



Burnside City
Uniting Church
Community, Faith and Purpose

This Sunday @ BCUC—The voice of healing

28th January

9am Contemporary and 10.30am Classic: Rev Rob Williams

10:30am Café: Rev Dr Gary Stuckey

Deuteronomy 18:15-20, Psalm 111, 1 Corinthians 8:1-13, **Mark 1:21-28**

UPCOMING WEEK @ BCUC

Monday 29th January

10am mainly music

Tuesday 30th January

9:30am Ladies Table Tennis

9:30am Playgroup

6pm Church Council

6pm HizBiz

Wednesday 31st January

7:45am Prayer Meeting

Thursday 1st February

9:30am Craft, Chat & Sew

12noon Friendship Club

5:30pm Worship & Music Ministry

7:30pm Choir practice

Friday 2nd February

1pm Facilities Committee

Sunday 4th February

12noon Prayer Meeting

Next Sunday @ BCUC— Keep focused

4th February

9am Contemporary and 10.30am Classic: Ian Olver

10:30am Café: Rev Matthew Bond

Isaiah 40:21-31, Psalm 147:1-11, 20c, 1 Corinthians 9:16-23, **Mark 1:29-39**

Prayer Requests: prayer@burnsidecityuc.org.au

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

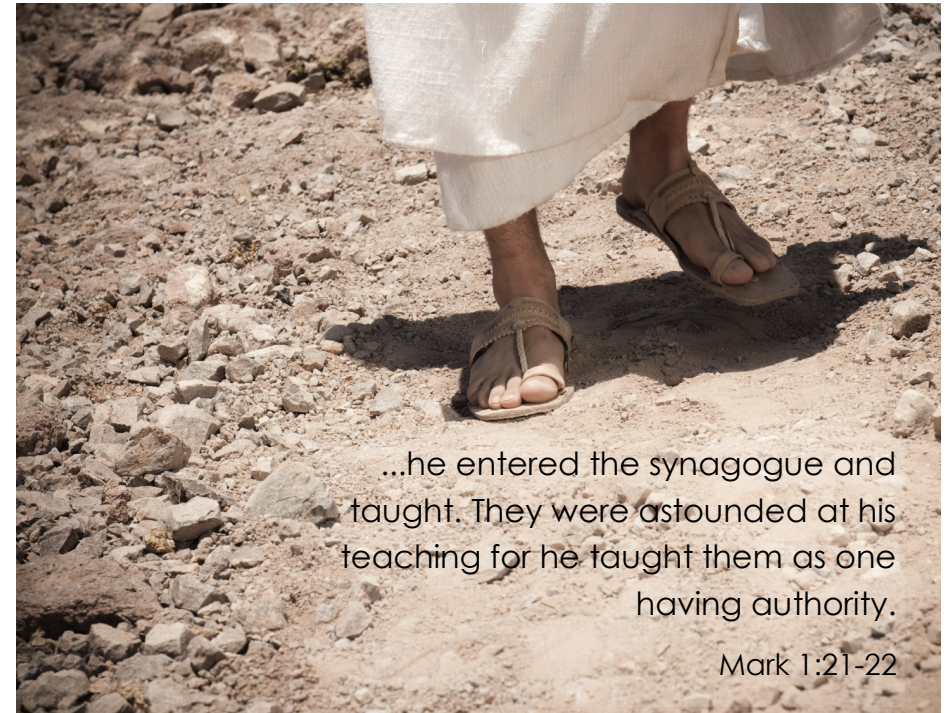
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Sunday 28 January 2018

WELCOME

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



...he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching for he taught them as one having authority.

Mark 1:21-22

Ministry Team Contacts

Minister: Rev Matthew Bond Ministry Team Leader 0400 777 410

(Annual leave 2-30 Jan 2017)

Minister in Association: Rev Rob Williams 0424 123 171

All Ministers are available for Pastoral Care as required

Youth Coordinator: Ben Randall —0403 369 154

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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 GARY

Discovering Your Personal Mission

Several years ago a book appeared on the shelves (this is before Kindle!) with the title, *"I'd say yes God if I knew what you wanted"*. And of course we would. But the problem it seems is that we find it very hard to know what God wants.

