

This Sunday @ BCUC

25th August

Party Time. Sing for Joy

9:00am Contemporary, 10:30am Classic : Rev Dr Benji Callen - Psalm 95&96

10:30am Café : Merle Paton - Psalm 95

Lectionary : Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

Upcoming Week @ BCUC

Monday 26th August

10:00am mainly music

7:00pm BSF

Tuesday 27th August

9:30am Ladies Table Tennis

9:30am Playgroup

Wednesday 28th August

7:45am Prayer Meeting

9:30am Prayer Meeting

12noon Alpha Course

Thursday 29th August

9:30am Craft, Chat & Sew

12noon Friendship Club

3:00pm Choir Practice

6:00pm Worship & Music Ministry

Sunday 1st September

12noon Prayer Meeting

Next Sunday @ BCUC

1st September - Father's Day

9:00am Contemporary, 10:30am Classic : Craig Schulz (Miracle Connect)

10:30am Café : Rev Dr Benji Callen¹

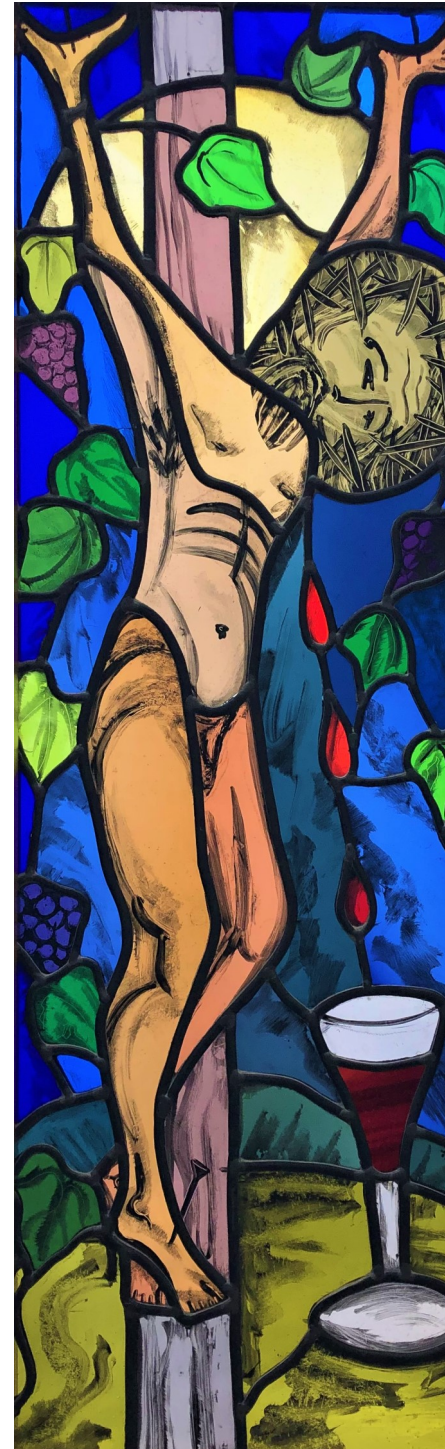
Lectionary : Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1,10-16; **Hebrews 13:1-8¹**; 15-16 Luke 14:1,7-14

Prayer Requests: prayer@burnsidecityuc.org.au

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Burnside City
Uniting Church
Community, Faith and Purpose

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**fixing our eyes on
Jesus, the pioneer and
perfecter of faith. For
the joy set before him
he endured the
cross, scorning its
shame, and sat down at
the right hand of the
throne of God.**

Hebrews 12:2

➔ *The parents of Trix Bills, Norman and Caroline Wellington were among the founding members of what was then the new Tusmore Memorial Methodist Church, and the family was heavily involved in the church community. The window depicting the crucifixion of Christ, one of the four beautiful Cedar Prest memorial stained glass windows originally installed at Tusmore Memorial Uniting Church and now part of Burnside City UC, was donated by Trix and her family in loving memory of their parents.*

A MESSAGE FROM BENJI

This Sunday is the last of our series on the Psalms: Gods Broad Shoulders. Today we're looking at the many praise psalms which have themes of joy, God's reign, and confidence in God's presence and action. It may seem strange but the cross is where we see this play out most. As the scripture from Hebrews reminds us. Jesus is the pioneer and perfecter of our faith and it was his endurance on the cross that was for our ultimate joy. That joy is knowing God is with us and will never give up. The stain-glass window of the crucifixion found in the hall was brought to my attention this week at Trix Bills funeral. Her family donated it many years ago in memory of Trix's parents.

