

TODAY @ BCUC—Look to Jesus as our perfect example

**Covenant Sunday
Sunday 7th February**

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

10:30am Classic— Ps Linda Driver

Exodus 34:29-35, Psalm 99, 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2, Luke 9:26-36 (37-43a)

UPCOMING WEEK @ BCUC

Monday 8th February

10am mainly music

Tuesday 9th February

9:30am Ladies Table Tennis

10am Playgroup

Wednesday 10th February

7:45am Prayer meeting

Thursday 11th February

12noon Thursday Friendship Club

7:30pm Choir Practice

Friday 12th February

6pm Worship & Music Ministry

7pm Youth Group

Sunday 14th February

12noon Seniors Second Sunday Lunch

NEXT WEEK @ BCUC - Uniting World

Sunday 14th February

9am Contemporary & 10:30am Café: — Ps Linda Driver & Rev Paul Bartlett

10:30am Classic— Rev Matthew Bond & Rev Paul Bartlett

Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16, Romans 10:8b-13, Luke 4:1-13

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

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Burnside City
Uniting Church
Community, Faith and Purpose

Sunday February 7th, 2016

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 each other better.

**A voice came from the
cloud, saying,**

**“This is my Son,
whom I have chosen;
listen to him.”**

**And they were all
amazed at the
greatness of God.**

(Luke 9:35 & 43a)

Ministry Team Contacts

Minister: Rev Matthew Bond Ministry Team Leader

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Minister: Pastor Linda Driver Children, Youth and Families

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A Vibrant Community, Committed to Jesus,

Passionately Engaged in Mission

A MESSAGE FROM MATTHEW



Covenant

The word 'covenant' has a very special meaning to me. For 16 years, from when I turned 18 years old, I travelled the world with a ministry called "Covenant Players". This was a Christian faith ministry dedicated to presenting the good news of Jesus Christ in churches, schools, hospitals and prisons. We did this through dramatic presentations that brought the Christian message to life. I served in Australia, India, Africa and the USA. This ministry was known as "Covenant Players" because each person who joined the ministry shared in a covenant with God – we would faithfully serve God and God would provide for our needs as we did.

In the Bible, a covenant is an agreement between God and his people, in which God makes promises to his people and, usually, requires certain conduct from them. The 10 Commandments are an excellent example of our covenant responsibilities. In the Old Testament, God made covenants with Noah, Abraham, and Moses.

In the New Testament Jesus is the agent of a new covenant in which, Jesus fulfils all the obligations of the covenant on our behalf by his death on the cross and now offers salvation by faith.

Christian marriage is a wonderful example of the principles of covenant in practice as a man and a woman make promises before God to be kept for the rest of their lives.

Here is a reminder from a recent marriage covenant where husband and wife enter into a covenant relationship together;

Ben, will you give yourself to Sarah to be her husband, to live together in the covenant of marriage? Will you love her, comfort her, honour and protect her, and, forsaking all others, be faithful to her, as long as you both shall live?

I, Ben, in the presence of God, take you, Sarah, to be my wife; to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, as long as we both shall live. This is my solemn vow.

Today as a congregation and as individuals we are being asked to renew our covenant with God. We are declaring our love for God, our desire to be obedient to God and to use our God-given gifts to serve God with all our heart, strength, soul & mind.

Just as in a marriage, this covenant is not to be entered into lightly. We rejoice in God's strength that enables us to serve God faithfully here at Burnside City Uniting Church.

THIS WEEK'S NEWS & NOTICES

Are you concerned for the future of our country?

Then come and join with other concerned Christians who will gather to pray, as part of the National Day of Prayer and Fasting at BCUC next **Sunday Feb 7th at 6pm**. This is not to be confused with the World Day of Prayer, which happens in early March. There will be a group of people again travelling to Canberra to pray in Parliament House, as well as in churches and small groups all around Australia.

It doesn't matter if you don't want to fast, or can't for health reasons, just come along and pray. For more information please contact Colette Williams.

Lent Event

Lent this year begins with Rev Paul Bartlett from Uniting World preaching on **Feb 14**. We are planning to have short term small groups using 6 Uniting World Lenten studies during Lent. You can sign up for these on the sheets on the Reception Desk. For more information please see Rex King.

Invigor8 Conference

Parents and Children's Ministry Leaders & Helpers are invited to attend the Invigor8 Conference at St Michael's Lutheran School, Hahndorf on **Saturday March 5th**. Cost \$55. Please see Linda to register. www.blueprintministries.org.au/events/invigor8-conference

Prayer Ministry

Jenny Olver has answered God's call to coordinate the Prayer Ministry here at Burnside City Uniting Church. Please email Jenny at prayer@burnsidecityuc.org.au with your prayer requests. All prayer requests will be received in the strictest confidence and passed on to the members of the prayer chain. Please remember to ask permission from the people you are praying for before you submit your request. May God bless the faithful members of the Prayer Chain for their prayers.

Police Checks

It is important that all leaders in ministry have a current Police Check through the Uniting Church. These Police Checks must be stored in the church office. If you have a current Police Check please bring it in to the church office for filing. If your Police Check is out of date please arrange to come into the office to fill out a new form.

Schools Ministry Group 25 Year Celebration Service

This special service, on **Monday 8 February, 7pm—8:30pm** at St Peter's Cathedral, North Adelaide, will recognise the work and effort of Volunteers, Supporters, Churches, Support Groups and Chaplains. RSVP online <http://smg.asn.au/25-year-celebration>

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