

TODAY @ BCUC—"Resurrection life: Abiding in God's love"

Baptism of Chika Timothy 9am

Sunday 3rd May

9am Contemporary & 10:30am Classic: Ps Linda Driver

10:30am Café: Rev Matthew Bond

Acts 8:26-40, Psalm 22:25-31, **1 John 4:7-21, John 15:1-8**

UPCOMING WEEK @ BCUC

Monday 4th May

9:30am mainly music

2pm BCUC Cares for People

Tuesday 5th May

9:30am Playgroup

9:30am Table Tennis

7pm Finance Committee

Wednesday 6th May

7:45am Weekly Prayer Meeting

9:15 Mission Support Group

Thursday 7th May

9:30am Craft, Chat'n'Sew

7:30pm Choir

Friday 8th May

5:30pm Worship & Music Ministry

7pm Youth Group—Movie night

NEXT WEEK @ BCUC—God makes the first move

Sunday 10th May

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

10:30am Classic: Rev Rob Williams

Acts 10:44-48, Psalm 98, 1 John 5:1-6, John 15:9-17

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

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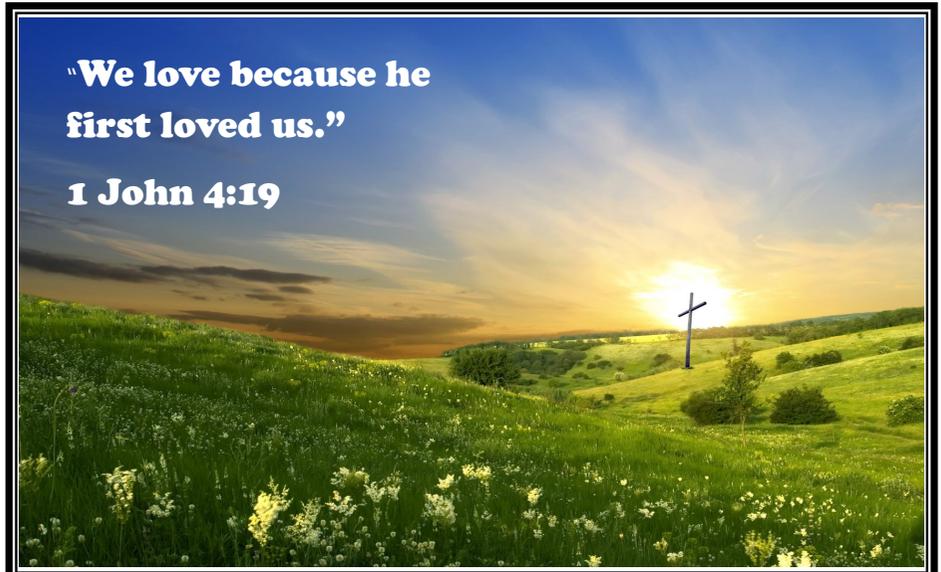
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WELCOME

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.

"We love because he first loved us."

1 John 4:19



Office Hours - 9am—12 noon Monday to Thursday

Ministry Team Contacts

Rev Matthew Bond Ministry Team Leader

Monday—Thursday 0400 777 410

Pastor Linda Driver (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



A Vibrant Community, Committed to Jesus,

Passionately Engaged in Mission

THIS WEEK'S NEWS & NOTICES

Expanded Mission Action Council

The next eMAC will be on **Tuesday May 12** starting with dinner at 6pm. We hope to see you then.

Monday Day Fellowship

Will be going on a bus trip to visit the Tea Tree Gully Old Post Office on **Monday May 4**. Meet at the Church at 11am. Cost \$25 including lunch. Please book with Ruth Daws

Seniors Second Sunday Lunch

For May is cancelled for Mother's Day.

Women's Evening Fellowship

Wednesday May 6, 7:30pm. Tonight we will assemble and wrap new donated items which will be delivered to all females at Regis & Monreith Aged Care facilities on Mother's Day. For more information please contact Marlene Richards.

De colores!

If this greeting sounds familiar, it's probably because you have been on an Emmaus Walk. If this is you, please contact Linda or Matthew who are collating a list of BCUC pilgrims.

Congregational Meeting Minutes

are available for reading in the red folder at Reception Desk.

Christians Against Poverty (CAP)

is an organisation which assists those caught in the web of poverty. A group of people from BCUC is interested in discovering more about CAP, with a view to reaching out to those in need in our local community with prayer, practical budgeting advice, and support. To find out more about this opportunity to be the Church in the community contact either Matthew Bond or Gaynor Strapp (8338 2621)

Helpers needed

We are in great need of someone to clean the front entrance windows and foyer windows once a month. To find out more information please contact Ruth Daws.

Annual Robert Iles Memorial Lecture – 7.30 p.m., Thursday, May 21st at BCUC

"Beyond Apathy: The Waning of Postmodernism and the New Role for Intuition" – Henk Reitsema, L'Abri Fellowship, Netherlands. Henk will examine whether we have reached an age of "Intuitionism" in the aftermath of Postmodernism. The Robert Iles Memorial Trust exists to engage with the culture of the day and to bring a biblical perspective to contemporary public issues in society and the world. Further details from Owen Davis 8332 5686.

MESSAGE FROM LINDA

Walking on Country

Nunga! (*Hello!*) Last week Paul and I had the opportunity to travel up to the northern Flinders Ranges for four days as part of a group 'walking on country'. This group was organised through Uniting College with the purpose of immersing ourselves in the life of an indigenous community so that we could learn about their cultural, historical and contemporary life.



We spent our time in the Gammon Ranges - Adnyamathanha country. It is a place of great beauty: with rocky landscapes, light casting shadows across rolling hills, kangaroos and emus, abundant bird life, and a huge sky – blue with billowy clouds by day and an enormous canvas of stars by night.

Our group of 17 stayed in shearers' quarters at Angapena Station. Each day we travelled by car then walked to a number of important sites including Yourambulla, Minerawuta and Nepabunna. We were also warmly welcomed by the Coulthard brothers who have developed an excellent tourism and cultural centre, Iga Warta. A highlight of the Iga Warta experience was a visit to the ochre pits, where Terry Coulthard explained the significance of the different colours of the ochre and painted our faces.

The experience was coordinated by Rev Dr Tracy Spencer who told us the stories of Jim Page (an English missionary who was sent to Minerawuta and arrived on a bicycle with very few belongings!) and Rebecca Forbes (an English lady who married into the Aboriginal community) and how they shared the love of Christ through meaningful relationships with the Adnyamathanha people. This was contrasted with terrible decisions made and then enforced by other missionaries and government workers.

Aunty Denise Champion told us many Adnyamathanha stories and compared them with stories from Scripture and to find how similar many of these stories were. It was fascinating to hear how God revealed himself to generations of Aboriginal people long before white fellas came to this land. Denise has written about this in her new book *Yarta Wandatha*, which means, "The Land Is Speaking" (available in the Synod Office's resource centre.) It was really special to be welcomed on to country, to hear the stories of the Adnyamathanha people, and to make new friends amongst First and Second peoples. We experienced generous hospitality and grace and I found it to be a transforming experience in a beautiful part of the world. I now see the Adnyamathanha landscape and its people with new eyes and long for reconciliation between all peoples in our wonderful country.

Please e-mail articles for the BCUC weekly news to Deb Mugford
admin@burnsidecityuc.org.au no later than 12noon on Tuesday 14 April