



This Sunday @ BCUC

27th May — Trinity

New Life through the Love of God

9:00am Contemporary and 10:30am Classic : Donald Sarre

10:30am Café: Rev. Dr. Gary Stuckey

Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; **John 3:1-17**

Sunday 27th May 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

Monday 28th May

10:00am mainly music

Tuesday 29th May

9:30am Ladies Table Tennis

9:30am Playgroup

12noon Hizbiz

Thursday 31st May

9:30am Craft, Chat & Sew

12noon Friendship Club

6:00pm Worship & Music Ministry

7:30pm Choir practice

Friday 1st June

7:00pm Youth Group

Wednesday 30th May

7:45am Prayer Meeting

9:30am Prayer Meeting

Next Sunday @ BCUC

3rd June

The Dangers of Going to Church!

9:00am Contemporary and 10:30am Classic : Rev. Dr. Gary Stuckey

10:30am Café: Jeff Hudson

1 Samuel 3:1-10; Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18; 2 Corinthians 4:5-12; Mark 2:23-3:6

Prayer Requests: prayer@burnsidecityuc.org.au

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

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Ministry Team Contacts

Supply Minister: Rev Dr. Gary Stuckey 0437 708 183

Minister in Association: Rev Rob Williams 0424 123 171 (On leave until June 4)

All Ministers are available for Pastoral Care as required

Youth Coordinator: Ben Randall 0403 369 154

Administrator: Deb Mugford Tuesday & Thursday 9am-2:30pm

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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 DONALD SARRE

Arthur Stace: Mr *Eternity*. Arthur Stace had a tragic childhood and early adult life. Born in Redfern, a 'down town' inner Sydney suburb, in February 1885, to alcoholic and abusive parents, he never knew the meaning of "love". He was brought up in abject poverty and fear of being beaten by his father. In order to survive, he resorted to stealing bread and milk and searching for scraps of food in bins. By the age of 12, with virtually no formal schooling, and working in a coal mine, he was made a ward of the state and put into a state home, then foster care. As a teenager he became an alcoholic and was frequently locked up. In his 20s he 'graduated' to working in the underworld. In March 1916, at the age of 32, he enlisted for WWI with the AIF and spent 3 years in France. He was a survivor. Just as he had survived a horrific childhood, he survived the horror of war, and later the poverty of the depression.

When all seemed lost – a serious alcoholic, lonely, virtually homeless, a frequent inmate of the local jail, - one night in August 1930, he found himself listening to a sermon by the evangelist, RB Hammond. That night he made a commitment to try life with Christ. By the love of God he was given "New Life". Two years later, he was listening to another preacher delivering a sermon on "Eternity". In Stace's words, "Eternity went ringing through my brain and suddenly I began crying and felt a powerful call from the Lord to write "Eternity". Even though he was illiterate, he spent the next 35 years of his life, writing the word "Eternity" in beautiful copperplate script, daily starting at 5.00 am and writing it perhaps 40 times a day. His chalk written "Eternity" adorned footpaths and walls, and was in lights on the Sydney Harbour Bridge, in the early hours of 1/1/2000. He was "born again" and spent the rest of his life serving his Lord in the local church, serving in shelters for the homeless and challenging people to consider their "Eternity".

Our life and faith story may not be as dramatic and colourful as Arthur's, but by the Grace of God, we too can experience the gift of Life 'Eternal', assured of the presence of the Spirit of the Risen Christ.

Please pray that the members of the Joint Nominating Committee (JNC) will be guided by the Spirit, while exercising their responsibility in discerning God's will, when meeting with prospective minister(s). It is important that the process is 'saturated' in prayer as we seek to call our Spiritual Leader. This week the Presbytery Placements Committee will consider names to present to the JNC.

We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you. Psalm 33: 20-22.

Hizbiz - a Men's Group

All gentlemen welcome to share a 12 noon lunch @ the Marryatville Hotel on **Tuesday May 29th**. Contact Rex or Leigh if attending.

UnitingWomen

Uniting Women is a biennial conference hosted by UCA. This year it will be held in Brisbane from **September 27-30**. Early bird registration ends on **May 31st**. Christian women come together in God's name finding acceptance, encouragement and inspiration. For more information, contact Gaynor Strapp.

Frontier Services - Packing Day

Deadline for goods is **May 31st**. Suitable donations: second hand clothing for adults and children, household goods and toiletries, children's colouring pencils and notepads. Old Timers stall items: new items and gift packs & children/baby clothes. Goods can be left in the marked boxes in BCUC foyer.

Youth Bowling Night

BCUC Youth Group will meet at the Goodwood Bowling Centre on **June 1st at 7:00pm** for a game of bowling followed by laser skirmish. Contact Ben Randall for further details.

Monday Day Fellowship

Monday Day Fellowship is on **Monday June 4 at 1:30pm**. Come and hear Sandy Morey speak on the Life of a Policeman. Everyone welcome. Please see Ruth Daws for more information.

Pastoral Care Worker

aka "School Chaplain"

Marryatville High School

Schools Ministry Group along with Burnside Inter-Church Council are seeking applications for this 18 hours per week position, commencing Term 3, 2018. The position exists to offer Chaplaincy Services to students, staff and the school community. A Job and Person Specification, including details on "How to Apply", is available from Schools Ministry Group on 8378 6800 or mail@smg.asn.au. **Closing date: 2pm, Tuesday 12th June 2018** For details about the next **Information Session** go to: www.smg.asn.au.

Thank You

to the 80+ good folk who bought tiles to help Mary Thomasbabu close the gap with the school fees of her three boys: Manasai, Abraham and Judah. By May 21st, we reached \$1,880 !

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@burnsiddecityuc.org.au no later than 12noon on Tuesday