

TODAY @ BCUC

Sunday 14th September —Frontier Services & Operation Christmas Child

9am Contemporary & 10.30am Classic: Rev Matthew Bond

10:30am Café: Adam Williams (Co-ordinating)

Romans 13: 8-14

UPCOMING WEEK @ BCUC

Monday 15th September

10am mainly music

6pm BSF

Tuesday 16th September

9:30am Ladies Table Tennis

9:30am Playgroup Information

Morning Tea

Wednesday 17th September

7:45am Weekly Prayer Meeting

9am Early Beginnings Godly Play

7pm Young Adults

Thursday 18th September

10am Craft, Chat & Sew

12pm Friendship Group

7pm Band & Choir Practice

Friday 19th September

9am Early Beginnings Godly Play

5pm WAMM

7pm Youth

Saturday 20th September

Saturday Friendship Club

Sunday 21st September

3:30pm mainly music Family Night

NEXT WEEK @ BCUC

Sunday 21st September – Communion

9am Contemporary & 10.30am Classic: Linda Driver

10:30am Café: Rev Matthew Bond

Matthew 21:23-32

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Burnside City
Uniting Church
Community, Faith and Purpose

Sunday September 14th 2014

WEEKLY NEWS

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.

Spirited Generosity – the next steps



Our AGM on Tuesday September 9th marked the 100th day of our 100 day countdown to the launch of Spirited Generosity. This is the beginning of a new phase in the life of Burnside City Uniting Church. A big thankyou to the 95 members of our congregation who attended this meeting and participated in the decision making process.

Peter Morris was elected as our Chairperson of Congregation and Jocelyn Nicholson as our Secretary of Congregation. We thank them for stepping into these roles to serve God here.

The new Church Council was elected. Sarah Jennings, Di Croft & Fay Genuth are our continuing Elders for another two years of their terms and did not need to be re-elected. They will be joined on the new council by Keith Maynard, Valerie Aloa and Angus Paton who have been serving on Church Council and have been re-elected for another 3 year term. Julie-Anne Bingham, Gillian Cibich, Chris Lake, Gaynor Strapp and Michael Dring have each been elected to the BCUC council for the first time to serve 3 year terms. They will be commissioned on Sunday September 21st and begin their terms at the next Church Council meeting on October 14th.

At this point Russell Thomson, Rex King, Colette Williams and Andrew Pruszinski have finished their terms. I ask you to join me in thanking them for their faithful service. Praise God for their time and gifts freely given in this way. Please uphold those who are finishing their terms and those who are beginning their terms in your regular prayers. Thank you also to our Nomination Team of Rex King, Colette Williams & Peter Wright for their work on this process.



A Vibrant Community, Committed to Jesus,

Passionately Engaged in Mission



THIS WEEK'S NEWS & NOTICES

Global Leadership Summit

The Global Leadership Summit will be held on 10th & 11th October at Clovercrest Baptist Church. If you are interested in attending please contact Deb for more information.

BCUC Playgroup Information Morning Tea

Tuesday 16 September 9:30-11am.
RSVP 10 September. For more information please contact Chris Lake or Linda.

Saturday Friendship Club

Our next meeting is on 20 September at 7:45pm when we shall be having a 'Scottish Night' Come along and enjoy an evening of entertainment. Basket supper as usual.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

On **Sunday, Sept 14**, Alison Elliss will be speaking at all three services about the Operation Christmas Child shoe box program. This will be an opportunity to hear about the distribution of the boxes last year, and information on how you can be involved this year. Brochures and empty boxes will be available. We will be packing on **Monday, Sept 29th from 10am** in the Hall. Everyone is invited to be involved. Enquiries to Di Croft.

Uniting Church Discussion on Marriage

Please return responses by today to Angela Andrew, Geoff Bean, Owen Davis, Balan Sanders or Anneke van de Loo.

Anyone who would like a copy of the marriage information and make a response, please see Owen Davis after the Service or phone 8332 5686.

Annual Robert Iles Memorial Lecture - 7.30 p.m., Thursday, October 9th at BCUC

"Marriage in Today's Society" - Hon. Kevin Andrews MP, Federal Minister for Social Services.

Marryatville High School Teacher Appreciation Morning Tea Wednesday 17 September

Could you please support this by donating one plate if either sweet or savoury food. Please deliver to BCUC by 10am Wednesday Sept 17.

Netball If there are any girls interested in playing netball please contact Ruth Daws.

We are saddened to announce the passing of Yvonne Kitching last Sunday. Yvonne's funeral will be held at BCUC on Monday September 15 at 1:30pm. Please keep Peter & his family in your prayers.

MESSAGE FROM MATTHEW

Every now and then you may have cause to wonder why you commit your time and energy to a particular cause. Be it education, community service, a hobby or even your church. There are things that we do with our time that are beyond our basic activities that put food on the table and a roof over our heads. We have a choice to engage or not and we have a choice about what we will do. We may be driven by pleasure, curiosity, passion or power, but as followers of Jesus we come under a greater authority. That authority is God and His call on our lives. True, we need to earn a living, but what we do with the time of our choice becomes our opportunity to respond to God's call.

³¹ So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. ³² Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God— ³³ even as I try to please everyone in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved. ¹ Corinthians 10:31-33

We are all called to respond to God for His grace & mercy to us every day.



Greetings!

A quick note to thank those who have been praying for me. I have had a virus this last week which has kept me away and I have missed you all! I have had a good rest and am now improving.

This weekend I will be away at a retreat, an opportunity to spend quality time with a small group of women leaders, getting to know each other so that we can support each other in ministry. It's really important that we all have people who are there for us, to pray, to encourage, to understand and support. Can you name who those people are in your life? I encourage you to give thanks for them and invest in them. See you next week.

Blessings, Linda