

This Sunday @ BCUC

1st March

God Connects : Lent 1

Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

Temptation of Jesus

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

Upcoming Week @ BCUC

Today

2:00pm Illumina Choir Concert 9:30am Generate Presbytery Committee
12 noon Wednesday Small Group

Monday 2nd March

10:00am mainly music
1:30pm Monday Day Fellowship
7:00pm BSF

Tuesday 3rd March

9:30am Ladies Table Tennis
9:30am Playgroup
1:30pm BCUC Cares

Wednesday 4th March

9:30am Prayer Meeting

Thursday 5th March

9:30am Craft, Chat & Sew
12noon Friendship Club
6:00pm 9am Worship Practice
7:15pm Choir Practice

Saturday 7th March

9:30am Sri Lankan Christian Fellowship

Sunday 8th March

12 noon Prayer Meeting

Next Sunday @ BCUC

8th March

God Connects : Lent 2

John 3:1-7

Speaking in Riddles?

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

Prayer Requests: prayer@burnsidecityuc.org.au

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

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Burnside City
Uniting Church

Sunday 1st March 2020

WELCOME

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

And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Matthew 4:3-4



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BCUC
Raising Children of God



A MESSAGE FROM BENJI

The season of Lent has begun.

This is the time of preparation, 40 days before the church celebrates the death and resurrection of Jesus (technically 40 days starts at Ash Wednesday and doesn't include Sundays).

For this period at BCUC we will looking at the gospel lectionary readings. They are all wonderful stories of Jesus interacting with people. We are loosely calling this the "God connects" series as we discover different ways that God through Jesus personally interacts with people.

For those who are Nick Cave fans (an Australian singer who was big in the 90's) they may remember a love song called "Into your arms" that begins "I don't believe in an interventionist God". Well these stories show that if Jesus is God with skin on, then God is very interested in the everyday person like you and me. He is not absent in his ivory tower, too important and too clever to stoop down and notice little ol' us. God of Jesus Christ is very interventionist.

Each week will reveal not just how much and in what way God connects with us but also God's friendship.

"When Jesus saw their faith, he said, 'Friend, your sins are forgiven.'"
Luke 5:20

Here's an interesting exercise: use a website or app called 'bible gateway' and use the search engine to see how many different references in the New Testament there are to the word "Friend". It's quite beautiful and rich. Jesus refers to those who trust and believe in him as 'friends'. Friends to eat with, to cry with, to celebrate and party with. Not subjects of the great king useful only of distant grovelling, but friends.

At BCUC we love worship to engage all the senses. That's why for lent we will be able to see the unfolding story of Jesus friendship with silhouettes of at first Jesus and then all the other friends he makes along the way go the cross, finishing at Easter with us. Keep an eye out for them in all three services and thanks Michelle P for your handiwork. Use them as visual reminders of each weeks stories.

I pray we will enjoy the adventure with Jesus together and be challenged, inspired and full of gratitude that God does indeed connect!

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.

Church Council News

At our February 25th meeting, the following office bearers were elected.

Chairperson: Ian Olver

Vice-Chairperson: Nirmal Robinson

Treasurer: Tim Piper

Secretary: Anne Wierenga

Generate Presbytery News

The next meeting of the Generate Presbytery is on **14 March** at Seeds Uniting Church. This is the first meeting since BCUC became part of Generate Presbytery. Annette LeMay and Andrew Pruszinski are our representatives; they will join Benji and Rob in attendance. The meeting is open to all member of our congregation. See link under 'News' on BCUC's homepage to register.

KCO

KCO registration closes on **March 11**. When registering, you can enter 'burnsidecityunitingchurch' as payment code to have BCUC pay the fee. **Any adults planning to attend must apply for and receive their WWCC before registering.**

Seniors Second Sunday Lunch

Next Sunday, 8 March, 12noon until 1:30pm. Come and join us for friendship, fun and food.

Pancake Day

Sunday **March 8** between services – wonderful, delicious pancakes, jams, maple syrup and cream. Please join the Junior Church in raising funds to bring hope, love and opportunity to people in need. Your coin donation will assist the work of Uniting Communities.

Monday Day Fellowship

Our first meeting this year will be on **2 March** at 1:30pm. The speaker will be Matthew Seales engaging us with the helpful topic : "Recycling - Which Bin?". Afternoon tea is provided and everyone is welcome.

"Rise! Take your mat and walk!" - 2020 World Day of Prayer -

Prayers for that ravaged country of Zimbabwe will be a key focus. Come and join people from over 150 countries, praying in 88 languages. Our local service is at Norwood Salvation Army, 55 George St, Norwood. Friday **6 March**; begins at 10.00 am; followed by morning tea. Park in Coles car park or nearby streets.

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