



Burnside City
Uniting Church
Community, Faith and Purpose

Next Sunday @ BCUC

17th March - Communion
The Cross and Us

We are Justified (Romans 3:19-26, 4:25)

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

Believe and be Saved

10:30am Café : Rev Rob Williams

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

Upcoming Week @ BCUC

Monday 18th March

10:00am mainly music

2:00pm Monday Communion

7:00pm BSF

Tuesday 19th March

9:30am Ladies Table Tennis

9:30am Playgroup

5:30pm Finance Committee

Wednesday 20th March

7:45am Prayer Meeting

9:30am Prayer Meeting

Thursday 21st March

9:30am Craft, Chat & Sew

9:30am Lifelong Learning Leadership

12noon Friendship Club

6:00pm Worship & Music Ministry

7:30pm Choir practice

Sunday 24th March

12noon Prayer Meeting

Next Sunday @ BCUC

24th March

The Cross and Us

We are Redeemed (Ephesians 1:3-14)

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

10:30am Café : Colette Williams

Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

Prayer Requests: prayer@burnsidecityuc.org.au

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

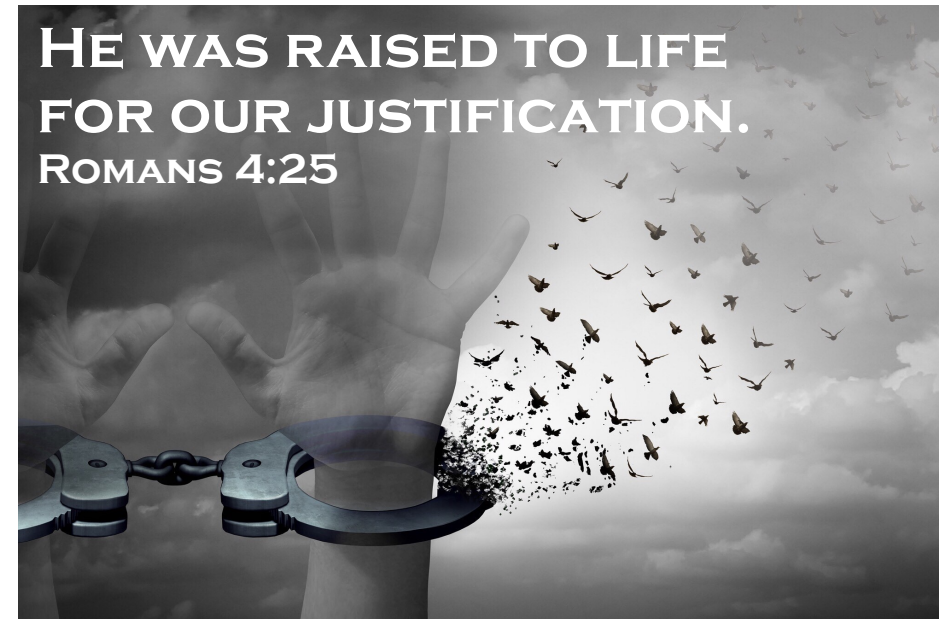
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Sunday 17th March 2019

WELCOME

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



**HE WAS RAISED TO LIFE
FOR OUR JUSTIFICATION.
ROMANS 4:25**

Ministry Team Contacts

Minister: Rev Dr Benji Callen 0427 792 869; benjic@burnsidecityuc.org.au

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Mon - Fri, 9am - 2pm

Ministers are available for Pastoral Care as required.



A Vibrant Community, Committed to Jesus,

Passionately Engaged in Mission



THIS WEEK'S NEWS & NOTICES

A MESSAGE FROM BENJI

In the lead up to Easter, BCUC is looking at different ways New Testament writers explain what Jesus did at the cross - how the cross has changed the way we relate to God. Today we explore the biblical term "justification". When the apostle Paul was writing to the early churches, the term 'justification' was one of his favourite ways of explaining the cross.

'Justification' in the bible is different to the way we might use the term. For example, my kids love telling Nicole and I their own justification as to why it's OK to eat sugar straight from the cupboard or why it's someone else's turn to do the dishes. Remembering the letters of Paul were written in the first century, Paul is borrowing from an expression that would be more familiar to his readers which refers to ones' legal status. In particular what is our legal status in relation to God? Just as we have been hearing in the news lately, even the crimes people commit decades ago are still crimes that need to be convicted and judged before a court of law. Time or good things done since then does not cover the crime. Justice is important in society and it is also an important characteristic of God.

Paul writes in Romans that we have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. We can all be judged "GUILTY" in the court of God's law. However, the good news is that with Jesus Christ's death on the cross, a guiltless person took on the shame and guilt of us all and paid the consequence (the death penalty) for all of us. So, by faith IN Jesus, we are judged 'justified', guiltless, 100%, first class honours. When we are IN Christ, God judges and convicts us as if we are Jesus. That's very cool! As Charles Wesley writes in that fantastic hymn 'And Can It Be':

*No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness Divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.*

Congregational Meeting

April 7th 2pm at BCUC

Business:

Audited Financial Statements
Minister's Report
Church Council Report

Newcomers Welcome Tea

Saturday 30 March 2019, 2pm

If you are new to BCUC this year or were not able to attend the WELCOME TEA we had last year, you are warmly invited to attend the next WELCOME TEA. Come and meet other new people, meet and make friends with established members of the congregation and become part of the God community of BCUC. Please let Gaynor, Rob or Merle know if you plan to attend (for catering purposes).

KCO Update

We have 45 people going to KCO next week including 30 children. Pray for us. The KCO cash box for donations is in the foyer. You can also sign up to contribute biscuits or cake to feed those hungry people. Thank you so much for your continued support. We can feel the hand of God guiding the whole process.

Lent : The Cross and Us

Throughout Lent, we will be using our sermons to explore the theme of the cross and what it means for us in our lives. We will be looking at this theme through the eyes of different New Testament writers.

Family Fun @ 5

is on April 6th This is advance notice so that you can book the date! The theme is "Why is Easter so exciting?" As Easter is in the holidays this year, we are not having FF@5 on Good Friday but on April 6th.

Dr John's Pantry

This week, one for the connoisseurs: QUINCE JELLY. Also, a new batch of Fruit Chutney – enjoy!

Pancake Day Update

The Junior Church would like to thank you so very much for helping us raise funds to assist the work of the Uniting Communities last Sunday. With your wonderful support we raised \$319.

Easter Puppet Show in Local Schools

Volunteers needed. Contact Ally at alisonelrussell@gmail.com or 0432 144 912 or as soon as possible if you can help!

Non Geographic Presbytery Information Night

Teams, Leaders, and Council members are invited to join Benji and Rob in attending an info night at Playford UC on **Tuesday 19 March at 7:30pm** to find out all about the vision and heart of the New NGP. This event will help to inform our conversations as we consider whether the NGP is the right home for BCUC in the new Presbytery Restructure. Please RSVP to our admin email address.

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