



Burnside City
Uniting Church
Community, Faith and Purpose

This Sunday @ BCUC

21st July - Communion

Why Lord?

Psalm 10

9:00am Contemporary, 10:30am Classic : Ian Olver

10:30am Café : Rev Dr Benji Callen

Lectinary : Amos 8:1-12; Psalm 52; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10: 38-42

Upcoming Week @ BCUC

Monday 22nd July

10:00am mainly music

2:00pm Service of Thanksgiving
for the life of Alan Newton

Tuesday 23rd July

9:30am Ladies Table Tennis

9:30am Playgroup

Wednesday 24th July

7:45am Prayer Meeting

9:30am Prayer Meeting

3:00pm Transitional Presbytery
Information session

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Thursday 25th July

9:30am Craft, Chat & Sew

12noon Friendship Club

2:30pm Choir practice

6:00pm Worship & Music Ministry

7:00pm Church Council Meeting

Friday 26th July

7:15pm BICC Quiz Night & Youth Event

Sunday 28th July

12noon Prayer Meeting

2:00pm Breathe: Guided Prayer for
Alpha, BCUC & Beyond

Next Sunday @ BCUC

28th July

HELP and Hope

Psalm 121

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

10:30am Café : Sally Andrew

Prayer Requests: prayer@burnsidecityuc.org.au

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

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Sunday 21st July 2019

WELCOME

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



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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 IAN OLVER

Today begins a series on the Psalms which are prayers and poems and should be read in that way.

Psalms 10 starts with a cry of despair and hopelessness. Where is God when wicked men seem to be thriving? It chronicles their wicked acts. They don't seem to even recognise God and act as though old crimes will be forgotten. You can understand the despair, but perhaps we should ask where we were when God needed us?

Nevertheless, the Psalm continues with a call to action for God to rise and break the arm of the wicked man. That is very much a human solution, not one from God and a prayer you shouldn't expect to be answered.

Then the mood changes completely with the recognition that the Lord is King forever. He has acted previously to free nations. He listens to prayer and he will save the people of earth from oppression.

The message here is that we should turn to God right from the outset in times of despair. He prepares our heart, that is changes our perceptions of what is occurring, suggests a prayer that aligns with His will and then hears the prayer and acts on it.

Rabbi Harold Kushner wrote the book, "When bad things happen to good people" when his son died in childhood of progeria (premature ageing). He wants to debunk the idea that God causes bad things to happen for the concept that God gave his creation free will to align with Him or turn from Him, which means that good and evil will exist in the world, and we are all subject to both.

His response to bad things happening is to learn to forgive an imperfect world in order to focus on the good and beauty that exists. Likewise, learn to forgive imperfect people to avoid being lonely. Also learn to forgive God when we perceive that He has abandoned us, because He is still there for us. For God gave us life and wants us to live it to the full.

Restructuring Task Group and Transitional Presbytery Consultation

You are invited to be part of the consultation process to explore what future Presbyteries will look like. The first round of consultations are at BCUC on **Wednesday July 24**, 3:00pm **OR** 7:00pm. RSVP to the office.

This session will inform people about what's happening, but will also be an important opportunity for people to input into the new presbyteries about their expectations, hopes and desires for what these presbyteries will look like from 2020 onwards. This will be an important event in shaping their future.

Breathe: a guided prayer event for Alpha, BCUC & beyond

Sunday July 28, 2-4pm. In the worship space. All members are invited to, and strongly encouraged to take part in this prayer event. Come along and spend some time (as much or as little as you like) in quiet prayer and reflection for the coming Alpha course, for the people and new vision of BCUC, and your concerns in the community and world. There will be some props, music and suggestions to help guide your prayers.

BICC Quiz Night

Raising funds for Chaplaincy in local schools. The Burnside Inter-Church Council is hosting its annual Quiz night at BCUC on Friday **July 26**. Arrive at 7:15pm. Tickets are \$20 and are available from Rex King or the office; BYO drinks, nibbles, & coins.

Alpha at BCUC

You've heard and seen something of the Alpha program coming to BCUC. It's relevant and vital. A great opportunity to begin and continue a vibrant life journey in God's kingdom! Or perhaps a time to rekindle a connection with Jesus!

Invite a friend, neighbour or family member to come with you to Alpha; starting on Wednesday **July 31** at noon. Sign up today, after church in the foyer!

Monday Day Fellowship

Our next meeting is on Monday **August 5th** at 1:30pm. Our Fellowship is hosting a Community Concern Event supporting the Sammy D Foundation which is educating both parents and children on the impact of violence and how it may be prevented.

A donation of \$5 is asked in support of this appeal. All members are encouraged to attend and the congregation is most welcome. Afternoon tea will be supplied and has been organised by the committee.

Psalms Sermon Series

A six weeks series starting **Today** : "God's Broad Shoulders: Praying the Psalms".

'Not a Real' Quiz Night

BICC youth event held at BCUC at the same time as the Quiz Night, **July 26 7:15pm**. \$5 entry, Year 6 and up. Wear old shoes. Call 0413 943 702 for more information. Proceeds go to the Burnside Inter-Church Council

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