



**TODAY @ BCUC**

**Sunday 11th January—God's power through the Holy Spirit**  
9am Contemporary & 10:30am Classic—Rev Rob Williams  
10:30am Cafe: Linda Driver  
Genesis 1:1-5, Psalm 29, Acts 19:1-7, Mark 1:4-11

**Sunday January 11th & 18th**

**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.

CHRIST IS  
THE LIGHT  
OF THE  
WORLD



**NEXT WEEK @ BCUC—Communion**

**Sunday 18th January—God knows whom God calls**  
9am Contemporary & 10:30am Classic—Linda Driver  
10:30am Cafe: Ann Buchan

1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20), Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18, 1 Corinthians 6:12-20, John 1:43-51

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## THIS WEEK'S NEWS & NOTICES

### MESSAGE FROM MATTHEW

This message is from the Uniting Church President, Rev. Prof. Andrew Dutney. I enjoyed Andrew's lectures while at Theological College and value his wisdom. I believe that his message speaks to us, the church in Burnside about our call to serve God here with the gifts God has given.

Please read this in an open and prayerful way that will allow God to stir your heart as we begin this New Year together.

*The Uniting Church in Australia has expressed its dismay at changes passed to the Migration and Maritime Powers Acts which will cause greater suffering for those vulnerable people seeking refuge in Australia.*

"Today is a day of great moral failure for Australia," said Uniting Church President, Rev. Prof. Andrew Dutney, in response to the legislation that passed the Senate in the early hours of this morning. (December 5<sup>th</sup> 2014)

"The Federal Government has now made it legal to punish the strangers that Jesus called Christians to welcome, simply for seeking our protection."

"These measures will only cause more suffering for refugees who have already suffered so much," said Rev. Prof. Dutney.

The Uniting Church has long-standing concerns about the policies of successive governments which aim to punish and deter rather than protect people in need.

The legislation passed by the Senate grants unprecedented powers to the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, placing the Minister's decisions out of reach of the courts and giving him permission to act contrary to international law.



Rev. Elenie Poulos, National Director of Uniting Justice Australia says these changes will not protect refugees.

"A genuine regional solution founded on the principles of protection was the right way to stop people boarding dangerous boats. This legislation is the wrong way. The Minister will now be unaccountable to the public and the culture of secrecy will continue unchallenged."

"This Bill was sold as the only way to help those currently stuck in our immigration centres but over the years asylum seekers have been released into the community without leaving them in limbo for years on Temporary Protection Visas.

"By making it legal for Australia to breach international law and removing references to the Refugee Convention from the Migration Act, Australia has declared to the world that we have little respect for human rights.

"Any calls we now care to make on other countries to improve the protection of people's human rights will surely fall on deaf ears.

"This legislation sends a message to the rest of the world that the complex global problem of refugees fleeing violence and persecution is no longer Australia's problem. It is a dark day for democracy and a dark day for human rights in this country," said Rev. Poulos.

***When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.*** (Leviticus 19:33-34)

Matthew Bond will be on leave from **Sunday January 11th until Monday February 2nd**. All enquiries during that time should be directed to Linda Driver.

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