

## **This Sunday @ BCUC**

**6th October**

**Isaiah 55:9-12**

9:00am Contemporary, 10:30am Classic : Luke Telfer (Gideons)

10:30am Café : Colette Williams

Lectionary : Lamentations 1:1-6, 3:19-26; Psalm 137; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

## **Upcoming Week @ BCUC**

### **Tuesday 8th October**

9:30am Ladies Table Tennis

### **Wednesday 9th October**

7:45am Prayer Meeting

9:30am Prayer Meeting

### **Thursday 10th October**

9:30am Craft, Chat & Sew

12noon Friendship Club

7:00pm Church Council Meeting

7:15pm Choir Practice

### **Friday 11th October**

6:00pm Worship & Music Ministry

### **Sunday 13th October**

12noon Prayer Meeting

12noon Seniors 2nd Sunday Lunch

## **Next Sunday @ BCUC**

**13th October**

9:00am Contemporary, 10:30am Classic : Charissa Suli

10:30am Café : Jenny Olver

Lectionary : Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 Psalm 66:1-12 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19

Prayer Requests: [prayer@burnsidecityuc.org.au](mailto:prayer@burnsidecityuc.org.au)

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

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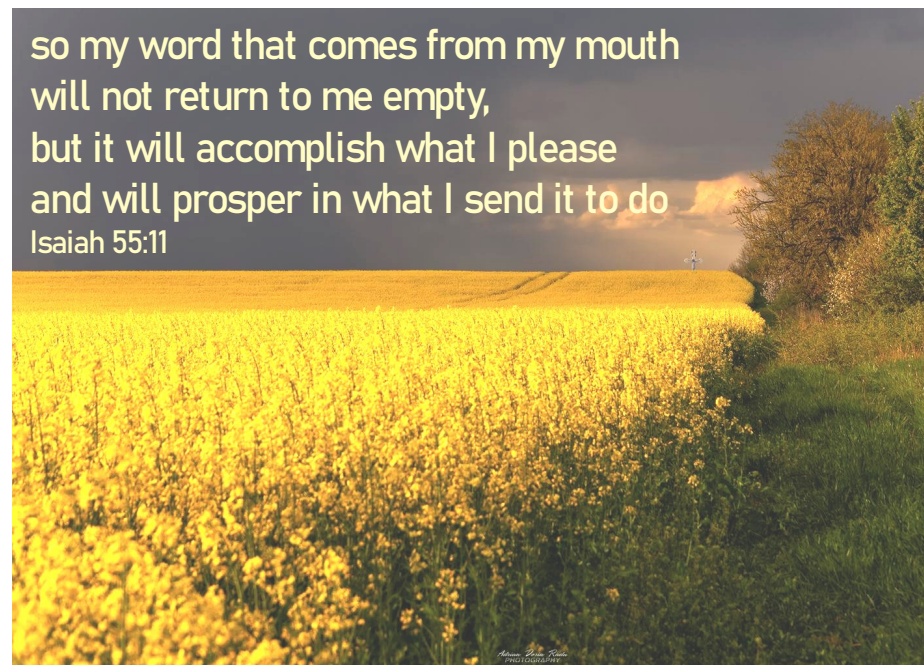
**Burnside City**  
Uniting Church  
*Community, Faith and Purpose*

**Sunday 6th 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.*

so my word that comes from my mouth  
will not return to me empty,  
but it will accomplish what I please  
and will prosper in what I send it to do  
Isaiah 55:11



### **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**

**A MESSAGE FROM COLETTE WILLIAMS**

We are living in extreme times. People have been turning their back on God's way in droves, and doing whatever seems good to them. Many children today don't even know who Jesus is, don't know even the most basic stories about him. Christians all over the world are being persecuted. Here in Australia, while we are not yet dying for our faith, we are being persecuted in other ways and our freedoms are being steadily eroded.

And yet there is a great hunger in the world, a spiritual hunger, for peace, meaning, and purpose. We, who belong to the King of Kings, know what it is, and who it is, they are looking for. But we hold this treasure in clay pots, always mindful of our human frailty, our inconsistencies, and what we consider our inability to be effective witnesses for Jesus.

Having just completed the Alpha Course where the last topic was on sharing our faith, several things emerged:

1. While people are becoming suspicious of Christians, they usually don't have anything against Jesus.
2. People will be happy to listen to you if they sense you are motivated by love.
3. Most people are happy to be prayed for.
4. No-one can argue with your personal story of what God has done in your life.
5. The gospel is the power of God for salvation.

Romans 10:17 tells us, "...faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ."

We need to write God's word on our hearts and experience it fully, so that we can, with real conviction, share it with others.

*"...my word... will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it." (Isaiah 55:11)*

**Membership**

In November the whole of BCUC will be having a 3-week membership course as part of the Sunday sermons. We finish with a membership celebration service where we will celebrate those who reaffirm, transfer, or become BCUC members. We will also hear about our vision launch as we look into where in God's name we will be going at BCUC over the next three years. Talk to the ministers or Stuart to find out more.

**Money Raised for Frontier Services**

Thank you to everybody who supported the Frontier Services fund raiser on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September. As a result of the retiring offering and the sausage sizzle a total of \$1,070.30 has been forwarded to Frontier Services.

**Saturday Friendship Club**

The next club meeting will be on Sat October 19<sup>th</sup>. It will be a very good choir called "Quire St Nicolas". They will present a mixed music programme. The club is subsidising the event, so it will be the normal \$3.75 for a 7-30pm start. As usual provide a basket supper. Visitors welcome.

**Also...**

an advance notice for the Club Christmas dinner on November 16, 6:30pm. Cost : \$35 payable to Peter Foord. Tickets available at October meeting. The theme is Bells.

**SURRENDER : Interwoven**

This conference focusses on Christian discipleship as Gospel focussed social justice. Join Benji and others in attending **October 11 + 12**. Details in Foyer.

**Community Outreach - Help Needed  
Staff Appreciation Tea, Marrayatville HS**

BCUC is hosting a Staff Appreciation Morning Tea at Marrayatville High School (on behalf of the Burnside Interchurch Council). Are you able to support this event by providing a plate of savoury or sweet items? If so, please deliver your food items to BCUC on Wednesday **October 16** between 9:00am and 10:00am. Thank you for your help!

**BCUC's Walk on Country #1**

If you would like to learn about the traditions and experiences of the original inhabitants of the Adelaide Plains, the Kurna people, join us **tomorrow, October 7<sup>th</sup>** (Labour Day Public Holiday) for a bus and walking tour of five significant sites south of Adelaide, led by Uncle Frank Wanganeen, a Christian Kurna man. For further information about the tour, or to register your interest, see the information sheets and registration forms in the foyer, or speak to Gaynor Strapp (0450310591) or Peter Shackleford (0403160741).

**Monday Day Fellowship**

Our next meeting focuses on "Disaster Relief within the Uniting Church". Wendy Perkins from Synod has been invited to speak on this subject. The meeting is on Monday **October 14<sup>th</sup>** at 1.30p.m. Fellowship and congregation members, do join us for this informative meeting. Afternoon tea will be supplied.

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