I hope that through this series you now have a greater appreciation of the deep value in wrestling with God over your hardest and your best times. Just as the psalmist did. If you missed any sermons and would like to listen to them, they can be found on the BCUC website.

I'd love to finish with these stirring and powerful words that finished Rev. Rob Williams sermon last week,

"God is a God who is with us in our dark places and wants to lead us into the light of his joy and love, giving us a new start at the life God intended in our creation as Children of God! God never gives up on his plans and purposes for the people whom he loves as we see again and again in the Bible.

When Moses said 'Here I am, send Aaron' - God did not give up.

When Aaron was making a Golden Calf at the very moment Moses received "you shall have no other god" - God did not give up.

When only 2 of the 10 Israelite spies thought that their Creator was more powerful than giants they saw in the Promised Land – God did not give up.

When God became human and had an assassination attempt on his life before he was 2 - God did not give up.

When people from his own town tried to push him over a cliff - God did not give up.

When his own brothers ridiculed him - God did not give up.

When he was accused of blaspheming God by people who didn't fear God - God did not give up.

When Peter worshiped him at the supper and cursed him at the courtyard fire - God did not give up.

When people spat in his face and a whip split his back - God did not give up.

When human hands nailed divine hands and feet to a cross - God did not give up.

So why should God give up on you – even when you are in your 'dark place'?"

So let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

Psalm Writing Workshop

Today, 2-5 pm at BCUC

Have you thought about writing your own psalm? Many Psalms follow a pattern which can be replicated. We believe there is some amazing talent in BCUC and would love to give the opportunity for the congregation to contribute their own Psalms to a booklet we will publish as a Christmas gift to all. Come to this workshop to get ideas and learn techniques for writing your psalm.

Do You Like Chocolate?

At the next Day Fellowship meeting you can learn the history of Bracegirdles chocolates. **Monday 2nd September** at 1:30pm at BCUC. Gary Bracegirdle will give his insight into his company and chocolate. All are welcome including members of the congregation. Come and join us for a light and bright afternoon. Afternoon tea is provided.

Family Fun @5

Family Fun @ 5 will be on **Saturday 14th September** from 5.00 to 7.00pm Families are very welcome. Please invite neighbors and friends as it is an opportunity to reach out into the community. Flyers in the foyer spinner are available to give out. Helpers for preparing food, helping with craft and games, set up and clear up. For one of the activities those who have skills or pleasure in building Lego will be needed. Sign up sheets for helpers will be out in the Foyer from 25th August. Contact Heather Walraven or Chris Lake.

Operation Christmas Child

Today we are launching this year's shoebox project - an exciting time of the year! Shoeboxes of small gifts are packed here at BCUC and sent to children in developing countries. Brochures are available in the foyer along with empty decorated boxes if you wish to pack your own box. Alternatively there is an opportunity to make a monetary donation. If you like to shop, we need tennis balls, skipping ropes and yoyos to name a few items. Packing day is on **Monday Sept 30th at 9.30am** in the Hall. Enquiries to Di Croft.

Presbytery Meetings

Generate Presbytery Meeting

September 14, 9:30-3:30pm
Journey Uniting Church

Transitional Presbytery Meeting

September 21, 9:30-12:30pm
Burnside City Uniting Church

Both meetings are open to members of our congregation.

This November, BCUC will make a decision whether we want to join the Generate Presbytery or an alternative presbytery to be formed from the current Transitional Presbytery in the coming months. To assist in our discernment, we encourage you to considering attending these meetings if possible.

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