



**Burnside City**  
Uniting Church  
*Community, Faith and Purpose*

**This Sunday @ BCUC**

**18th August**

***Psalms 42 & 43 - Downcast, Disturbed, Depressed and Hopeful***

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

***Psalm 73 - Why do good things happen to bad people***

10:30am Café : Rev Dr Benji Callen

Lectionary : Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2,8-19; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

**Sunday 18th August 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 19th August***

10:00am mainly music  
2:00pm Monday Communion  
7:00pm BSF

***Tuesday 20th August***

9:30am Ladies Table Tennis  
9:30am Playgroup  
5:30pm Finance Committee

***Wednesday 21st August***

7:45am Prayer Meeting  
9:30am Prayer Meeting  
12noon Alpha Course

***Thursday 22nd August***

9:30am Craft, Chat & Sew  
12noon Friendship Club  
1:00pm Facilities Committee  
3:00pm Choir Practice  
6:00pm Worship & Music Ministry  
7:00pm Church Council Meeting

***Saturday 24th August***

2:00pm Newcomers Welcome Tea

***Sunday 25th August***

12noon Prayer Meeting

**Next Sunday @ BCUC**

**25th August**

***Party Time. Sing for Joy***

9:00am Contemporary, 10:30am Classic : Rev Dr Benji Callen - Psalm 96  
10:30am Café : Merle Paton - Psalm 95

Lectionary : Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

Prayer Requests: [prayer@burnsidecityuc.org.au](mailto:prayer@burnsidecityuc.org.au)

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*Ministers are available for Pastoral Care as required.*



***A Vibrant Community, Committed to Jesus,  
Passionately Engaged in Mission***

### A MESSAGE FROM BENJI

Psalms 42 & 43 are songs written by someone who is clearly downcast, disturbed and depressed.

God wants us to pour out all our emotions to him, including our sadness and depression. The answer from God is not simply 'pull yourself together and get over it'. The process of lament, of crying out, of admitting to God that your soul is downcast and bringing that into the loving presence of the living God is important enough that it is recorded time and time again in God's Word, from some of the bible's greatest prophets (e.g. Jeremiah and Elijah), poets (Job) and hymn makers ('lament' psalms). There is even a whole book of the bible dedicated to expressing deep sadness to God, Lamentations.

Psalms 42 & 43 gives us hope though. As the psalmist cries out to God and asks himself why his soul is so downcast, the answer seems to ring out throughout the psalm. It lies in the need to be closer to God, to be in God's presence with a deep longing ("deep calls to deep"). God is the ultimate source of hope and light in our darkness.

This reminds me of another psalm 139 (one of my favourites) that has the line "even darkness is as light to you". The Hubble space telescope is a satellite above the earth's atmosphere focussing its specialised lens into the far reaches of the galaxy. One picture it has taken is called "deep field" which is of one of the darkest points of the night sky, where it would seem no light penetrates. But true to the psalm, when focussing the telescope's extremely sensitive lens into that dark sky, it exposed hundreds of tiny galaxies, far far away barely giving out any light. Even the darkness is as light to God. It's true that the heavens really do declare the glory of God. So in your darkest moments remember God is with you.

### "So Glad You're Here" Afternoon Tea

We love welcoming people to the BCUC family. If you are new here or have not come to a welcome afternoon tea yet, then this event is for you. You are warmly invited to the "So Glad You're Here" Afternoon Tea on **Saturday August 24 from 2-3:30pm**. It's a great chance to meet others, make friends, ask questions and get to know each other more. We see BCUC as a place for many people to call home and grow in Jesus. God makes truly amazing, unique people and we're so glad to start to know one more. RSVP to the office if you plan to attend. Children are welcome; activities available.

### Survey - Last Day

Our survey of the congregation closes today. All surveys submitted online or on paper by the end of today will be counted. The online survey can be found at :

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6SRDSPJ>

This link was also emailed to the congregation last week. There are paper copies available at the reception desk near the front entrance. You can complete a paper form and leave it in the box provided before you leave today.

### Dr Jon's Pantry

Don't forget - Winter : time to select from five marmalades: tongue tingling lemon & ginger to mild & sweet mandarin, and various jams, relish and chutneys.

### Psalm Writing Workshop

**Sunday 25th August, 2-5 pm at BCUC**

Have you thought about writing your own psalm? Many Psalms follow a pattern which can be replicated. We believe there is some amazing talent in BCUC and would love to give the opportunity for the congregation to contribute their own Psalms to a booklet we will publish as a Christmas gift to all. We would love to see your contributions. Come to this workshop to get ideas and learn techniques for writing your psalm.

### Generate Presbytery Meeting

This November, BCUC will make a decision whether we want to join the new Generate Presbytery. To assist in our discernment, Generate has invited anyone interested to attend the next meeting on **September 14, 9:30-3:30pm** at Journey Uniting Church, 1063 North East Road Ridgehaven.

### Monday Communion

A communion service will be held Monday **August 19th at 2pm** in the Chapel. All are invited.

### BCUC Cares

Your continued donations of food and toiletries for people in need is greatly appreciated. Please consider donating more toiletries as they are regularly in short supply.

### Family Fun @5

The next Family Fun@5 is on Saturday **September 14** Book the date!

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