



Burnside City
Uniting Church
Community, Faith and Purpose

TODAY @ BCUC—Personal relationship with God

24th September

9am Contemporary & 10:30am Classic: Rev Dr Gary Stuckey

10:30am Café: Rev Rob Williams

Exodus 16:2-15, Psalm 105, **Philippians 1:21-30**, Matthew 20:1-16

UPCOMING WEEK @ BCUC

Monday 25th September

10am mainly music

Tuesday 26th September

9:30am Playgroup

9:30am Ladies Table Tennis

6pm Church Council

Wednesday 27th September

7:45am Prayer Meeting

9:30am Prayer Meeting

Thursday 28th September

9:30am Craft, Chat & Sew

12noon Friendship Club

6pm Worship & Music Ministry

7:30pm Choir practice

Friday 29th September

7pm Youth Group

Sunday 1st October

12noon Prayer Meeting

Next Sunday @ 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

Prayer Requests: prayer@burnsidecityuc.org.au

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Sunday 24th September 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

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Office Hours - 9am—12 noon Monday to Thursday



A Vibrant Community, Committed to Jesus,

Passionately Engaged in Mission



MESSAGE FROM NORFOLK ISLAND

On my desk recently was this little cameo of a couple celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary. As they held hands across the table a little 'Tinkerbelle' like creature appeared and said..."I have been sent to give you the desire of your heart".. Immediately the wife said..."My desire is to travel the world'.... and 'zap' there were 2 around the world cruise tickets in her hand. The husband thinking this may be his one and only opportunity to get the desire of his heart, thought long and hard, and then turning to his wife, he said 'You may not like what I have to say, but my desire is to be married to someone 30 years younger than me'....and 'zap', he was a 92 year old man.

We may laugh, and make jokes about married love, but being happily married is the desire of the heart for most of us. Remembering this message comes from the Christian Ministers Association, and focuses on a culture founded on the love of God, may I encourage us to be thoughtful, prayerful about this 'SEASON OF THE PLEBISCITE', What is it we are really asked to vote upon?

The Word of God in Ephesians 5 speaks about the Christian life, and Christian marriage. St Paul personally addresses husbands and wives about a love that is eternal, personal and abundant. A love that the Greeks call AGAPE LOVE, God's divine, healing, forgiving love that permeates all our love relationships, it flows through to our EROS LOVE, married love, and to our PHILIA LOVE, brotherly, family community love....

It is a love that is gift love through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. This AGAPE love, can be new every morning, just for the asking, because of the gift of God's Holy Spirit to all people. When I think about my family, my children and grandchildren, and future children yet to come, my thoughts, my desire is that they may be happy, fulfilled, loved and loving. That they may know the power, the presence and the peace of AGAPE LOVE, not only know it but share it in every relationship that they encounter.....and that they may be aware of God's love in every possible adventure and commitment they experience.....

I feel that we are about to make history because of this plebiscite, and I am reminded that the Nobel Peace Prize winner of 1964 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. famously said..."We are not makers of history. We are made by history." King challenged many laws dealing with equality. His life and love for God changed the nation of the USA, and shaped the progressive world we live in today.

May I leave you with this very memorable quote of MARTIN LUTHER KING JR....

'I HAVE HAD MANY THINGS IN MY HAND AND I HAVE LOST THEM ALL, BUT WHATEVER I PLACED IN GOD'S HANDS THAT I STILL POSSESS'. May we be wise and place this important Plebiscite season in the hands of our God, may our decision making and voting choices bring honour and glory to our Creator and Redeemer.

SHALOM ROZ BOND

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THIS WEEK'S NEWS & NOTICES

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 or Christine You for more information.

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.

Thank You Morning Tea

Thank you morning tea at Marryatville High School, **Wednesday morning September 27**. We will join with the Australasian Community Church to support the school Chaplain and thank the staff for their support of students in our area. Could you please provide one plate of food suitable for morning tea? I will be at the church from 9-10am to receive the food. Thanks, Anita Wheaton.

HizBiz

The next HizBiz is on **Tuesday September 26 at 12noon**. Marryatville Hotel 239 Kensington Road, Kensington. For more information contact Rex King or Leigh Duffett.

Dr Jon's Pantry

Today at Dr Jon's Pantry: freshly made Lemon Butter.

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@burnsidacityuc.org.au no later than 12noon on Tuesday