Next Sunday @ BCUC

24th March The Cross and Us

We are Redeemed (Ephesians 1:3-14) 9:00am Contemporary, 10:30am Classic : Ian Olver 10:30am Café : Colette Williams

Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9



Sunday 24th March 2019

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 25th March

10:00am mainly music 7:00pm BSF

Tuesday 26th March 9:30am Ladies Table Tennis 9:30am Playgroup 10:00am House Group

Wednesday 27th March 7:45am Prayer Meeting 9:30am Prayer Meeting 10:00am James Parker Seminar

Thursday 28th March 9:30am Craft, Chat & Sew 12noon Friendship Club 6:00pm Worship & Music Ministry 7:00pm Church Council Meeting 7:30pm Choir practice

Saturday 30th March 2:00pm Newcomer's Welcome Tea

Sunday 31st March 12noon Prayer Meeting

Next Sunday @ BCUC

31st March The Cross and Us

We are Reconciled 9:00am Contemporary, 10:30am Café : Rev Dr Benji Callen 10:30am Classic : Keith Maynard

Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3,11b-32

Prayer Requests: prayer@burnsidecityuc.org.au

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In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace **Ephesians 1:7**

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Ministers are available for Pastoral Care as required.



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Mon - Fri, 9am - 2pm

Passionately Engaged in Mission

A MESSAGE FROM IAN OLVER

It's Good News Sunday

In the themes leading to Easter, this week we focus on redemption. We are redeemed, which is good news indeed. The concept of redemption is to gain or regain possession of something through payment. In the time of Paul the idea of securing a prisoner's release by payment or freeing someone from slavery was well known. In the Bible the Israelites, as God worked through Moses, were freed from slavery. In the business world the Greeks would have been very familiar with a payment in advance for a product as the guarantee that the full price would follow.

Jesus on the cross paid the price for our sin that we may be freed from our sin and start again. And that is certainly good news. As we explored last week we are justified, the guilt of sin has been removed through faith by God's Grace. Furthermore, Paul suggests that our experience of the Holy Spirit in this world is a foretaste of what awaits and the guarantee of the full possession of the joy and blessedness of being with God in the spiritual realm. Our redemption not only sustains us in this world but carries the promise of the world to come.

It is good news Sunday for BCUC on a more practical level. At last count we have 47 people including 31 children attending Kid's Camp Out (KCO). We ae indeed fortunate that the life of our congregation is enriched by our children and privileged to be able to help nurture them in the Faith. Moreover, it gives us a great confidence in a bright future.

Well may Matthew Bridges and Godfrey Thring, the writers of the composite hymn "Crown him with many crowns" finish with the lines:

"all hail, Redeemer hail!

for you have died for me;

your praise shall never, never fail

throughout eternity"

Congregational Meeting

April 7th 2pm at BCUC

<u>Business:</u> Audited Financial Statements Minister's Report Church Council Report

Newcomers Welcome Tea Saturday 30 March 2019, 2pm

If you are new to BCUC this year or were not able to attend the WELCOME TEA we had last year, you are warmly invited to attend the next WELCOME TEA. Come and meet other new people, meet and make friends with established members of the congregation and become part of the God community of BCUC. Please let Mick know if you plan to attend, 8338 2621 (for catering purposes).

Hizbiz

The next Hizbiz lunch meeting is at 12 noon on the **26th March** at the Marryatville. All men welcome.

Dr John's Pantry

This week, one for the connoisseurs: QUINCE JELLY. Also, a new batch of Fruit Chutney – enjoy !

Lent : The Cross and Us

Throughout Lent, we will be using our sermons to explore the theme of the cross and what it means for us in our lives. We will be looking at this theme through the eyes of different New Testament writers.

Monday Day Fellowship

The fellowship will next meet on **Monday April 1st** at 1:30pm. Come listen to Benji share his story with us. Members should invite friends and bring a plate for afternoon tea. See Ruth Daws for more information.

Family Fun @ 5

Easter Family Fun (a) 5 on **6th April** is seeking helpers! Would you be able to make a tuna bake? (Recipe and main ingredients supplies.) Can you help sometime between 4.15 to 7.15pm on the day? There are many ways in which you can help: In the kitchen, with craft, talking to families, setting up, cleaning up, as photographer, lighting & sound for the story.

Speak to Heather Walraven, Leonie Clarke or Chris Lake if you have any queries. Sign sheets are up in the foyer after church.

KCO News

We know you are missing us but we are at Victor Harbor for KCO and we are having an awesome time. Please remember to keep praying for us. See you all next week!

Personal Prayer

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

Lent Event 2019

Cash donations can be placed directly in the marked box in the foyer.

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