



This 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**

Upcoming Week @ BCUC

Monday 24th September

10:00am mainly music

Tuesday 25th September

9:30am Ladies Table Tennis

9:30am Playgroup

6:30pm Church Council Meeting

Wednesday 26th September

7:45am Prayer Meeting

9:30am Prayer Meeting

Thursday 27th September

9:30am Craft, Chat & Sew

12noon Friendship Club

6:00pm Worship & Music Ministry

7:30pm Choir practice

Sunday 30th September

12noon Prayer Meeting

Next Sunday @ BCUC

30th September

The gospel is surprising – don't be surprised what it asks^{ab}

9:00am Contemporary and 10:30am Classic : Rev Trevor Klar

Working Together^b

10:30am Café : Rev Rob Williams

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22; Psalm 124; **James 5:13-20^a; Mark 9:38-50^b**

Prayer Requests: prayer@burnsidecityuc.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.*

**Whoever welcomes a child in My name,
welcomes God Mark 9:37**



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 PETER SHACKLEFORD

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL FOR TODAY – MARK 9:30-37

If anyone thinks that in-fighting and jostling for privilege and power is a recent thing, or something that only happens in Canberra, they'd be mistaken.

In today's reading from Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus' disciples doing just that – arguing over which one of them was the greatest.

Like many of Jesus' stories, this one contains good news, and bad news.

First the good news. Though the disciples were too embarrassed to admit to their behaviour, in the end they did. Jesus didn't berate them. Instead he gathered them together and explained to them that true greatness isn't measured by status or power, but by humble service to others.

Jesus wasn't saying that aspiration to leadership is bad in and of itself, but he was distinguishing between ambition that is egotistical and self-aggrandizing, and aspiration that is motivated by a desire to serve others.

The bad news is that we humans, throughout the ages, appear to have not heard what Jesus had to say, or have heard it but too often chosen to ignore it, preferring instead to indulge our "primal instincts" to seek power and status as if therein lies meaning and lasting satisfaction.

But listen to Jesus.

He calls a child, the archetype of powerlessness, vulnerability, trust and dependence.

He holds the child in His arms, and explains that when His followers put aside their quest for power and welcome the vulnerable and powerless in His Name, they will find they have welcomed God.

He's saying that when **we** welcome the vulnerable and powerless in Jesus' Name, **we** too encounter God.

THIS WEEK'S NEWS & NOTICES

Baptisms

Sunday September 30

Greg Zheng and Mona Chen will be Baptised during the gam service and their children Isabelle and William will be Dedicated to the Lord.

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**.

Church Council Meeting

Tuesday September 26. 6:30pm devotions 7:00pm meeting held in the Beaumont Room on the first floor. All invited to attend this meeting to observe. Previous CC minutes available at reception.

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

This year's shoebox project is well underway. Boxes & brochures are 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.

Monday Day Fellowship

On **October 8**, we will be taking a bus trip to Tickle Tank home and garden in Mount Barker. Be at the church at 12:45pm. Cost \$22. Please contact Ruth Daws for more information.

Save the Date

Sunday October 21 2:30-5:00pm

'Open House' at BCUC to Celebrate the 70th Birthdays of Colette and Rob Williams. All Welcome!

Hizbiz a Men's Group

All gentlemen welcome to share a 12 noon lunch at the Marryatville Hotel on Tuesday **September 25**. Contact Peter Morris if attending on petantmorris@hotmail.com or 0423 967 137.

Introduction to the Psalms

Dr Liz Boase

October 3, 7:30pm repeated **October 10 2pm**. All welcome.

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