



**This Sunday @ BCUC**

**17th November - Communion**

*Serving in the Body of Christ*

*Ephesians 4:7-13*

9:00am Contemporary, 10:30am Classic : Colette Williams

10:30am Café : Rev Dr Benji Callen

**Sunday 17th November 2019**

**WELCOME**

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

**Upcoming Week @ BCUC**

**Monday 18th November**

10:00am mainly music

2:00pm Monday Communion

7:00pm BSF

**Tuesday 19th November**

9:30am Ladies Table Tennis

9:30am Playgroup

5:30pm Finance Mtg

**Wednesday 20th November**

7:45am Prayer Meeting

9:30am Prayer Meeting

12 noon "Unwrapping Joy"

7:00pm Forum on UC Presbyteries

**Thursday 21st November**

9:30am Craft, Chat & Sew

12noon Friendship Club

6:00pm Worship & Music Ministry

7:15pm Choir Practice

**Friday 22nd November**

9:00am UC Mission Thanksgiving Day

**Sunday 24th November**

12noon Prayer Meeting

2:00pm AGM



So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4:11-13

**Next Sunday @ BCUC**

**24th November**

*Christ the King Sunday*

*Jeremiah 23:1-6; Colossians 1:15-20*

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

10:30am Café : Heather Maynard

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*Ministers are available for Pastoral Care as required.*

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## A MESSAGE FROM BENJI

Wow a lot happened last Sunday at church. To hear the unique stories of the life-changing difference a relationship with Jesus makes reminds me of the joy of ministry. Thank you Graham, Jaime and Greg for your courage and honesty.

Thanks to all those involved last Sunday from the details of the service including the Church Council with the launch of our vision and three year direction "Raising Children of God", to those involved in the re-affirmation of baptism to the music, the membership and the behind the scenes office work required to get over 200 personal certificates printed (please pick yours up if you haven't yet) and then finally the generous hospitality of the international lunch to follow. It was a wonderful preview of the great heavenly banquet Jesus talked about. Thanks Joy for the vision of the international lunch and all the many people who pitched in to help with providing food, serving, setting up, the kids who served others and those who cleaned up. It was a great team effort which created a family buzz of Christian fellowship for over 200 people. Thank you.

This Sunday Collette and I will talk about the five-fold ministry mentioned in Ephesians.

"And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ." Ephesians 4:12-13

It's a list that Paul gives in a general letter about church. There is debate as to whether this is an exhaustive list of the ministries in the church or not and since writing in the first century there are now broad ways of understanding how this can apply to our church today. The apostle is like the church planter or entrepreneur who begins lasting church movements, the prophet listens to the voice of the spirit and responds, this can be calling out injustice or being able to see God's plan for others, the evangelist shares the message of the gospel to encourage faith, the shepherd is those who pastorally care for the flock and finally the teacher is the one who explains Jesus to others. Some argue that everyone is one of these five, others would argue it's a specific list.

There are a number of online "five-fold ministry test" to see who you are.

Mike Breen from 'Building a Discipling Culture' talks about having a "base" ministry, which is our natural default. The one we find easiest. We might go through phases of each of the others to help deepen our base. The final focus is that each of the ministries need to work together as the body of Christ, not independently. Their purpose is not to lift and build up the ego of the believer but rather to humbly equip others in ministry and build the wider church up. So may the Holy Spirit help us to equip the saints for ministry as we raise children of God.

## Presbytery Information Forum

Wednesday Nov. 20th, 7pm @ BCUC

In preparation for the congregation to decide at the Nov 24th AGM whether we will join Generate Presbytery or remain in the default, regional presbytery (named "Presbytery B"), we will host an information forum with special guests: Rev. Steph Tai (Secretary of Generate) and Rev. Sue Page (Assoc. Gen. Secretary from the presbytery restructuring task group). They will be available for a Q and A.

## Netball Christmas Celebration

Sunday 1 December, 6pm @ BCUC

Dinner, drinks, and ice cream. Activities, carols, and a Christmas message. Free! RSVP for catering purposes to [bcucnc@gmail.com](mailto:bcucnc@gmail.com) or call Cathie on 0413 737 023.

## Christmas Psalm Booklet

Please write your own Psalm to share in our Christmas Psalm Booklet. Psalms teaches us how to relate to God as God's beloved children, individually and together. Some poetic styles such as Sonnet, Haiku, Acrostic, Free Verse and others can be used to describe God's nature, His relationship to the world, His Son, His Spirit, and His relationship with you. *"Psalms is a form of storytelling. The key to writing is making the audience feel. Give them something to remember and hold onto. It expresses time with God"*

Send your Psalm to [bcucchats@burnsidacityuc.org.au](mailto:bcucchats@burnsidacityuc.org.au)

## Elder/Church Councillor Nominees

Profiles of nominees standing for Elders to Church Council have been emailed to the congregation. Printed copies of this booklet are available today at the reception desk. Voting for Elders will be held at the AGM on November 24th. Be guided by the Holy Spirit as you consider your vote.

## AGM

Please join us for our AGM on **Sunday November 24 at 2pm**. The agenda, budget, Annual Report, and Elder nominee profiles have been emailed to members. Paper copies are also available at the reception desk.

## Mid Week Communion

A communion service will be held Monday **November 18th at 2pm** in the Chapel. All are invited.

## Unwrapping Joy

Wednesday Study Group

As a follow-on from our recent Alpha event, we are holding a five session study series Wednesday lunch times (12 noon). We are using Benji's book, "Unwrapping Joy", which focusses on the joy of Jesus' arrival here on earth, and the joy that we can experience as believers. We meet at BCUC and bring our own lunch to eat with others in community. **This Wednesday will be our second week but please feel free to join in and to invite anyone else to these sessions**, as we look forward in joyful anticipation to Christmas time as a celebration of Jesus' birth.

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