monday March 5 at 1:30pm**. Come and join us as Deb Mugford speaks on her work with Bright Futures. See Ruth Daws for more information.

#### 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.

#### HizBiz

The first Hizbiz lunch meeting for this year is **12 noon on February 27** at the Marryatville. All men welcome

#### 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.

Thanks you for gathering the plastic bottle tops. We do have enough now and don't need any more. Thanks form the Family Fun @ 5 Team.

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