



Burnside City
Uniting Church
Community, Faith and Purpose

TODAY @ 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

Sunday February 8th

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.

UPCOMING WEEK @ BCUC

Monday 9th February

10am mainly music

Tuesday 10th February

9am Playgroup

9:30am Table Tennis

6pm Church Council

Wednesday 11th February

7:45am Weekly Prayer Meeting

9am Early Beginnings Godly Play

Thursday 12th February

9:30am Craft, Chat'n'Sew

12pm Friendship Club

7:30pm Choir

Friday 13th February

9am Early Beginnings Godly Play

5pm WAMM

7pm Youth Group—Cook off across the ages

NEXT WEEK @ BCUC– Communion

Sunday 15th February—God breaks into humans time and space

9am Contemporary & 10:30am Café —Rev Matthew Bond
10:30am Classic: Rev Rob Williams
2 Kings 2:1-12, Psalm 50:1-6, 2 Cor 4:3-6, Mark 9:2-9



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

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

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A Vibrant Community, Committed to Jesus,

Passionately Engaged in Mission

THIS WEEK'S NEWS & NOTICES

Mainly music

Everyone is excited that mainly music starts its 8th year on **Feb 9th**. We thank you for the support many of you have given us over the years.

We continue to need people to be on a roster to help provide morning tea to the parents/carers through either their home cooking or by giving a donation so we can purchase something from the shops. Please contact Jennie Harding ph 8431 1013 or Marlene Richards if you are able to help.

Netball

Registrations for the winter season are available. Games start in April and are played on a Saturday afternoon. Junior and senior teams required. Please contact Cathie Malyschko on cathie.malyschko@gmail.com or 0413 737 023 by February 14 for more information.

BCUC Cares for People

Please join us for lunch in the hall on Friday 20th February at 12noon

Meet the Tamil speaking people who come to our building for English classes

Bring some food to share. Vegetarian, fish and chicken dishes are best, with a label too please.

Enjoy a time of friendship and fellowship

Contacts: Mary Grace, Susila Sanders and Gaynor Strapp

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.

Seniors Second Sunday Lunch

Is on **Today**. Please join us for a delicious lunch. Cost \$5.

Thursday Friendship Club

Meets at 12noon on Thursdays for lunch then activities. New members are most welcome. Please contact Anita Wheaton for more details.

Bushfire Safe Haven

BCUC, with approval from Synod and the Church Council, has agreed to be a place of refuge for people who have to leave their homes in a case of crisis such as fire, flood, earthquake.

At this stage the offer is to our own congregation and to Bridgewater and Summertown U.C.'s. People can come at short notice for shelter and protection. If you have not already offered to help and would like to know how you can help, contact David and Cath Truran.

MESSAGE FROM MATTHEW

Thank you for the lovely "welcome home" that I have received from so many members of the congregation. Ruthmary and I enjoyed a wonderful 10 days in Mexico celebrating our 30th wedding anniversary together. I am refreshed and ready for an exciting year of ministry here at Burnside City Uniting Church. My heartfelt thanks go out to Linda, Rob, Ben and Deb as they have faithfully continued to serve in my absence. I appreciate the many other members of our community who graciously use their gifts to keep the church running smoothly. Thank you.



In this New Year we will face many challenges together as a church community. Some of these challenges are common to all people – how will we pay the bills, how can we find the time and energy to do all we need to do, how do we get along with those people who are hard to love or think differently to me? Some challenges we face are unique to churches – will there be enough money in the offering, enough people in the pews on Sunday morning or enough volunteers to keep the church clean & teach in Junior Church? Then there are the special challenges we as Burnside City Uniting Church face here – how do we use our building best to glorify God, how do we take our 3 unique services on Sunday morning and grow faithful disciples, how do our Ministry Team, Church Council and volunteers all work together to fulfil God's mission in this community?

My challenge as your leader is to listen to the voice of the Spirit of God; listen to the people God has given me to lead & take spiritual responsibility for and to behave graciously in all situations. I want our church to be relevant in an ever changing world. I need your help as we boldly proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ together. Please get on your knees with me and ask God to speak to us all.

Praise God we face much more than these challenges together. We are truly blessed. I love the smiling faces of our children as they discover the joys life has to offer and the love of God in their lives. I love the energy and enthusiasm of our youth and young adults as they grow in their faith. They have a powerfully real connection with the world around them and keep us aware that Jesus has meaning in this messy life we live. I love the empathy I feel with parents in our community as we share the joys of raising children together. I love the wisdom and experience of our older members. The conversations we share offer me hope as I see the image of God in these wonderful faces.

Please join me in celebrating all that we have and give God the glory for this amazing journey we share.

Linda Driver is away on study leave and will be back on Monday February 16th.

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