



Burnside City
Uniting Church

This Sunday @ BCUC

15th March

God Connects : Lent 3

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

John 4:1-26; Psalm 91

10:30am Café: John Lawry

Luke 19:1-10

Upcoming Week @ BCUC

Monday 16th March

10:00am mainly music

2:00pm Monday Communion

7:00pm BSF

Tuesday 17th March

9:30am Ladies Table Tennis

9:30am Playgroup

5:00pm Finance Committee

Wednesday 18th March

9:30am Prayer Meeting

Thursday 19th March

9:30am Craft, Chat & Sew

12noon Friendship Club

6:00pm 9am Worship Practice

7:15pm Choir Practice

Friday 20th March

6:00pm Fifteen32 Youth

Saturday 21st March

7:15pm Saturday Friendship Club

Sunday 22nd March

12 noon Prayer Meeting

Next Sunday @ BCUC

22nd March

God Connects : Lent 4

9:00am Contemporary, 10:30am Classic : Ian Olver

10:30am Café: Heather Maynard

John 9:1-41; Ephesians 5:8-14

Prayer Requests: prayer@burnsidecityuc.org.au

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

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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.*

**He will cover
you with his
feathers,
and under
his wings
you will find
refuge**

Psalm 91:4



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Raising Children of God



THIS WEEK'S NEWS & NOTICES

A MESSAGE FROM BENJI

How have you been coping with the avalanche of new information about COVID-19 (aka coronavirus)? The epidemic, the reports from doctors and nurses barely coping on the front line?

Has it been stirring anxiety - a little fear? Maybe you've seen it in others and in your kids. Gone to stock the shelves at home with toilet paper and hand sanitizer?

Today we're asking the question "what would Jesus do?"

To first address the anxious fear, for those blessed to call Jesus their friend, the scriptures help us richly. Psalms, the prayers that Jesus prayed, have many prayers of reassurance in troubling times.

Psalm 91 is a great psalm that one of my boys found really helpful when they used to have nightmares as a toddler (look up the Melbourne Band 'Sons of Korah' song 'Psalm 91'. It's a great song to play for kids struggling to get to sleep at night.) It actually states not to fear "*the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday.*" Psalm 91:6.

Psalm 139, another of my favourites, finishes with these great words worthy of memorising and mediating on. "*Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*" Psalm 139:23-24

The book of Joshua (a name which means the LORD saves) starts with God giving Joshua confidence in the face of anxiety. He's just taken over leadership from Moses and is about to embark on a great battle, the repeated command in chapter 1 is "*Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.*" Joshua 1:9.

Jesus tells us "*do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.*" Matthew 6:34.

Finally, the apostle John tells us "*perfect love drives out all fear*" 1 John 4:18.

So be practical in the days ahead. Focus on what you can control (e.g. washing hands, following advice). Pray, let go of the rest to Jesus and be glad you're not God. Fill your mind with healthy things. If the news is getting you too anxious, limit the news feeds. Check and listen to the facts rather than the sensational. Keep a bigger perspective. Finally, know that the Lord our God is with us.

Oodnadatta Easter Pilgrimage

8-14 April

See Flyer in Foyer carousel for details

Monday Communion

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

Support for KCO

Monetary donation to support sending our kids to KCO can be made in the foyer between services this Sunday (by cash or credit/debit card). You can also donate online via the green 'give' button at the bottom of the BCUC website home page. A form for donations of cakes and biscuits will be in the foyer.

KCO News

KCO is nearly here. The registration deadline for campers has been extended to the end of **today**. Lisa Price has the iron transfers for our yellow T-shirts, so see her this morning between services at the KCO table. KCO Parent Leaders are asked to attend a meeting upstairs **today** at 10:30am.

BCUC Netball Players Needed

BCUC Netball is looking for players born in 2005, 2006 or 2007. Matches are on Saturday afternoons commencing in April. Training is on Thursday night. Contact Cathie on 0413 737 023 or Ruth on 0438 321 667.

Women's Ministry Group Walk

9.00am Wednesday 18th March. We will meet in the car park at the Hazelwood Park Swim Centre near the Howard Terrace entrance. Please allow for the morning traffic so we can leave on time at 9.00am. The walk will be about 1¼ hours and coffee will be at VPs on the corner of Greenhill and Glynburn at about 10.15am.

Please email Jocelyn Nicholson (rayjocni@theashbrook.com.au) if you are coming for the walk and coffee OR just coming for coffee as we need to reserve seating. All welcome. Any queries ask Chris 0417 848 315. If the temperature is 30 degrees the walk will be cancelled and we will just meet for coffee at VPs at 10.15am.

BCUC Saturday Friendship Club

The meeting for **21st March** is a special one. We have a large number of boys coming from Prince Alfred College, to give us an evening of musical entertainment. Usual 7:15 for a 7:30pm start. Basket supper and all visitors welcome.

Digital Entertainment Book

This year the Entertainment book is offered in digital format only. A yearly subscription can be purchased at any time of the year and will be effective from the date of purchase. Fundraising is for Dr John through our Mission project. The link to purchase our digital Entertainment Book can be found on BCUC's homepage under 'news'.

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