



This Sunday @ BCUC

20th May — Pentecost, Communion

That's the Spirit!

9:00am Contemporary and 10:30am Classic : Rev. Dr. Gary Stuckey

10:30am Café: Tim Andrew

Acts 2:1-21 or **Ezekiel 37:1-14**; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b;

Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26, 27; 16:4b-15

Sunday 20th May 2018

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 21st May

10am mainly music

2pm Monday Communion

Tuesday 22nd May

9:30am Ladies Table Tennis

9:30am Playgroup

6:30pm Church Council

Wednesday 23rd May

7am Peter Pollock Breakfast

7:45am Prayer Meeting

9:30am Prayer Meeting

7pm Peter Pollock Testimony

Thursday 24th May

9:30am Craft, Chat & Sew

12noon Friendship Club

6pm Worship & Music Ministry

7:30pm Choir practice

Friday 25th May

6:30pm Kid's Club

Saturday 26th May

6pm Burnside Uniting Singles

Next Sunday @ BCUC

27th May — Trinity

New Life through the Love of God

9:00am Contemporary and 10:30am Classic : Donald Sarre

10:30am Café: Rev. Dr. Gary Stuckey

Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; **John 3:1-17**



Ministry Team Contacts

Supply Minister: Rev Dr. Gary Stuckey 0437 708 183

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All Ministers are available for Pastoral Care as required

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A Vibrant Community, Committed to Jesus,

Passionately Engaged in Mission

THIS WEEK'S NEWS & NOTICES

A MESSAGE FROM GARY

Today is the day of celebration we know in the Church as Pentecost. The term "Pentecost" means "fiftieth", and in the Jewish tradition celebrates the day 50 days after Passover, also known as The Feast of Weeks. In the Christian tradition, it comes 49 days (the seventh Sunday) after Easter and celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Jesus and other followers of Jesus who were gathered in Jerusalem for the Feast of Weeks.

In the Christian Church it is also the day which many call the birthday of the Church and the start of the Church's mission to the world.

The events of that day are dramatically recounted in the second chapter of the book of Acts. There we find the disciples gathered in one place when there was the sound of a mighty wind and what appeared to be fire resting on the disciples. One result of this was that the disciples began to speak in the languages of other nations. Not surprisingly this caused a bit of a stir among the populous. Some thought they were simply drunk and dismissed them (Acts 2:13, 15). Others, however, wondered, "What does this mean?" (Acts 2:12)

It's a good question. What does it mean, this amazing event? There are many answers that could be given to that question but one of the answers surely is that the Spirit is a life giving Spirit- the Spirit brings life!

In the very beginning of the Bible we read that the earth was formless and void, but the Spirit was hovering over the earth and began the process of creation- bringing life. The writer of the Psalms, reflecting on this affirmed, "*When you send your Spirit... they are created.*" (Psalm 104:30). The prophet Ezekiel is given a dramatic vision at a time when the nation of Israel was going through the most difficult of times, when the nation seemed to have lost its life. In the vision of the valley of the dry bones Ezekiel sees the bones joined together and flesh is put on them, but they are still not living. God says, "*I will put my spirit within you... and you will live.*"

That is why the Church in its creeds proclaims, "*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.*" Pentecost, the celebration of the Spirit, is a celebration that God is a life giving God.

The JNC will meet for the first time later today along with our 2 Presbytery reps, Wendy Perkins and Ashlee Littleford. Pray that each one is equipped with what they need to complete the task that God has called them to on behalf of the BCUC community.

Because He has inclined His ear to me, Therefore I shall call upon Him as long as I live. Psalm 116 2

Hizbiz - a Men's Group

All gentlemen welcome to share a 12 noon lunch @ the Marryatville Hotel on **Tuesday May 29th**. Contact Rex or Leigh if attending.

Church Council Meeting

Tuesday May 22nd. 6:30pm devotions 7:00pm meeting. All invited to attend this meeting to observe. Previous CC minutes available at reception.

Occasional Relief Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to staff the reception desk on occasions when the regular volunteers are unavailable. If you are interested in this position please contact Valerie Aloa.

Frontier Services - Packing Day

Deadline for goods is **May 31st**. Suitable donations: second hand clothing for adults and children, household goods and toiletries, children's colouring pencils and notepads. Old Timers stall items: new items and gift packs & children/baby clothes. Goods can be left in the marked boxes in BCUC foyer.

Personal Prayer

Prayer is available after the 10:30 service in the Café.

Burnside Uniting Singles

BUS will hold a gathering at BCUC on **Saturday May 26th at 6:00pm**. All single adults are invited to attend for fun, fellowship and discussion followed by a meal out.

UnitingWomen

Uniting Women is a biennial conference hosted by UCA. This year it will be held in Brisbane from **September 27-30**. Registration is now open. Christian women come together in God's name finding acceptance, encouragement and inspiration. For more information, contact Gaynor Strapp.

Kids Club

BCUC Kids Club is a group for children in school year 3-6. Next night will be **May 25th, 6:30pm—8:30pm**. Come along for games, Bible story and craft concluding with supper. Cost \$4. Speak to Ben Randall for more information.

Peter Pollock

Peter Pollock, former South African cricketer, businessman and evangelist will be with us at BCUC on **Wednesday May 23rd at 7.00 am**. BCUC Business Breakfast, RSVP to Tim Andrew by May 21st 2018, 0447 569 496. 7.00 pm Testimony and Message : *Life changing story of the power of Jesus Christ*.

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