

This Sunday @ BCUC

13th October

9:00am Contemporary, 10:30am Classic
Charissa Suli (Luke 17:11-19)

10:30am Café

A Spirit of Encouragement

Jenny Olver (Acts 9:26-28, 11:22-25)

Lectionary : Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-12 2; Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

Upcoming Week @ BCUC

Monday 14th October

10:00am mainly music
1:30pm Day Fellowship

Tuesday 15th October

9:30am Ladies Table Tennis
9:30am Playgroup
5:30pm Finance Committee

Wednesday 16th October

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

Thursday 17th October

9:30am Craft, Chat & Sew
12noon Friendship Club
6:00pm Worship & Music Ministry
7:15pm Choir Practice

Saturday 19th October

7:00pm Saturday Friendship Club

Sunday 20th October

12noon Prayer Meeting
2:30pm Pastoral Contact Tea

Next Sunday @ BCUC

20th October

Membership Week 1 : I Believe in the Church

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

Lectionary : Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

Prayer Requests: prayer@burnsidecityuc.org.au

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

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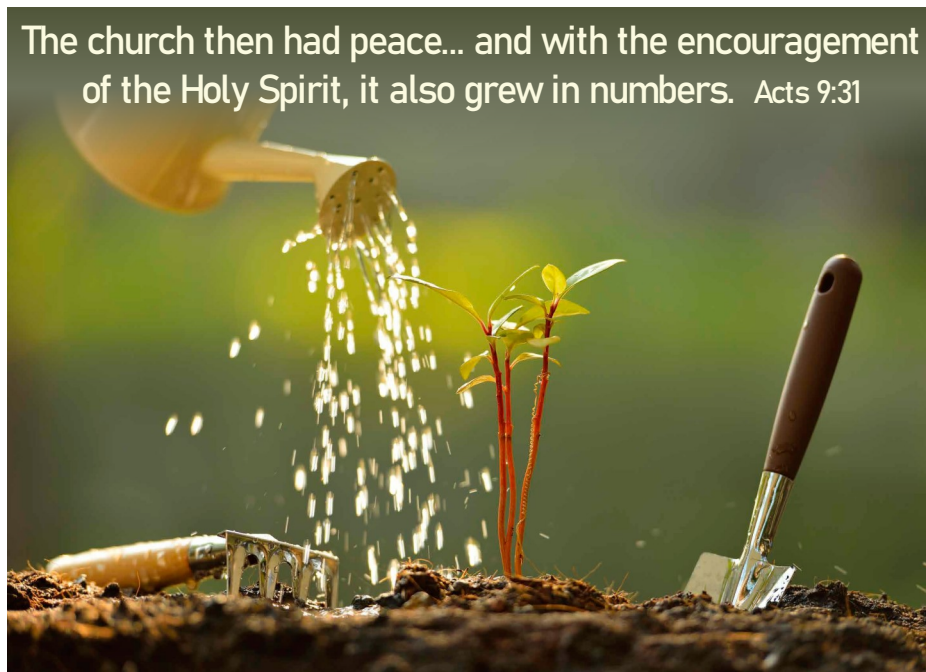


Burnside City
Uniting Church
Community, Faith and Purpose

Sunday 13th October 2019

WELCOME

*Please stay for a cup of tea or coffee after the service
so that we can get to know each other better.*



The church then had peace... and with the encouragement of the Holy Spirit, it also grew in numbers. Acts 9:31

Ministry Team Contacts

Minister: Rev Dr Benji Callen 0427 792 869; benjic@burnsidecityuc.org.au
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Administrator : Stuart MacAdam 8331 3914; admin@burnsidecityuc.org.au
Mon - Fri, 9am - 4:30pm

Ministers are available for Pastoral Care as required.



A Vibrant Community, Committed to Jesus,
Passionately Engaged in Mission

A MESSAGE FROM BENJI

This Sunday Jenny Olver is preaching at the Cafe service about the value of encouragement in a Christian community by first looking at the story of Barnabas whose encouragement of Paul led to him being one of the greatest church planters and writers in history. Rev Charissa Suli will be speaking in gam and classic service from the lectionary and also about the importance of mentoring the younger generation.

