



This Sunday @ BCUC—A Procession of Peace

25th March

9am Contemporary and 10.30am Classic: Rev Dr Gary Stuckey

10:30am Café: Ian Olver

Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 118:1,2 19-29, Philippians 2:5-11, Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-26

Sunday 25th March 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 26th March

10am mainly music

Tuesday 27th March

9:30am Ladies Table Tennis

9:30am Playgroup

6:30pm Church Council

Wednesday 28th March

7:45am Prayer Meeting

9:30am Prayer Meeting

Thursday 29th March

9:30am Craft, Chat & Sew

12noon Friendship Club

6pm Worship & Music Ministry

7:30pm Choir practice

Friday 30th March

5pm Family Fun @ 5

Sunday 1st April

12noon Prayer Meeting

Good Friday @ BCUC—Love Suffers

Friday 30th March

9:30am Combined Service: Rev Dr Gary Stuckey

Isaiah 52:13-53:12, Psalm 22, Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9, **John 18:1-19:42**

Next Sunday @ BCUC—Easter Sunday—Encountered by the Risen Christ

1st April

7:30am Sunrise Service: Ben Randall

9:30am Combined Service: Rev Dr Gary Stuckey

Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9, Psalm 118:1,2 14-24, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43,
John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

Prayer Requests: prayer@burnsidecityuc.org.au

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A Vibrant Community, Committed to Jesus,

Passionately Engaged in Mission

THIS WEEK'S NEWS & NOTICES

A MESSAGE FROM GARY

Palm Sunday: the Way of Peace.

Today is the day we know in the Christian calendar as Palm Sunday. In our tradition it is a significant religious day marking the beginning of Holy Week.

But what was happening when Jesus entered Jerusalem? We know what the next few days will hold for Jesus. He will be betrayed, deserted, arrested, tried and crucified. Then in a week's time we will celebrate Christ's resurrection. All this took place around and during the festival of Passover which was perhaps the biggest festival in the Jewish calendar. As such, it was a time of heightened expectations, for the Jewish nation believed that Messiah would come at Passover and liberate them from oppressive rule.

To make sure matters didn't get out of hand, the Romans, those who ruled in Judea at this time, took measures to ensure religious passion didn't lead to riot. They did this by reinforcing their armed presence in the city. So, just before Passover, the governor would lead a procession of troops into the city, arriving from the West. It was a deliberate show of strength. It was designed to intimidate. Its message was clear- don't mess with us.

Around that time, perhaps even on the same day, Jesus arrived coming in from the East. Similarly, his entry was designed to make a statement. In coming in on a donkey Jesus was saying he was coming in peace to bring peace. It is believed that Jesus was enacting the words from the prophet Zechariah, "*See your king comes to you... gentle and riding on a donkey.*" When kings came for war, they rode in on horses. When kings came in peace, they rode donkeys.

Jesus' entry into Jerusalem asks us to make a choice. Will I be an accomplice of violence or an agent of peace? Does my life sow seeds of peace and love or bitterness and hate? Am I able to cross enemy lines to extend a hand of friendship and love to those with whom I disagree?

Guest Preacher – Sunday 15th April

Barty Shokralla, C.E.O. Miracle Connect, a Christian Arabic satellite channel. See article in the April BCUC Chats

HizBiz

The next HizBiz—a group for men - will meet for lunch on **Tuesday March 27 at 12noon** at the Marryatville Hotel. Please contact Rex King or Leigh Duffett to book.

BBQ Breakfast Fundraiser

Join us for a BBQ breakfast after the 7:30am Dawn Service on **Easter Sunday** morning and support Kids Club and Youth Group with a donation. Breakfast, including barista coffee, is open to anyone and will be served from 8am after the service. For more details contact Ben Randall.

Misplaced

Have you seen a black cylindrical speaker? It is used for playgroup for our singing. Contact Gaynor 0450 310 591.

Monday Day Fellowship

Monday Day Fellowship will meet on **Monday April 9** for a bus trip to the Ingle Theatre. Please meet at the church at **12:30pm**. Cost \$20. Please see Ruth Daws to book.

Family Fun @ 5

Family Fun @ 5 on Good Friday for preschool and primary school aged children and families needs helpers to prepare food, help with craft, set up and clean up. Sign up forms are in the foyer. Recipes and supplies for those able to make a tuna bake. See Chris Lake for more information.

KCO Update

We all arrived ready for a wonderful camp but KCO was cancelled due to poor weather. We all had a good time anyway. Join us today for a thank you pancake morning tea.

Netball Club Film Fundraiser

Please join us for a film evening fundraiser A Winkle in Time. Saturday April 7 at the Regal Theatre. Refreshment at 6:30pm followed by the film. Tickets are \$20 adults / \$15 concession available from Ruth Daws.

Election Day Stalls

A most successful fundraising effort occurred on Election Day with our sausage sizzle, cake and plant stalls. \$1,960.30 was raised for the Christian Pastoral Supports workers in our local schools. In addition we sold jams and relishes for Dr Jon, raising a further \$471.50. A huge thank you to the team of people, behind the scenes and on the day, for your time and effort.

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