



TODAY @ BCUC– Christ the King

26th November

9am Contemporary & 10:30am Classic: Rev Matthew Bond

10:30am Café: Rev Dr Gary Stuckey

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, Psalm 100, Ephesians 1:15-23, Matthew 25:31-46

UPCOMING WEEK @ BCUC

Monday 27th November

10am mainly music

Tuesday 28th November

9:30am Ladies Table Tennis

9:30am Playgroup

Wednesday 29th November

7:45am Prayer Meeting

9:30am Prayer Meeting

Thursday 30th November

9:30am Craft, Chat & Sew

12noon Friendship Club

6pm Worship & Music Ministry

7:30pm Choir practice

Friday 1st December

7pm Youth Group

Sunday 3rd December

12noon Prayer Meeting

Next Sunday @ BCUC

3rd December

9am Contemporary & 10:30am Classic: Rev Dr Gary Stuckey

10:30am Café: Rev Matthew Bond

Isaiah 64:1-9, Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:24-37

Prayer Requests: prayer@burnsidecityuc.org.au

If you require more information please contact the church office or visit our website.

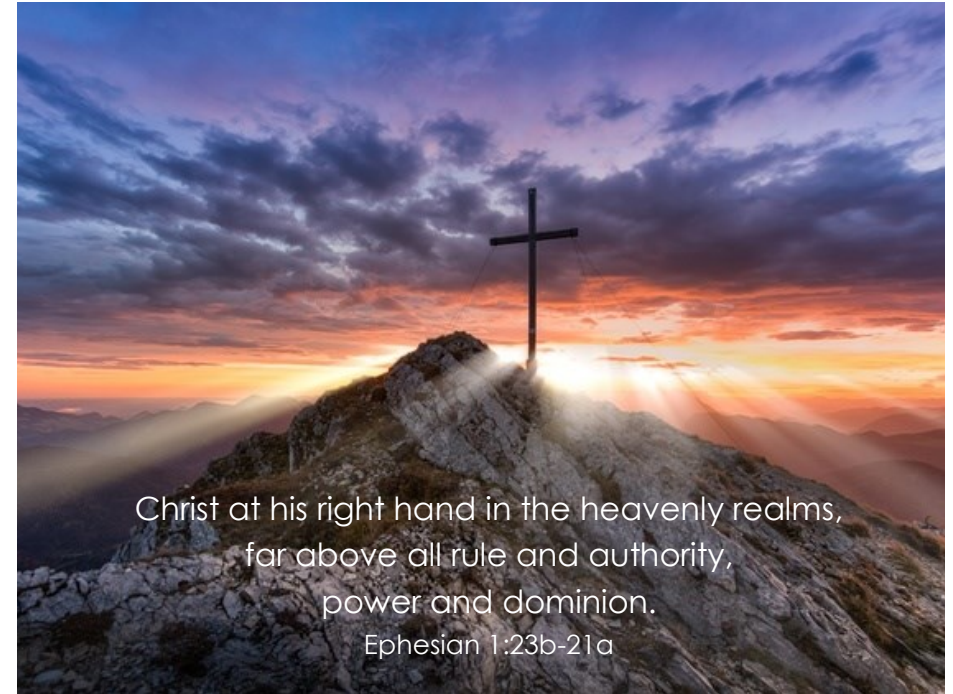
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Sunday 26th November 2017

WELCOME

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



Christ at his right hand in the heavenly realms,
far above all rule and authority,
power and dominion.
Ephesians 1:23b-21a

Ministry Team Contacts

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Office Hours - 9am—12 noon Monday to Thursday



A Vibrant Community, Committed to Jesus,

Passionately Engaged in Mission

A MESSAGE FROM GARY

Today we come to the last day of the year!

Well, it's the last day of the Christian year anyway. It's the day that ends the season of Pentecost and precedes the season of Advent which begins next week.

As such it is a special day, a festival day: the Festival of Christ the King or The Reign of Christ.

As a festival of the Church, however, it is a relatively new and recent celebration. It was proposed by Pope Pius IX in 1925, so it is less than 100 years old. While the Church has always celebrated images of Christ the King, Pius felt at this stage of world history this image of Christ needed a special focus.

To understand his reasoning we need to think of what was happening in the world at that time. WW1 was only just over, Nazism and Fascism were on the rise and the Great Depression was just around the corner. Pius felt that the world was in this turmoil because, "*the people of the day had thrust Jesus Christ... out of their lives and these had no place in public affairs or politics.*" Pius felt that as long as people found no place for Jesus in their lives or world affairs there could be no lasting peace among the nations and no peace in lives. So he proposed a feast to encourage people to refocus on Jesus, to reaffirm Christ's reign, to imagine and live out what the world would be like if Christ we in charge.

In our readings today we see an image of what such a world would be like. As we celebrate Christ the king, we do so not as the kind of king or ruler who seeks power or prestige or position, but a king who is in solidarity with the 'little ones' of this world: the hungry, the poor, the homeless and the landless.

He is indeed, the servant king who calls us to serve with him the forgotten ones of this world.

The reading from Ezekiel (34:11-16, 20-24) also takes up the theme of compassion to those considered the least. The prophet reminds us that even when human companions fail the little and the least, our Divine companion never does, always acting for their well-being and inviting us to do the same.

Let us worship our Servant King!

Peace,
Gary Stuckey (Rev)

THIS WEEK'S NEWS & NOTICES

Breakfast For a Future

Some people need a hand to build themselves a future. The children of the Dalit people in India are like that. Belonging to the class once called Untouchables the odds are stacked against them, but by being provided with a nutritious meal and academic support they can break out of the cycle of poverty. Join the Junior Church for breakfast in the foyer on **3rd December from 8 – 8.45**. Juice, cereals, toast and croissants with barista coffee or tea. \$5 per person or \$20 a family. For more information contact Gaynor Strapp 0450310591.

Teachers appreciation morning tea

The last teachers appreciation morning tea for 2017 will be at Linden Park Primary School on **Monday December 4** to compliment the Christian Options Program. There is a large staff of 75 and they have asked for 2 or 3 plates of vegetarian or gluten free food if possible. We join with the Australasian Community Church to cater for this morning tea. Could you please help to provide a plate of food. I will be at the church from 8:30am—10am on Monday December 4 to receive the food. Thanks for your support of this program. Anita Wheaten.

BCUC Cares for Families in need

The BCUC Cares team extends its deep gratitude to all who have so generously contributed to this appeal. As we draw near to the Christmas season Uniting Communities would value items that could be included in a Christmas Hamper. All donations are distributed to needy families by Uniting Communities at Clayton Wesley Church. Thank you for any items you are able to give.

Suggestions Include: Christmas Cake, Christmas Pudding, Cereal, Tuna, Canned Fruit, Longlife Custard, Spreads, Milo / Tea or Coffee, Soft Drinks, Chips/ Lollies, Canned Vegetables, Biscuits/Crackers, Soup, Canned Ham/Turkey, Toiletries

HizBiz

Our last Men's Fellowship Lunch for 2017 will take place at the Marrayville Hotel 239 Kensington Road, Kensington. **Tuesday 28th November @ 12 noon**. To facilitate booking arrangements please contact Rex King 8372 3002 or Leigh by email.

It is with much sadness that we advise that Beryl Watton passed away last Sunday. Her funeral will be at Burnside City Uniting Church at 2pm, Tuesday November 28.

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