



Sunday 11th August 2019

This Sunday @ BCUC

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Psalm 73 - Why do good things happen to bad people

9:00am Contemporary, 10:30am Classic : Rev Dr Benji Callen

Psalms 42 & 43 - Downcast, Disturbed, Depressed and Hopeful

10:30am Café : Rev Rob Williams

Lectionary : Isaiah 1:1,10-20; Psalm 50:1-8,22,23; Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16; Luke 12:32-40

Upcoming Week @ BCUC

Monday 12th August

10:00am mainly music
7:00pm BSF

Tuesday 13th August

9:30am Ladies Table Tennis
9:30am Playgroup

Wednesday 14th August

7:45am Prayer Meeting
9:30am Prayer Meeting
12noon Alpha Course

Thursday 15th August

9:30am Craft, Chat & Sew
12noon Friendship Club
3:00pm Choir Practice
6:00pm Worship & Music Ministry

Friday 16th August

8:40am Regenerating Places of Faith

Saturday 17th August

7:15pm Saturday Friendship Club

Sunday 18th August

12noon Prayer Meeting
5:00pm Netball Year-End Celebration

Next Sunday @ BCUC

18th August

Psalms 42 & 43 - Downcast, Disturbed, Depressed and Hopeful

9:00am Contemporary, 10:30am Classic : Rev Rob Williams

Psalm 73 - Why do good things happen to bad people

10:30am Café : Rev Dr Benji Callen

Lectionary : Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2,8-19; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

Prayer Requests: prayer@burnsidecityuc.org.au

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**my feet had
almost
slipped;
I had nearly
lost my
foothold.**

Psalm 73:2

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Ministers are available for Pastoral Care as required.



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Passionately Engaged in Mission



A MESSAGE FROM BENJI

Looking through the psalms at BCUC, I hope you have been seeing the range of human emotions expressed to God in poetry and prayer. This week we look at Psalm 73 which tells a story of a person who had feelings of jealousy and envy as they looked at how much more fun it seemed the people who don't follow God have. He nearly slipped and lost his faith. Yet, he remembered the goodness of God, and came to a solid understanding that a relationship with God is better than anything else.

Have you thought about writing your own psalm? In BCUC Chats I gave a brief outline on how to write a psalm based on Psalm 10. Many Psalms follow a pattern which can be replicated. We believe there is some amazing talent in BCUC and would love to give the opportunity for the congregation to contribute their own Psalms to a booklet we will publish as a Christmas gift to all. We would love to see your contributions. Send them to bcuchats@burnsidcityuc.org.au.

If you need a kick start we will host a Psalm writing workshop Sunday 25th August, 2-5 pm at BCUC. Below is an example of a psalm from a workshop that was run in in Illinois.

A Coffee Psalm

O God, You are like coffee!

You percolate . . . and the mere sound of you stirs me from sleep. I thirst for you, O God, in the morning when I wake up. Your aroma permeates my soul when I come into your presence. You pour yourself out and shower me with blessings. You fill my cup with good things. Your heat and steam rise as incense and fill my nostrils. I lift you up with my hands and drink you into my being. Your warmth penetrates my mouth. O taste and see that the Lord is good! Your warmth continues to travel through me, warming my gut. You dwell ever within me. You energize me, O God. After a time, you give me energy to set about the tasks you lay before me. I return to you, O God, throughout the day, and get renewed and refreshed every time I drink you in. O taste and see that the Lord is good! You restore my soul and fill my senses. You help me get through the day when my sleepiness tries to keep me from doing your will. O taste and see that the Lord is good. O God, you are like coffee to me!

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Survey - Final Week

This is the final week to take part in our Survey of the Congregation. An email reminder was sent out on Friday containing a link to the online survey. There are also paper copies available at the reception desk near the front entrance. All paper and online surveys should be submitted by next Sunday, **August 18**.

Dr Jon's Pantry

Don't forget - Winter : time to select from five marmalades: tongue tingling lemon & ginger to mild & sweet mandarin, and various jams, relish and chutneys.

BCUC Saturday Friendship Club

The next meeting of the club will be on **August 17**. Helen Brooks will give a talk, with visuals about a trip she took to Europe and England with her granddaughter. Usual 7:15pm for a 7:30pm start; basket supper. Visitors welcome.

Seniors Second Sunday Lunch

Today, August 11 at noon. Come and join us for friendship, fun and food. Chicken & Salad plus a fruit platter.

Regenerating Places of Faith

At BCUC, Friday **August 16**. A conference exploring how to strengthen congregations, develop partnerships with community groups, to restore and adapt our church buildings as innovative places that help our communities to flourish. See flyer in foyer carousel for details.

Generate Presbytery Meeting

This November, BCUC will make a decision whether we want to join the new Generate Presbytery. To assist in our discernment, Generate has invited anyone interested to attend the next meeting on **September 14**, 9:30-3:30pm at Journey Uniting Church, 1063 North East Road Ridgehaven.

"So Glad You're Here" Afternoon Tea

We love welcoming people to the BCUC family. If you are new here or have not come to a welcome afternoon tea yet, then this event is for you. You are warmly invited to the "So Glad You're Here" Afternoon Tea on **Saturday August 24 from 2-3:30pm**. It's a great chance to meet others, make friends, ask questions and get to know each other more. We see BCUC as a place for many people to call home and grow in Jesus. God makes truly amazing, unique people and we're so glad to start to know one more. RSVP to the office if you plan to attend. Children are welcome; activities available.

Family Fun @5

The next Family Fun@5 is on Saturday **September 14** Book the date!

**BCUC Netball
End-of Season Celebration
and Trophy Presentation**

Sunday, **August 18**, 5 - 7:30pm at BCUC. \$10 per person/\$5 for 10 years and under. Dinner provided. Rsvp to bcucnc@gmail.com by **today**.

Please e-mail articles for the BCUC weekly news to Stuart MacAdam at admin@burnsidcityuc.org.au no later than 10am on Wednesday