



Burnside City
Uniting Church
Community, Faith and Purpose

TODAY @ BCUC

Sunday 1st February—Jesus teaches with divine authority

9am Contemporary & 10:30am Classic—Linda Driver
10:30am Cafe: Colette Williams
Deut 18:15-20, Mark 1:21-28

UPCOMING WEEK @ BCUC

Monday 2nd February

2pm BCUC Cares for Refugees

Tuesday 3rd February

9am Playgroup

9:30am Table Tennis

Wednesday 4th February

7:45am Weekly Prayer Meeting

9am Early Beginnings Godly Play

9:15am Mission Support Group

5pm WAMM

Thursday 5th February

9:30am Craft, Chat'n'Sew

12pm Friendship Club

7:30pm Choir

Friday 6th February

9am Early Beginnings Godly Play

7pm Blokes with Bibles & Shelia's with Scriptures

1pm Facilities Committee

NEXT WEEK @ BCUC— Covenant Sunday

Sunday 8th February—God gives fullness of life

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

10:30am Cafe: Adam Williams

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

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

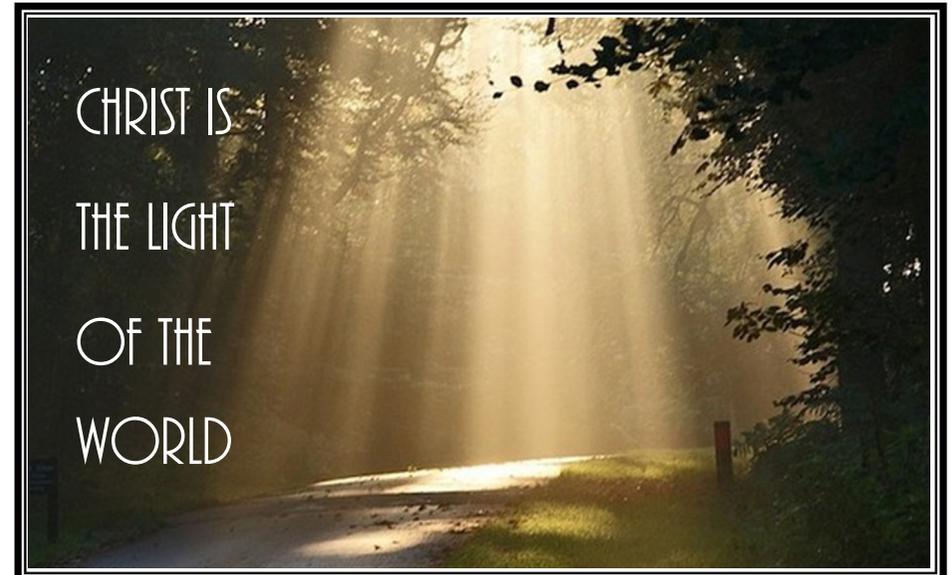
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Sunday February 1st

WELCOME

We have Connect Team members to welcome new people at each service who will introduce you to our church and assist you in any way they can. Please stay for a cup of tea or coffee, so that we can get to know you better.



Ministry Team Contacts

Rev Matthew Bond Ministry Team Leader

Monday—Thursday 0400 777 410

Pastor Linda Driver, Pastor Children, Youth and Families

Monday—Wednesday 0437 708 183

Rev Rob Williams, Minister in Association

Available for Pastoral Care as required— 0424 123 171

Ben Randall, Youth Coordinator—0403 369 154

Deb Mugford, Administrator—Monday—Thursday 9am-2:30pm



A Vibrant Community, Committed to Jesus,

Passionately Engaged in Mission



THIS WEEK'S NEWS & NOTICES

Junior Church Morning Tea

Where: Upstairs foyer

When: **Sunday 8th February** after the gam service

Who: For parents, children, young people, leaders and helpers

Why: to say G'day and share information about the Junior Church program for 2015.

Looking forward to seeing you then.
Gaynor Strapp

Blokes with Bibles & Shelia's with Scriptures

Starts this **Friday 6th February**. Fortnightly small groups for those in years 8-12. Contact Youth Coordinator Ben Randall 0403 369 154 for more information.

BCUC Listens to God

Will no longer be running. Please stay tuned for further information regarding prayer ministry at BCUC.

BCUC Saturday Friendship Club

Our first meeting of the year is a Mystery Bus Tour on **Saturday 21st February**. The bus will leave the Burnside Council car park at 6-15pm. Cost \$25.00, which includes the bus, an entry fee and supper. Please pay Helen Brooks ASAP, as there will only be 48 places available.

Foyer Cleaning

There is a need of help to vacuum the Foyer and Café area after church on Sunday's. This area has a great deal of use and requires vacuuming at the completion of use on Sunday mornings. This can be done at a time convenient to you. If you are able to help on a rostered basis please contact Chris Lake or Ruth Daws.

Invigor8 Conference

21st February, St John's Lutheran Primary School. This would be an inspiring conference for Children and Family Ministry Leaders and Parents. Please contact Linda for more information and to register.

Discernment Retreat

Friday 27 to Saturday 28 February at Nunyara Conference Centre, Belair. Where is my life heading? How is God asking me to use my gifts and abilities? The February Discernment Retreat, led by Rev Jenny Ducker & Michael Duke, is open to all who are seeking an intentional time of reflection and listening to what God may want to say to them. For further information, please contact Uniting College on info@unitingcollege.org.au or 8416 8420.

MESSAGE FROM LINDA



My social media newsfeed has been full of photos of children of all ages ready for their first day of school. First days for Kindy, Reception, High School, or a new school. The excitement, the fear, the unknown, the tears...

I have been praying for the children and their parents and carers as they adjust to this transition: For parents and carers as they see their children taking a step towards independence - an exciting and scary time, and as they learn to gradually let go and entrust their precious child into the hands of the community and the world. For children, stepping into a new world with new teachers, new friends, new rules, new ways of doing things. For some this is an exciting time, for most it's daunting.

A blessing for our children:

Dear God, we ask you to be with each of our children as they go to school. Calm any fears or anxiousness they may be feeling. Keep them safe. Bless them with many friends and good teachers. May school be exciting, fun, and provide them with good learning so that they can grow up to love and serve you and others. Amen.

A blessing for parents and carers in our community:

Dear God, bless the adults who care for these children with peace and the certainty that you keep their children safe and secure. Give them wisdom, patience, and an abundant measure of love, so that they can continue to raise their children well and pass on the faith that you have given them. Amen.**

In closing, I encourage anyone who might be anxious about new beginnings:

"Don't worry about anything. No matter what happens, tell God about everything. Ask and pray, and give thanks to him. Then God's peace will watch over your hearts and your minds. He will do this because you belong to Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7a NIRV)

Matthew Bond will return from leave on Monday 2nd February.

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