



Burnside City
Uniting Church
Community, Faith and Purpose

Sunday 3rd February 2019

This Sunday @ BCUC

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Love Is...^b

9:00am Contemporary, 10:30am Classic : Rev Rob Williams

What is your excuse?^a

10:30am Café : Merle Paton

Jeremiah 1:4-10^a; Psalm 71:1-6; **1 Corinthians 13:1-13^b**; Luke 4:21-30

Upcoming Week @ BCUC

Monday 4th February

10:00am mainly music
3:00pm Ecumenical Group

Tuesday 5th February

9:30am Ladies Table Tennis
9:30am Playgroup

Wednesday 6th February

7:45am Prayer Meeting
9:30am Prayer Meeting

Thursday 7th February

9:30am Craft, Chat & Sew
12noon Friendship Club
6:00pm Worship & Music Ministry
7:30pm Choir practice

Sunday 10th February

12noon Seniors 2nd Sunday Lunch
12noon Prayer Meeting

Next Sunday @ BCUC

10th February

Get out into Deeper Water^{ab}

9:00am Contemporary, 10:30am Café : Rev Dr Benji Callen

Jesus is the Head of the Church^b

10:30am Classic : Colette Williams

Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13); **Psalm 42^a**; Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; **Luke 5:1-11^b**

Prayer Requests: prayer@burnsidecityuc.org.au

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

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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

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Mon - Fri, 9am - 2pm

Ministers are available for Pastoral Care as required.



A Vibrant Community, Committed to Jesus,

Passionately Engaged in Mission



THIS WEEK'S NEWS & NOTICES

A MESSAGE FROM ROB

LOVE IS

The thirteenth chapter of first Corinthians is probably the favourite wedding text of all time - and with good reason.

A wife came into a counsellor's office full of hatred toward her husband. "I don't only want to get rid of him, I want to get even. Before I divorce him, I want to hurt him as much as he has me," she cried. The counsellor suggested an unusual plan "Go home and act as if you really love your husband. Tell him how much he means to you. Praise him for every decent trait. Go out of your way to be as kind, considerate, and generous as possible. Spare no efforts to please him, to enjoy him. Make him believe you love him. After you've convinced him of your undying love and that you cannot live without him, then drop the bomb. Tell him that you're getting a divorce. That will really hurt him." With revenge in her eyes, she smiled and exclaimed, "Beautiful, beautiful. Will he ever be surprised!" And she did it with enthusiasm, acting "as if." For two months she showed love, kindness, listening, giving, reinforcing, sharing. When she didn't return, the counsellor 'phoned her. "Are you ready now to go through with the divorce?" "Divorce?" she exclaimed. "Never! I discovered I really do love him." Her actions had changed her feelings. Motion resulted in emotion. The ability to love is established not so much by fervent promise, as often repeated deeds.

In his book *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis wrote, "Do not waste your time bothering whether you 'love' your neighbour - act as if you do. As soon as we do this, we find one of the great secrets. When you are behaving as if you loved someone, you will presently come to love them. If you injure someone you dislike, you will find yourself disliking them more. If you do them a good turn, you will find yourself disliking them less."

..... THE GREATEST

mainly music

will start on February 4th, tomorrow from 10.00am-11.30am. The programme is action packed with half an hour of singing, rhymes and dancing for children. Morning tea & playtime follow. mainly music is held on Mondays during school term. If you know a parent, grandparent or carer with children between 0-5 years, suggest that they join in mainly music. There is information about mainly music at www.mainlymusic.org.au, our BCUC web site, or phone Chris Lake on 0417 848 315. It's great way to start the week!

Australia Day Honours 2019

In the Australia Day awards one of our BCUC members, Ann Buchan, was awarded an OAM for service to medicine as a neurological physiotherapist. Congratulations Ann!

Wednesday 9:30am Prayer Group

The prayer group plus short bible study which meets Wednesday mornings at 9.30am resumes Feb 6th and new members are warmly welcomed. We follow the *lectio divina* method of listening to God's message in the Bible. Come along and see if this is a helpful method for you.

The Blessings Course

This 7 session course is based on the popular books, "The Grace Outpouring" and "The Way of Blessing". It is God's desire to bless – both people and situations, and we can be his agents. This inspiring and Bible-based study will be held on the **2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month**, 10am upstairs in the church. We would love to have new people join us. Enquiries to Colette Williams.

BCUC Saturday Friendship Club

The first meeting for 2019 will be the traditional Mystery Bus Trip on **Saturday February 16th** leaving the Burnside City Council car park, promptly at 6-00 pm. The cost will be \$25. A booking slip will be inserted in the 2019 programme, available from this Sunday. Please pay Peter Foord before Sun 10th Feb. by placing money and booking slip inside a named envelope. Limited seating so be early.

Seniors Second Sunday Lunch

Next Sunday February 10th, 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.

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