



Burnside City
Uniting Church
Community, Faith and Purpose

This Sunday @ BCUC

16th December - Communion

Fully alive in Jesus – at one with ourselves and Jesus ^{ab}

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

Compare the Two ^c

10:30am Café : Colette Williams

Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79^a; Philippians 3:1-11^b; Luke 3:7-18^c

Upcoming Week @ BCUC

Wednesday 19th December

2:00pm Thanksgiving for the
Life of Bruce Brooks

Thursday 20th December

7:30pm Choir practice

Friday 21st December

5:30pm Worship & Music Ministry

Sunday 23rd December

12noon Prayer Meeting

Next Sunday @ BCUC

23rd December

God the Promise Keeper ^{ad}

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

Fully Alive in Jesus – Love completes us ^{bc}

10:30am Café : Rev Trevor Klar

Micah 5:2-5a^a; Psalm 80:1-7; Hebrews 10:5-10^b; Luke 1:39 -45^c; Luke 1:46 -55^d

Prayer Requests: prayer@burnsidecityuc.org.au

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

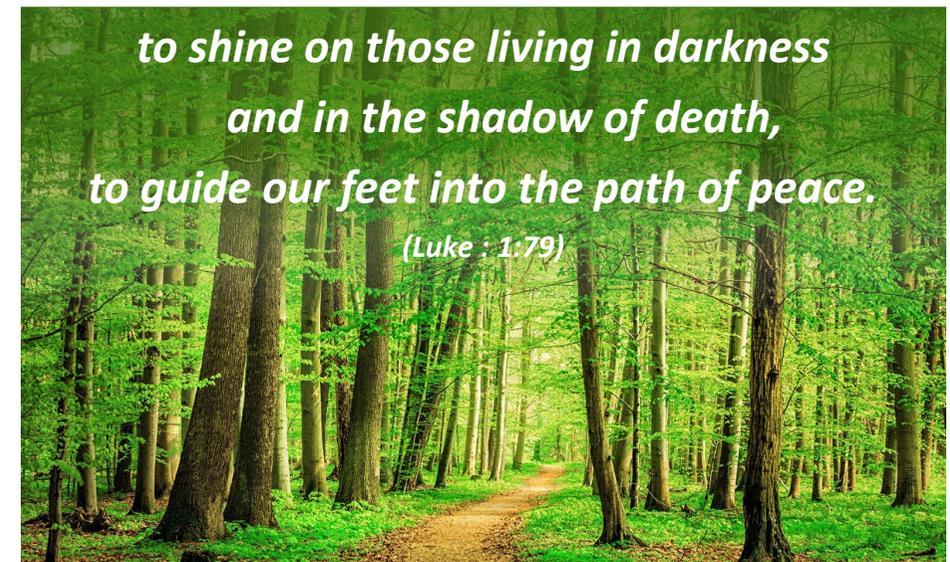
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Sunday 16th December 2018

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

Ministers are available for Pastoral Care as required

Interim Administrator: Stuart MacAdam Mon - Fri, 9am-2pm

Office Hours: Mon - Fri, 9am - 2pm



A Vibrant Community, Committed to Jesus,

Passionately Engaged in Mission

THIS WEEK'S NEWS & NOTICES

A MESSAGE FROM TREVOR

Peace and Harmony

It is said of beauty contestants that they always want world peace, it has even been used in several movies as a comedic device. We all want peace. At Christmas time there is often tension not far below the surface. Relatives who don't get on, some whose behaviour can do a good impersonation of the Christmas Grinch, others who just are not socially adept.

So we would often just hope and pray that everything goes well, that no new feuds are begun. If we were to think of harmony at Christmas that would seem a bridge too far. Yet harmony is in fact a closer representation of what Jesus offers than just "getting through" Christmas.

Harmony where everyone is really close, where relationships are all positive is the promise of "Shalom", the word for peace in the Bible. It is a positive concept, where we are at one (in harmony) with ourselves, others and God. It starts when we deal with the discordant parts of ourselves, when we allow Jesus transforming love free reign in our lives, and allow him to truly bring our lives under his control.

It continues when we allow ourselves to love as Jesus did, seeking the best for others at every opportunity. When that love is not determined by our agenda, but is determined by God's purpose in each situation, and happens in a way that we are enlarged by that love as well (love your neighbour as you love yourself).

This shalom is the purpose of Jesus at Christmas as he came to begin the journey that ended in his death and resurrection. It was a journey of transformation as the relationship between humanity and God was changed forever on the cross. It is fully expressed when we seek Jesus transformation in our lives, for this is true peace!

'Welcome to BCUC' Afternoon Tea

For all those new to BCUC this year. **Saturday 22nd December 2-3:30 pm.** Join us for ice-creams and toys, or tea and scones. See Merle Paton and Gaynor Strapp for more info. **Come and say, G'day.**

Thanksgiving for the Life of Bruce Brooks

A Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of the late Bruce Brooks will be celebrated at BCUC on **Wednesday December 19 at 2:00pm.**

A Message from Gary

Dear BCUC Friends, Having returned from my trip to the UK I wanted to express again my gratitude for the generous gift given to me when I concluded supply ministry at Burnside. At my farewell the hope was expressed that the gift would help me have a good trip and I am happy to say it most certainly did. Thank you.

Wear Red Next Sunday

By Jesus' blood we are washed clean and so our relationship with God the Father is restored. Help celebrate Jesus' love for us next Sunday by wearing red to church.

Monday Communion

A communion service will be held Monday **December 17th at 2pm** in the Chapel. All are invited.

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve

6:00pm Family Service
11:30pm Carols & Candles

Christmas Day

9:30am Worship for everyone

KCO is Coming

Kids Camp Out (KCO) is a Uniting Church camp for 7 year olds to Year 7's. On **23rd and 24th March 2019** hundreds of campers, junior leaders and leaders will gather at Adare Caravan and Camping at Victor Harbor for a fun filled 24 hours of stories, games, crafts, Bible studies, food, fellowship and some sleeping. Make a note in your diary and let your friends know so they can join us for a fabulous time. In 2019 there will be no cost for campers and helpers so let's bring as many children as possible. More information will be available soon.

This year we are looking for a coordinator, so if you would like to be part of the KCO leadership team speak to Gaynor Strapp.

BCUC Christmas Postcards

We would like to encourage you to take some additional BCUC Christmas postcards to distribute to family, friends, and mailboxes in your neighbourhood. Extra cards are available in the foyer. Please take as many as you can distribute.

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