This Sunday @ BCUC

28th October

Life! a

9:00am Contemporary and 10:30am Classic: Colette Williams

Let God reboot your life bc

10:30am Café: Rev Trevor Klar

John 11:32-44^a; Hebrews 7:23-28^b; Job 23:1-9,16-17^c Job 42: 1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22); Mark 10:46-52

Upcoming Week @ BCUC

Monday 29th October

10:00am mainly music

Tuesday 30th October

9:30am Ladies Table Tennis

9:30am Playgroup

Wednesday 31st October

7:45am Prayer Meeting 9:30am Prayer Meeting Thursday 1st November

9:30am Craft, Chat & Sew

12noon Friendship Club

6:oopm Worship & Music Ministry

7:30pm Choir practice

Friday 2nd November

1:00pm Facilities Committee

Sunday 4th November

12noon Prayer Meeting2:oopm Missionary Visit

Next Sunday @ BCUC

4th November

9:00am Contemporary : Ben Randall 10:30am Classic : Keith Maynard 10:30am Café : Colette Williams - *Life!* a

Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34; **John 11:32-44**^a

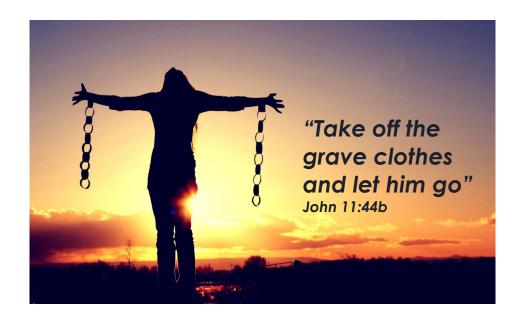
Prayer Requests: prayer@burnsidecityuc.org.au



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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.



Ministry Team Contacts

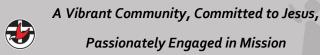
Supply Minister: Rev Trevor Klar 0437 708 183; Mon. (am), Tue., Thu. (from 2pm)

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

Communications & IT: Stuart MacAdam Monday and Wednesday 9am-2:30pm

Office Hours: 9am-12 noon, Monday - Thursday



A MESSAGE FROM COLETTE WILLIAMS

When Jesus told Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life", he was referring not only to our bodily resurrection at the end times when Jesus returns, but also to the quality of our resurrected life right now.

If we have given our lives to Jesus, we are "in Christ", and he has brought us out of spiritual death into new spiritual life. (John 5:24) We are, in Jesus' words, born again, and we have a brand new born again spirit within us which responds to the Holy Spirit and longs to do God's will. Our bodies and minds however, take a bit more getting under control and bringing into alignment with God's ways.

Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days and he was on the nose! All hope was gone. They could only look back with regret and say, "Lord, if you had been here..."

But then the authoritative voice of Jesus cut through the atmosphere of grief, "Lazarus, come out!" And to the astonishment of everyone present, Lazarus stumbled out, still fully encased in strips of linen, but *alive!* Jesus instructed, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

Miraculously, Lazarus had been given back the gift of life. The unthinkable had happened! But if Lazarus was going to *live* his new life effectively, the grave clothes had to be removed. They had the stench of death clinging to them; they were restrictive and disabling.

And what about us?

We have been brought from death to life, but do we, like Lazarus, still have remnants of our old, spiritually dead life clinging to us? Are we living in the freedom that Jesus, at huge cost, has won for us? Or are we still bound up by old mindsets, guilt, unforgiveness, shame, fear etc.? Like the grave clothes, they are restrictive and disabling.

"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery." (Gal.5:1)

I encourage us all to ask the Holy Spirit to show us if we are still bound up by anything from our old, unredeemed life, ask if there's anything we need to do by way of forgiveness etc., and then invite him to deal with it once and for all.

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THIS WEEK'S NEWS & NOTICES

Annual BCUC Church Picnic TODAY, 12noon

Kensington Gardens Reserve (corner South and West Terrace). Please bring your own picnic lunch, chair and thermos. Also, bring cake/slice or fresh fruit to share. Pick up a flyer at the front desk for further details.

Sizzling Sausages A Church for Oodnadatta

The children of BCUC invite you to their sausage sizzle to help raise funds to build a Church for Oodnadatta. **Sunday 11 November at 10:00am** between services in the foyer.

Barnabas Fund Event @ BCUC

Come and hear Patrick Sookhdeo speak on current trends in Christian Persecution. You will get insights to guide your prayers for our suffering brothers and sisters. Saturday **November 10,** 9:30am. A flyer is available at the front desk.

Missionary Visit

Austin House, of Farthest Corners Ministry, will be visiting on Sunday, **November 4** to tell us how Farthest Corners are reaching out in the love of Jesus to the Burmese community, and to those on the border of Thailand. Austin is giving a short talk at a combined morning tea between the 9:00am and 10:30am services and will be speaking again at 2:30pm.

BCUC Saturday Friendship Club

Our Christmas dinner will be held on Saturday **November 17**, 6:15pm. There will be a three course meal and entertainment. The theme is "a traditional Christmas". Cost is \$35.00 to Peter Foord. BYO Drinks. Booking deadline **November 11**.

BCUC Cares - Christmas Hamper

Uniting Communities at Clayton Wesley Church appreciates all hamper items donated for families in need. Hamper donations may be placed in the usual marked boxes in the church foyer, now through December 16. Thank you for sharing the many blessings God has so generously given us. Suggested Christmas Hamper items include:

- Christmas Cake/Pudding
- Coffee, Tea, Milo, Soft Drinks
- Longlife Custard
- Biscuits/Cracker, Chips/Lollies
- Canned Fruit/Vegetables
- Canned Tuna, Ham or Turkey
- Spreads, Soup, Cereal
- Other non-perishable foods
- Toys
- Toiletries (ongoing great need)

Lloyd Millar's 90th Birthday

A celebration Devonshire tea will be served after the 10.30 service on **November 4**. All church friends are invited to attend.

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