



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

**This Sunday @ BCUC**

7th July

***Joy in Community***

***Philippians 1:1-11***

9:00am Contemporary, 10:30am Café : Rev Rob Williams

10:30am Classic : Peter Shackelford <sup>a</sup>

Lectionary : 2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30; Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16; **Luke 10:1-11, 16-20<sup>a</sup>**

**Sunday 7th July 2019**

**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**

***Tuesday 9th July***

9:30am Ladies Table Tennis

***Wednesday 10th July***

7:45am Prayer Meeting

9:30am Prayer Meeting

12noon Alpha Training

***Thursday 11th July***

9:30am Craft, Chat & Sew

12noon Friendship Club

2:30pm Choir practice

6:00pm Worship & Music Ministry

7:00pm Church Council Meeting

***Sunday 14th July***

12noon Prayer Meeting

12noon Seniors 2nd Sunday Lunch

**Next Sunday @ BCUC**

14th July

***Hope for the Future***

***Philippians 3:12 - 4:1***

9:00am Contemporary, 10:30am Classic : Rev Rob Williams

10:30am Café : Donald Sarre

Lectionary : Amos 7:7-17; Psalm 82; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

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

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**I always pray with joy because of  
your partnership in the gospel  
Philippians 1:4-5**

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Mon - Fri, 9am - 2pm

*Ministers are available for Pastoral Care as required.*



**A Vibrant Community, Committed to Jesus,**

**Passionately Engaged in Mission**



## A MESSAGE FROM ROB

Today and next Sunday I'll be preaching from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians. It's four chapters of joy! Its key verse is chapter 4, verse 4: 'Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, I will say it – Rejoice!'

Today we'll be thinking about *Joy in Community* - four characteristics of a joy-filled community from Philippians 1:1-11. It's quite amazing that this theme should flow throughout this short letter from Paul: he's a prisoner in chains in Rome when he writes to the Philippian church – not the ideal environment to produce a joy-filled letter! Next Sunday the theme will be *Hope for the future*.

So, on today's theme, what is 'joy'? Some think that 'joy' and 'happiness' are the same. 'Joy' and 'happiness' are wonderful feelings to experience but are very different. 'Joy' comes when you make peace with who you are, why you are and how you are, whereas happiness tends to be externally triggered and is based on other people, things, places, thoughts and events. 'Joy' is listed as one of the 'fruits of the Spirit' in Galatians 5:22. John Piper writes, 'Christian joy is a good feeling in the soul, produced by the Holy Spirit, as he causes us to see the beauty of Christ in the word and in the world.'

The giant redwoods of California are among the world's largest living things, towering over 100 metres above ground. You would imagine that such forest giants would have huge root systems, burrowing deep into the earth to provide stability for their massive canopy. In fact, redwoods have a very shallow root system. They support themselves by sending out their roots laterally, so they intertwine and interlock with other redwoods nearby and together stand strong against buffeting winds. Like many trees that grow in a forest, their close proximity to each other makes them grow taller, straighter and faster as together they seek and strive towards the light.

Today we'll consider life situations and the Christian understanding of 'joy' to grow into a deeper appreciation of ourselves as a 'community of joy'. We can learn a lot from Philippians - and from the redwoods!

## News from the Uniting Church

On 28 and 29 June, the Synod and Presbytery of the Uniting Church in SA met and made some important decisions including:

- ◆ changes to some of the organizational structures (Presbyteries) within the Church in our State; and
- ◆ the Church's vision for a just and compassionate Australia (and world).

Next month's New Times will report on the meeting, but if you'd like to know more in the meantime, have a word to Benji, Rob, Valerie Aloa or Peter Shackelford who were at the meeting.

## Alpha at BCUC

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is run all around the globe, and everyone's welcome. It runs in cafés, churches, universities, homes - you name it. Alpha is coming to BCUC with the first session on Wednesday **July 31** at noon. Signup in the foyer after service on Sunday.

## Psalms Sermon Series

A six weeks series starting **July 21** : "God's Broad Shoulders: Praying the Psalms".

## Seniors Second Sunday Lunch

**14 July**, 12noon. Join us for friendship, fun and food. See Anita Wheaton for more information.

## Collection of Giving Packs

If you are part of BCUC's congregation and have not picked up your Transformation 2020 Giving Pack over the past three weeks, please do so today in the foyer after the service. Those not collected by today will need to be mailed to the recipients. Completed reply slips can be dropped in the collection bag, mailed, or delivered to the office.

## Library Book Give-Away

in the foyer today. Church Library overflow AND from private collections.

## BICC Quiz Night

Raising funds for Chaplaincy in local schools. The Burnside Inter-Church Council is hosting its annual Quiz night at BCUC on Friday **July 26**. Arrive at 7:15pm. Tickets are \$20 and are available from Rex King or the office; BYO drinks, nibbles, & coins.

## Saturday Friendship Club - 20 July

Warren Bourne, a retired music teacher from Adelaide University will be speaking on Ralph Vaughan Williams & an Illustrated talk about church and other music. Usual start time of 7:30pm, basket supper & visitors welcome.

## BCUC Cares

Your continued donations of food and toiletries for people in need is greatly appreciated. Please consider donating more toiletries as they are regularly in short supply.

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