

TODAY @ BCUC

Sunday 26th October—Annual Church Picnic

9am Contemporary & 10.30am Cafe: Linda Driver

10:30am Classic: Rev Matthew Bond

1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8

UPCOMING WEEK @ BCUC

Monday 27th October

10am mainly music

6pm BSF

Tuesday 28th October

9:30am Ladies Table Tennis

9:30am Playgroup

Wednesday 29th October

7:45am Weekly Prayer Meeting

9am Early Beginnings Godly Play

7pm Young Adults

Thursday 30th October

10am Craft, Chat & Sew

12pm Friendship Group

7pm Band & Choir Practice

Friday 31st October

9am Early Beginnings Godly Play

7pm Youth

Sunday 2nd November

4:30pm BCUC Listens to God

Matthew & Linda will be attending the Presbytery and Synod Annual Meeting 7pm Wednesday Oct 29—4pm Saturday Nov 1st.

NEXT WEEK @ BCUC

Sunday 2nd November

9am Contemporary & 10.30am Café Rev Matthew Bond

10:30am Classic Linda Driver

1 John 3: 1-3, Matthew 5: 1-12

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Burnside City
Uniting Church
Community, Faith and Purpose

Sunday October 26th 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.

The Next Steps Our first Expanded Church Council meeting will be on Tuesday the 4th of November. This is a new beginning for Burnside City Uniting Church and is an invitation to everyone in our community to find a way to use the gifts that God has given each of us for this time. This night will be an occasion to celebrate God's call to us as the church to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in our community. Together we are challenged to find the many exciting ways we can express the love of God to people of all ages. This is an ongoing process that began with the words of Jesus "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20) and continues with us as we meet on this night.

Through the "Spirited Generosity" process of the last few months we have discerned the next steps of our call. We have formed Mission Action Areas and developed some goals for 2015 and beyond. We have selected Elders to guide the groups. The next steps are to have everyone determine which area they see God calling them to serve and to select a convenor for each group from within those people. Each group will then have a Convenor and Elder to guide them.

Please give prayerful consideration to how you will be a vital part of this new venture.



A Vibrant Community, Committed to Jesus,

Passionately Engaged in Mission



THIS WEEK'S NEWS & NOTICES

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC TODAY from 12pm

We will be holding our picnic again this year in Kensington Gardens reserve from 12pm-2:30pm. Please bring your own lunch, thermos, rugs & chairs and a small plate of slice/ biscuits or fruit to share. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Rosters for December to February

An email has been sent out to those who serve on rosters on a Sunday morning. If you did not receive an email or if you were left off the last roster or if you would like to be involved in serving on a Sunday morning into the future please contact me and I will ensure that you are included on the next roster. Deb—Administrator

Operation Christmas Child

Last Sunday 124 shoeboxes were blessed before they started their journey to children in developing countries. Many thanks again to everyone who contributed to enable us to send so many boxes this year.

Women's Evening Fellowship

Wednesday 5th November 7:30pm. AGM & 'Women of Influence'. Several women from BCUC will share something about themselves and something they are passionate about.

The Norwood Christmas Pageant

is on Saturday, November 22, 2014. Please come along at 9:15am to walk in the parade and hand out balloons with the Christmas message to children.

Burnside Inter-Church Council

You are warmly invited to attend the next **Prayer Breakfast**, to be held on Saturday, November 1, 2014 from 7.30 am to 9 am at the Burnside Family Church, 88 Lockwood Road, Burnside. A light breakfast will be provided for a donation.

Burnside Spring Fete

Saturday November 15 9am-12pm
Knightsbridge Baptist Church.
Proceeds support Christian Pastoral Support Workers in our local schools.

MESSAGE FROM LINDA



Change!!!

It happens all around us – we grow older, we move through different seasons in our life, there are new technologies to learn, people come and go from our lives, .. we all experience it. For some people it brings excitement and anticipation, for others, dread and anxiety. For those who prefer stability, change can disrupt confidence in self or who-ever is creating the change. Change is part of life and it is important to recognise how it is affecting us so that we can work through the change in such a way that we can continue to flourish and glorify God in all that we do.

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? (Isaiah 43:19a)

At Burnside City Uniting Church we are experiencing a time of change. As with any community lead by the Holy Spirit, we need to be alert to where God is leading us and adjust our course accordingly. Spirited Generosity was the tool we used to help us discern where God is calling us to go next. As a result, at our AGM the Congregation has decided to make some changes which you have no doubt been hearing about and reading about in recent newsletters.

This is a time for us to show what it is to be a Christian community in unity. This means building each other up in love: encouraging each other, supporting each other and praying for each other. If we are uncertain, confused or unhappy about the changes we see, let's choose to speak directly to those who can answer our questions or address our concerns.

Remember, if nothing ever changed, there'd be no butterflies!

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. (Philippians 4:4-9 NIV)