## TODAY @ BCUC-The nature and authority of God

#### 1st October

9am Contemporary & 10:30am Classic: Rev Matthew Bond Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16, **Philippians 2:1-13** and Matthew 21:23-32 10:30am Café: Rev Dr Gary Stuckey— Personal relationship with God **Philippians 1:21-30** 

## UPCOMING WEEK @ BCUC

### *Monday 2nd October* Public Holiday

*Tuesday 3rd October* 9:30am Ladies Table Tennis 2pm BCUC Cares

Wednesday 4th October 7:45am Prayer Meeting 9:30am Prayer Meeting *Thursday 5th October* 9:30am Craft, Chat & Sew 12noon Friendship Club 6pm Worship & Music Ministry 7:30pm Choir practice

*Sunday 8th October* 12noon Prayer Meeting

Next Sunday @ BCUC- Justified by faith

8th October

9am Contemporary & 10:30am Classic: Colette Williams

10:30am Café: Ian Olver

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20, Psalm 19, Philippians 3:4b-14, Matthew 21:33-46

## Prayer Requests: prayer@burnsidecityuc.org.au

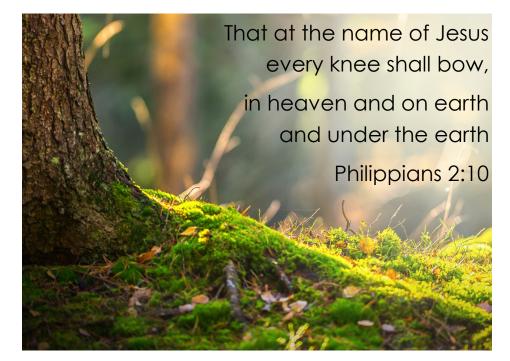
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Sunday 1st October 2017

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**

Minister: Rev Matthew Bond Ministry Team Leader 0400 777 410 Minister: Rev Dr Gary Stuckey 0437 708 183 Supply Ministry Minister in Association: Rev Rob Williams 0424 123 171 All Ministers are available for Pastoral Care as required Youth Coordinator: Ben Randall —0403 369 154 Administrator: Deb Mugford Monday—Thursday 9am—2:30pm Office Hours - 9am—12 noon Monday to Thursday



A Vibrant Community, Committed to Jesus,

## THIS WEEK'S NEWS & NOTICES

### MESSAGE FROM GARY

### You give them something to eat." (Mark 6:37)

Last Saturday 24 people from Burnside City gathered for the day to continue the process of discerning God's loving desire for the church through the next few years. Building on information drawn from the National Church Life Survey, the Spiritual Gifts identification process, the Vision and Mission Day in August, and responses from the Sunday prayer gathering, those gathered sought to discern threads which may open us to the future direction in which God desires to take Burnside City.

It was my privilege to be asked to facilitate the day. In doing so, I structured the day around the story of the feeding of the 5,000 form Mark's Gospel. What has that got to do with discerning the future for BCUC? Well, I think, plenty.

In the story Jesus is seeking some time away from the crowds and the pressure of ministry for himself and the disciples. They depart by boat seeking a deserted place to be by themselves. However, it was not to be. The crowds saw where they were headed and arrived there before Jesus and the disciples. Although desiring solitude and rest, Jesus had compassion on the crowds and continued to teach them.

Late in the day the disciples suggested to Jesus that it might be time to send the crowds away to find some food. But then Jesus did an amazing thing. He put the matter back onto the disciples: "You give them something to eat." The disciples immediately respond by pointing out to Jesus that they didn't have the resources to do that. But Jesus asks them: "How many loaves have you?" Although there were only five (and two fish) they found that when you take what little you have and offer it to Jesus, amazing things can happen.

And that is what we focused on last Saturday- what are the loaves Burnside City has, what are the hungers people have and how can we bring the two together?

As the day progressed we, like the disciples, sensed the hungers were great and we wondered about our resources to respond to them. We recognized that we cannot address all the hungers people have, but we have been blessed with some amazing resources in people, facilities, finances and more, and that when given to Jesus many can be fed.

What are the loaves you bring to be used to feed people? What are the hungers that we see in people? And how can what God has blessed us with at BCUC be used to satisfy the many hungers people have?

Gary Stuckey (Rev)

### Elder nominations

Nominations for Elder are now open. If you feel that God is calling you to serve BCUC as an Elder, please contact Rex King, Matthew Bond for more information.

#### Gary's email address

Please note, the email address for Gary Stuckey garys@burnsidecityuc.org.au

## Thank You Morning Tea

Thank you to those who helped supply morning tea at Marryatville High School on Wednesday morning. The staff greatly appreciated the morning tea.

#### **Operation Christmas Child**

Items for the shoeboxes can be left in the foyer. Empty boxes also available if you wish to pack your own. Monetary donations can be given to Di Croft. Many thanks!

### Craft, Chat & Sew display morning

On **Sunday October 8** the Craft, Chat & Sew group will display a wide range of crafts and project for the wider mission of the Uniting Church and other social welfare agencies.

#### Seniors Second Sunday Lunch

The next Seniors Second Sunday lunch is on **Sunday October 8 at 12noon**. Come and join us for friendship, fun and food. Chicken & Salad plus a fruit platter.

## Monday Day Fellowship

Our next meeting is on **Monday October 9 at 1:30pm.** Come and here poems and plays by students of the Speech and Drama Studios SA. Please see Ruth Daws for more information.

# Burnside InterChurch Council Prayer Breakfast

**Saturday October 7 at 7:30am** at St Matthew's, 146 Kensington Rd, Marryatville Please join us for prayer and a light breakfast for a donation.

### **Transforming lives in Nigeria** Calling on all basketballers and those interested in hearing about what a 6'7' retired Christian basketballer has done with his life. The Leprosy Mission invites you to hear from Pius Ogbu. Cuppa for a Cure **Saturday October 7 at 2:30pm** at BCUC. Contact Faye Eaton for more information.

## Frontier Services Concert

There will be a concert featuring the Australian Army Band on **Sunday 15 October at 1:30pm** at BCUC. Funds raised will support Frontier Services. Cost \$15 Adult, \$5 Child. Please see Margaret Morey for more information.

Please e-mail articles for the BCUC weekly news to Deb Mugford at admin@burnsidecityuc.org.au no later than 12noon on Tuesday