

This Sunday @ BCUC

15th December

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

Jesus is Coming : Hope

Isaiah 35:1-10, James 5:7-10

10:30am Café : Rev Rob Williams - *Communion*

Reading the Signs

Isaiah 7:10-16, Matthew 1:18-25

Monday Communion

A communion service will be held Monday **December 16th at 2pm** in the Chapel. All are invited.

Upcoming Week @ BCUC

Monday 16th December

2pm Communion in the chapel

Wednesday 18th December

7:45am Prayer Meeting

9:30am Prayer Meeting

Thursday 20th December

6:00pm Worship & Music Ministry

7:15pm Choir Practice

Sunday 22th December

12noon Prayer Meeting

Next Sunday @ BCUC Advent 4

22nd December - *Jesus is Coming : Peace*

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

Reading the Signs

Isaiah 7:10-16, Matthew 1:18-25

10:30am Café : Rev Dr Benji Callen

Prayer Requests: prayer@burnsidecityuc.org.au

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

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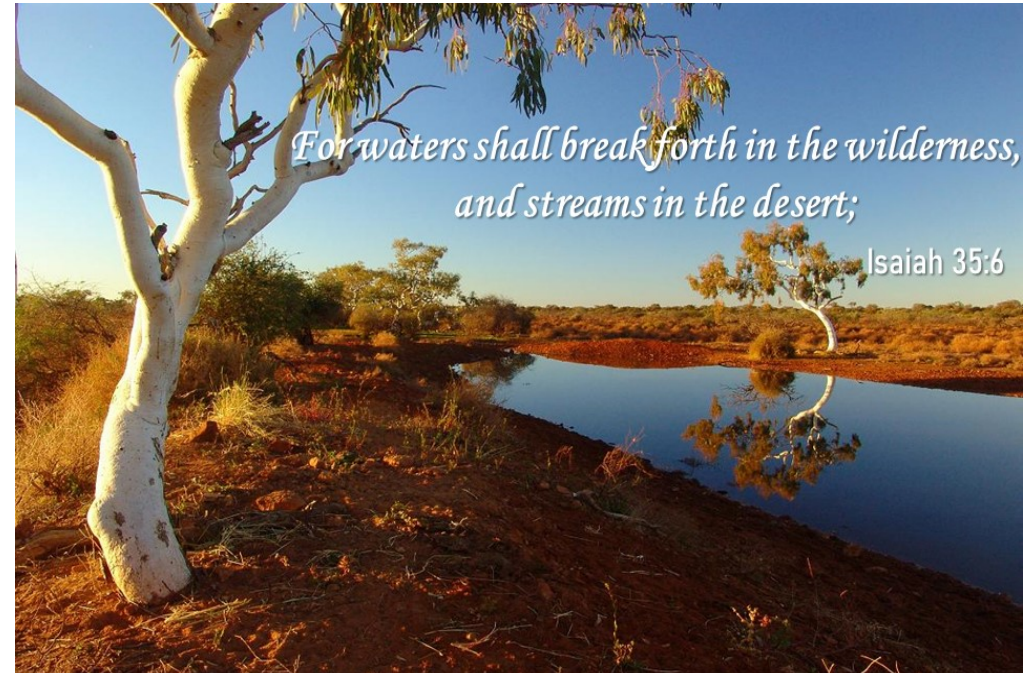


Burnside City
Uniting Church

Sunday 15th December 2019

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

Minister: Rev Dr Benji Callen 0427 792 869; benjic@burnsidecityuc.org.au
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Administrator : Stuart MacAdam on leave until December 27; office closed

temporary opening hours Mon,Tue, 9am - noon (8331 3914)

Ministers are available for Pastoral Care as required.



BCUC : Raising Children of God

A MESSAGE FROM BENJI

Do you like waiting in lines?

Queuing up at shop counters, waiting for several difficult customer to finish being served while you only need to pay \$2.50 for a newspaper?

Waiting in traffic? Waiting to find a park? Waiting in line to speak to a real person on the phone?

When it comes to these things I'm pretty impatient and usually find other things to do instead of waiting, only to miss out on whatever it was I was waiting for.

Jesus said, the prophets predicted, and all the New Testament writers wrote about Jesus coming back in glory to once and for all establish fully the Kingdom of God, the new heaven and the new earth. Trumpets will sound and Jesus will appear. So in the mean time we wait... but with patient hope.

It's a little challenging to get our heads and hearts around. We think, 'well Jesus said this and the early disciples believed this nearly 2000 years ago. It obviously hasn't happened yet. So lets just ignore this and get on with living a Christian life in the here and now rather than concerning ourselves about the not yet and the seemingly never'. It's like me getting bored in a queue, ducking the queue and missing out.

"Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near." James 4:7-8

My first date with my now wife Nicole was going to the movies during the December uni. holidays at Marion Shopping centre. It was busy, very horribly busy. I couldn't find a park. I drove slowly and with ever increasing frustration around the whole car park three times. I could not find a park. I was getting close to giving up, but in the days before mobile phone use, I realised I could be patient and wait for the park to appear or drive on and miss out on the date with Nicole, possibly forever. I waited and found a park. Thankfully Nicole had waited at the cinemas for me too. We could've got bored, given up and missed out on each other. Instead we have since then barely been apart. Jesus is coming. We can get bored with waiting and miss out. Or wait patiently for Jesus to come in glory and make all things new.

THIS WEEK'S NEWS & NOTICES

Christmas Day Lunch

Christmas is a time for families. If you are going to be on your own on Christmas Day and would like to share Christmas lunch with the church family, please stay on at the end of the 9:30am Christmas service for lunch in the Hall.

Please bring food to share. There will be sign up sheets in the foyer if you would like to let us know that you are coming.

BCUC Cares - Christmas Hamper Items received until December 16

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. 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

Christmas Bowl 2019

Christmas Bowl giving envelopes are available in the foyer. You may place completed envelopes in the box at the back of the sanctuary through to December 30th.

Christmas at Dr Jon's Pantry

Select one of our specialities to give to a friend : Tomato relish, Pear & Ginger chutney, Cumquat marmalade, among many others. Taste before you buy !!

Administrator on Leave

Stuart is on leave and will return to the office on Friday 27 December. During this time, building opening hours are limited to Mondays and Tuesdays between 9am and noon (Dec 9, 10, 16, 17, 23). Benji will frequently be in the office throughout this period. You can reach him on his mobile number. See below for details on submissions for the newsletter & notices.

Summer Events for Children / Youth

CE Camp (ages 14 - 20)

Dec 29 - Jan 2
visit ce.asn.au

Jnr CE Camp (ages 9 - 13)

January 5 - 9
visit ce.asn.au/junior-camp

Big Week Out (high school aged)

January 13-17
visit bigweekout.org.au

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve
6pm Family Service
11.30pm Carols and Candles
Christmas Day
9.30am Worship for everyone

Psalm Booklet

We are eagerly awaiting the Psalm booklet which will be available prior to Christmas.

Please e-mail articles for the BCUC weekly news to Leigh Duffett at leighduffett1@gmail.com no later than 10am on Wednesday