



This 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**

Sunday 22nd 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

Tuesday 24th April

9:30am Ladies Table Tennis
7:00pm Church Council Meeting

Wednesday 25th April

Anzac Day
(no morning prayer meetings)

Thursday 26th April

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

Saturday 28th April

6:00pm Burnside Uniting Singles

Next Sunday @ BCUC

29th April

9:00am Contemporary and 10.30am Classic: Rev Dr Gary Stuckey
*Finding Our True Centre (Love)**

10:30am Café: Rev Rob Williams
*Easter is about us***

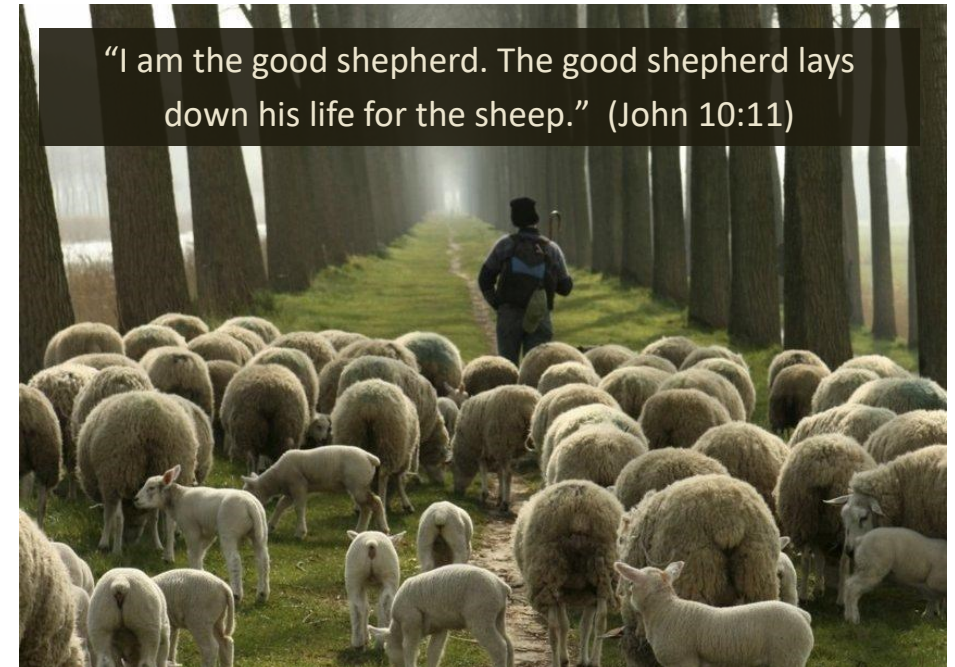
Acts 8:26-40, Psalm 22:25-31, **1 John 4:7-21***, **John 15:1-8****

Prayer Requests: prayer@burnsidecityuc.org.au

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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 IAN OLVER

This is the Sunday before ANZAC day and the reading from John's Gospel (John 10: 11-18) has a theme which is suited to this day remembering the efforts and sacrifices of previous generations which have resulted in the great lifestyle opportunities that we have today. The theme of the reading is the good shepherd and it starts with Jesus drawing a distinction between the good shepherd and the bad shepherd. The bad shepherd just did the work as a job for a salary which was what motivated him. He had no commitment to his flock. For the good shepherd it was his calling to care for the sheep with which he had formed a relationship and would risk his life to protect them from dangerous wolves or thieves which threatened them.

However, there was a further challenge here. It is one thing to be a good shepherd to our friends and neighbours. Jesus was called to be the good shepherd to all, not just those who thought they were exclusively God's people. Certainly, he needed to win over his own flock first, but the greater goal was to win over wider world. He was to be the one shepherd and a focus for unity in our world. This sets our agenda to play our role as missionaries, spreading the Gospel to the world.

The theologian, William Barclay tells the story from the First World War of a young French soldier who was so badly wounded that he needed his arm amputated in order to save his life. The surgeon was so upset that he had to amputate that he sat by the soldier's bed to give him the news personally. When the young man awoke the surgeon said. "I am sorry to tell you that you lost your arm". "Sir," said the man, "I did not lose it – I gave it for France".

Jesus speaks of laying down his life for his people as God's will had required. But here it is important to realise that Jesus did not lose his life because he was in the wrong place at the wrong time and fell foul of the Romans, he laid down his life voluntarily, of his own free will in order to save his flock from their sins. He did it so they may have life and have it in all its fullness. Against that sacrifice of the good shepherd how could we behave in any other way but by being good shepherds to each other.

Meeting of the Congregation

A Meeting of the Congregation will be held on **Sunday April 29th** at 2:00pm. The Agenda and attachments have been emailed to members of the congregation; copies are also available in the foyer. To keep informed on what is happening at BCUC, please mark your diary and plan to attend.

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.

BICC Prayer Breakfast at BCUC

Burnside Interchurch Council is having a prayer breakfast at BCUC on **Saturday May 5th** at 7.30am. Do you smile at breakfast time? Come and enjoy eating with others who do too!! Then join in some singing and a time of prayer for our Schools Ministry, the needs of our community, our nation and the world.

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.*

Church Council Meeting

Tuesday April 24th 7:00pm. All invited to attend this meeting to observe. Previous CC minutes available at reception.

Burnside Uniting Singles

BUS will hold a gathering at BCUC on **Saturday April 28th** at 6:00pm. All single adults are invited to attend for fun, fellowship and discussion followed by a meal out.

Hizbiz - a Men's Group

All gentlemen welcome to lunch @ the Marryatville Hotel **Tuesday 24th April** at 12 noon. Contact Rex or Leigh if attending.

Personal Prayer

Prayer is available after the 10:30 service in the Café.

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