The book of Acts is like a bloggers journal of the birth and spread of the early church from Jerusalem to the capital of the Roman Empire. By chapter 9:30-31 we have these beautiful verses that say the early church experiences a period of peace and grew in numbers thanks to the encouragement of the Holy Spirit. As we seek to grow and raise children of God at BCUC let's draw on that same spirit of encouragement.

Last Thursday I had the privilege of preaching at the induction service of Rev. Tim and Rev. Sil Hein at Malvern UCA. As I was about to get to the pulpit many memories of my involvement in Malvern came flooding back from my first sermons, kids talks, choir singing, weddings, dramas, nearly burning down the church in a creative worship service using way too many candles and more... I was grateful for the encouragement and the risk that the congregation and leaders had taken to raise me up as a child of God, equipping me for mission and ministry. I imagine that without their encouragement I might still be spreading bacteria in a lab somewhere wondering if there is another calling for my life. Have you been a "Barnabas" to someone or had a "Barnabas" encourage you?

Jenny asks a number of very valuable questions:

- what would BCUC be like if it was not just a welcoming church but rather an encouraging church?
- Are you open to responding to the Spirit's leading?
- Are you prepared to step up and approach someone?
- Are you ready, like Barnabas, to relinquish a role, its praise, its past and maybe even the historical memory of your contribution following successful encouragement of others?

We can all exercise the gift of encouragement. Take a risk, look beyond yourself and your own ministry areas, who is God leading you to encourage today?

Elder/Church Councillor Nominations

Nominations are open for Elders / Church Councillors. If you feel that God is calling you to serve BCUC in this role, please pick up an information sheet and nomination form at the reception desk. Nominations close on **November 3**.

Membership

Starting next week, the whole of BCUC will be having a 3-week membership course as part of the Sunday sermons. We finish on November 10 with a membership celebration service where we will celebrate those who reaffirm, transfer, or become BCUC members. We will also hear about our vision launch as we look into where in God's name we will be going at BCUC over the next three years. Talk to the ministers or Stuart to find out more.

Pastoral Contact Tea

This is a reminder to the more than 60 BCUC Pastoral Contacts and also an invitation to anyone interesting in finding out more about this important role. You are invited to a "Thank God you're here!" afternoon tea and Pastoral Contact workshop. Sunday **October 20th**, 2:30pm at BCUC.

Benji will run a workshop on "Confident Caring". He will use biblical examples in a fun, interactive and informative way to build our confidence to pastorally care for the children of God. We encourage you to attend. Afternoon tea will be provided. RSVP to Ruth or Di.

Community Outreach - Help Needed

Staff Appreciation Tea, Marryatville HS

BCUC is hosting a Staff Appreciation Morning Tea at Marryatville High School (on behalf of the Burnside Interchurch Council). Are you able to support this event by providing a plate of savoury or sweet items? If so, please deliver your food items to BCUC on Wednesday **October 16** between 9:00am and 10:00am. Thank you for your help!

BCUC's Walk on Country

On Monday twenty five people aged between three and eighty three enjoyed a Walk on Country learning more about the Kurna people of the Adelaide Plains and visiting sites from Eden Hills to Port Noarlunga. Many thanks BCUC Cares. A memorable day.

Monday Day Fellowship

On Monday **October 14th** at 1.30p.m Wendy Perkins from Synod will speak on "Disaster Relief within the Uniting Church". Fellowship and congregation members, join us for this informative meeting. Afternoon tea will be supplied.

Saturday Friendship Club

Saturday **October 19th** "Quire St Nicolas" will present a mixed music programme. 7-15 for a 7-30pm start. Basket supper. Visitors welcome.

Also...

an advance notice for the Club Christmas dinner on **November 16**, 6:30pm. Cost : \$35 payable to Peter Foord. Tickets available at October meeting. The theme is Bells.

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