

This Sunday @ BCUC

27th October

Membership Week 2 : The Uniting Church and the biblical vision for the future

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

Membership Week 1 : I Believe in the Church

10:30am Café : Rev Rob Williams

Lectionary : Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65; 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18; Luke 18:9-14

Upcoming Week @ BCUC

Monday 28th October

10:00am mainly music

7:00pm BSF

Tuesday 29th October

9:30am Ladies Table Tennis

9:30am Playgroup

Wednesday 30th October

7:45am Prayer Meeting

9:30am Prayer Meeting

Thursday 31st October

9:30am Craft, Chat & Sew

12noon Friendship Club

6:00pm Worship & Music Ministry

7:15pm Choir Practice

Saturday 2nd November

7:00pm Sri Lankan Christian Fellowship

Sunday 3rd November

12noon Prayer Meeting

Next Sunday @ BCUC

3rd November

Membership Week 3 : Who is BCUC? and in God's name, what are we doing?

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

10:30am Classic : Ian Olver

Lectionary : Habakkuk 1:1-4,2:1-4; Psalm 119:137-144; 2 Thes 1:1-4,11-12; Luke 19:1-10

Prayer Requests: prayer@burnsidecityuc.org.au

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Burnside City
Uniting Church
Community, Faith and Purpose

Sunday 27th October 2019

WELCOME

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



**In Jesus Christ "God was reconciling the world to himself" (2 Cor 5:19).
In love for the world, God gave the Son to take away the world's sin.**

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Ministry Team Contacts

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Mon - Fri, 9am - 4:30pm

Ministers are available for Pastoral Care as required.



**A Vibrant Community, Committed to Jesus,
Passionately Engaged in Mission**

BCUC Membership *Why does it matter?*

On Sunday November 10th at 10:00am, we are having a single service at BCUC to celebrate membership. This is an opportunity to publicly and formally declare your commitment to the work of God through the life of BCUC.

I am loving being a part of BCUC. Not only is this where God has called my family and me to worship and serve, it's the place where I can follow Jesus in loving God with everything and love others as I love myself. It's where I am being raised as a Child of God. Formalising my membership according to church regulations won't really affect that. You won't even find formalising membership in the bible. So why are we encouraging you to formalise your membership with us? Well it's really useful for a range of reasons:

- The Bible calls us to worship in an orderly way (1 Cor 14:40) and membership is an expression of good order.
- It helps the leaders lead. The elders have responsibility in Christ to shepherd the flock. It's really helpful for us to know who the flock actually are (1 Peter 5:2).
- It's a way of publically confirming your belonging with us. It's saying "yes" to serving Jesus, and being part of the mission of God through BCUC. Like other public covenant acts (baptism, marriage) membership can give you hope to hang in there when things go rough and is a symbol of God's promise to lead us through together. And that's a great witness to the gospel (John 13:34-35).
- You can help us make decisions. By becoming a member of BCUC you are saying publically "I get what BCUC is about and I want to help us get to where God is calling us". According to the current ordering of the church, you won't be able to vote on decisions if you're not a formal member (e.g. on Church Council or at Meetings of the Congregation).

Yes, it can seem like a rigid formality. But part of my joyful submission to Jesus is my submission to the people whom he calls to serve me (Romans 13:1-3). That can be scary because they are flawed like me, but as Jesus is the one who builds and governs his church it's OK for me to submit to the human structures he puts in place (Hebrews 13:17).

Blessings

Benji Callen

(adapted from Simon Dent at CoroUniting)

Membership Sermon Series

October 20, 27 & November 3

Single Worship Service Membership Celebration & Vision Launch followed by an International Shared Lunch

10:00am Sunday November 10

Monday Day Fellowship

The Bus Trip on **November 4th** is to a very interesting Gallery collection of Royalty Memorabilia from King William to Queen Elizabeth. There will be a talk on the 7 reigns of South Australia followed by afternoon tea. Meeting at the church at 12.50. The cost will be \$22. If you are coming make sure you give your name to Ruth Daws and ensure your have it noted in your diary.

Hizbiz Men's Group

All gentlemen welcome to share a 12 o'clock lunch @ the Marryatville Hotel on **Tuesday 29th Oct.** Contact Rex if attending.

AGM

Please join us for our AGM on **Sunday November 24 at 2pm.** Reports will be available from Sunday November 10.

International Lunch Contributions

We are hoping to have a great variety of representative international and Australian dishes for our shared lunch on **Nov. 10.** Please see the flyer available at the reception desk or talk to Joy, Nisha, Gaynor, or Marie.

Elder/Church Councillor Nominations

Nominations are open for Elders / Church Councillors. If you feel that God is calling you to serve BCUC in this role, please pick up an information sheet and nomination form at the reception desk. Nominations close on **November 3.** Note that term limits for serving on Church Council have been removed and the term for newly elected members is now up to 5 years (in accordance with the UCA Constitution).

Presbytery Information Forum Wednesday Nov. 20th, 7pm @ BCUC

In preparation for the congregation to decide at the Nov 24th AGM whether we will join Generate Presbytery or remain in the default, regional presbytery, we will host an information forum with special guests: Rev. Steph Tai (Secretary of Generate) and Rev. Sue Page (Assoc. Gen. Secretary from the presbytery restructuring task group). They will be available for a Q and A.

Pastoral Carers Workshop

Notes from Benji's recent workshop are available in the Resources section of the BCUC website.

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