Last week in the Contemporary and Classic services, and this week in Café, I took the text we know well of the voice of Jesus calling four fishermen to follow him. It's a text which has always intrigued me, mainly because of the immediate and whole hearted response to Jesus by the four, Peter and Andrew, James and John. What was it in the invitation to follow that impelled them to leave their boats? There could be lots of reasons, but one I think is that the invitation of Jesus, the word of Jesus, was a creative word. Jesus' voice brought into being that which was said. We may not literally hear the voice of Jesus, but when Jesus summons us to follow, his is a voice which creates possibilities of discipleship.

We may not 'hear' the summons of Jesus in the way we normally understand the word 'hear', but we can, nonetheless, hear Jesus invitation for us to follow. Each and every one of us is called to follow Jesus in some way. The word I would use is vocation. We all have a vocation. Mostly 'vocation' is used as synonymous with career or job.

However, in the spiritual context it is used differently. There *vocation is the way God wants to use your life to make a difference in the world*. How, then, do we go about discovering our vocation, that unique life to which God has called us?

We do not invent our vocation. The seeds of who God calls us to be are polanted within us and our task is to create the environment in which those seeds can grow and flourish.

In a positive way our vocation reveals itself by asking the right questions.

What seem to be my gifts?

What kinds of things do I do well?

What kinds of activities give me real sense of contentment?

What kinds of things do I find most challenging and fulfilling to do?

In what kinds of activities do I feel most myself?

What kind of people do you most admire? (The people we admire reveal something of ourselves.)

Do you feel an inner nudge that seems to point you in a particular direction?

What kinds of things do you think you and God can do with your life that will make a difference for good in the world?

"Somewhere under the stars God has a job for you to do and nobody else can do it."

Lenten Studies

During the upcoming time of Lent BCUC will not be offering church wide Lenten Studies. Groups are offered 3 reflections which have been provided by Gary and are available either in the carousel or from Deb. If you are interested in attending a small group over Lent please email Rob Williams robw@burnsidecityuc.org.au

Are You a Follower of Jesus?

Children in our Junior Church decided they were. One thing followers do is read the Bible. We decided to read Mark's Gospel, which is like an action adventure story, at home with our families. A baptism, a beheading, changing jobs and lots of wine all in the first chapter! What a story.

HizBiz

HizBiz—a group for men—will meet on **Tuesday January 30 at BCUC at 6pm** for a fish and chip meal before watching the movie Wesley—A Heart Transformed Can Change the World. Please see Rex King or Leigh Duffett for more details.

Youth Group

Youth Group will begin for the year on **Feb 2**. We will be meeting at Semaphore Beach for a BYO dinner and games at the beach. Meeting from 7pm under the shelter near the carousel. For more information please contact Ben Randall.

Seniors Second Sunday Lunch

Sunday February 11 at 12noon until 2.30pm. Come and join us for friendship, fun and food. Chicken & Salad plus a fruit platter. Please see Anita Wheaton for more information.

KCO

KCO will be held on the weekend of **March 17-18** at Adare, Victor Harbor. Please see Gaynor Strapp to register.

CAP Money Course

BCUC will be holding a CAP Money Course on **Thursday's 8, 15 & 22 February 7pm—9pm**. CAP Money is a free course to help you manage your money better and learn to budget, save and spend well. To register for this free course please speak to Gaynor Strapp or Anne Wierenga.

BCUC Saturday Friendship Club

The first meeting for 2018 is a Mystery Bus Trip **Saturday 17th February**. Please meet at the Burnside City Council car park, to leave promptly at 6-15 pm. The cost is \$25 and covers the trip, entry fee and supper. Please pay Helen Brooks by Sunday 11th Feb. Numbers are limited, so please book early.

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