



Burnside City
Uniting Church
Community, Faith and Purpose

This Sunday @ BCUC

14th October

Hard Lessons – Good Teacher^b

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

Know yourself – the beginning of true spirituality^{ab}

10:30am Café : Rev Trevor Klar

Job 23: 1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22:1-15^a; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31^b

Upcoming Week @ BCUC

Monday 15th October

10:00am mainly music

Tuesday 16th October

9:30am Ladies Table Tennis

9:30am Playgroup

Wednesday 17th October

7:45am Prayer Meeting

9:30am Prayer Meeting

Thursday 18th October

9:30am Craft, Chat & Sew

12noon Friendship Club

6:00pm Worship & Music Ministry

7:30pm Choir practice

Saturday 20th October

7:15pm Saturday Friendship Club

Sunday 21st October

12noon Prayer Meeting

1:00pm Rob & Collette's Birthday

Next Sunday @ BCUC

21st October

Know yourself – the beginning of true spirituality

9:00am Contemporary and 10:30am Classic : Rev Trevor Klar

Why I avoid people like Job's friend^a

10:30am Café : Heather Maynard

Job 38:1-7, (34-41)^a; Psalm 104: 1-9, 24, 35c; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

Prayer Requests: prayer@burnsidecityuc.org.au

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

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384 Portrush Road, Tusmore 5065

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WELCOME

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



Ministry Team Contacts

Supply Minister: Rev Trevor Klar 0437 708 183; Mon. (am), Tue., Thu. (from 2pm)

Minister in Association: Rev Rob Williams 0424 123 171

All Ministers are available for Pastoral Care as required

Administrator: Deb Mugford Tuesday & Thursday 9am-2:30pm

Administration Assistant: Stuart MacAdam Monday and Wednesday 9am-2:30pm

Office Hours: 9am-12 noon, Monday - Thursday



A Vibrant Community, Committed to Jesus,

Passionately Engaged in Mission

A MESSAGE FROM ROB

Mark 10:17-31

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is good news. But sometimes the good news of Jesus sounds like bad news. Jesus is a teacher who tells us the truth and sometimes the truth hurts before it can heal. Fortunately for us, Jesus, the good teacher, continues to teach us, continues to make possible that even for people like us, faithful discipleship is possible.

The question, put to Jesus by this man in Mark 10, is about a big, grand, difficult subject - "eternal life." Rather surprisingly, Jesus, the good teacher, demands that the man give up his great possessions and follow him. Jesus is inviting someone to be his disciple. But unlike the earlier call stories in Mark, this one ends with the recipient of the call turning away and rejecting Jesus.

It is the only story Mark tells about somebody who refuses to follow Jesus; and for that reason alone we should sit up and take notice because it means that the reason this man used to excuse himself may be the same reason that some of us do.

Yet we note that the story doesn't really end with the man's grief and his rejection of Jesus' call to follow him. It ends with Jesus' affirmation of his disciples, those who have indeed left all and followed him.

As we see throughout Mark's gospel, the disciples are rarely portrayed positively. Today may be one of those rare moments when the disciples finally get Jesus' point. The story ends in affirmation and rejoicing. Discipleship - following Jesus - is difficult and demanding. That's the bad news. Yet the good news is that with God "all things are possible." And therein is our hope.

THIS WEEK'S NEWS & NOTICES

Missionary Visit

Austin House, of Farthest Corners Ministry in Burma and Thailand, will be speaking at a combined morning tea between the 9:00am and 10:30am services, on Sunday, **November 4**, in the foyer.

BCUC Saturday Friendship Club

The **October** club meeting is on the **20th** and we have engaged "The Cantorae singing group". It will be a time of harmony & humour. Usual \$3 donation. 7:15pm for a 7:30 start. Basket supper and **visitors welcome**.

Colette's & Rob's 70th Birthday Celebration

You are all welcome to an 'Open House' on Sunday 21st October 2:30 - 5:00pm at BCUC. Formalities at 3:15pm. No gifts please.

Operation Christmas Child

An excited group of 22 people, including nine children packed 164 shoeboxes of gifts for OCC this past week. Many thanks to everyone who assisted on the day, packed their own box or made generous donations of items and money. These 164 children will also have the opportunity hear about Jesus and his love for them.

Seniors Second Sunday Lunch - Cancelled for 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 in the foyer. Nominations close on **October 28**.

Mission Trust Fund Nominations

Nominations are open for members of the Mission Trust Fund. Interested BCUC Members may pick up a nomination form in the foyer. Nominations close on **October 28**.

BCUC Cares - Christmas Hamper

Uniting Communities at Clayton Wesley Church appreciates all hamper items donated for families in need. Hamper donations may be placed in the usual marked boxes in the church foyer, now through December 16. Thank you for sharing the many blessings God has so generously given us. Suggested Christmas Hamper items include:

- Christmas Cake/Pudding
- Coffee, Tea, Milo, Soft Drinks
- Longlife Custard
- Biscuits/Cracker, Chips/Lollies
- Canned Fruit/Vegetables
- Canned Tuna, Ham or Turkey
- Spreads, Soup, Cereal
- Other non-perishable foods
- Toys
- Toiletries (ongoing great need)

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