



Burnside City
Uniting Church

This Sunday @ BCUC

9th February

the Secret to Happiness : Beatitudes (week 2 of 4)

Matthew 5:1-12 (esp. vs 5 & 6)

the humble and hungry

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

Upcoming Week @ BCUC

Monday 10th February

10:00am mainly music

Tuesday 11th February

9:30am Ladies Table Tennis
9:30am Playgroup

Wednesday 12th February

9:30am Prayer Meeting
12 noon Wednesday Small Group

Thursday 13th February

9:30am Craft, Chat & Sew

12noon Friendship Club
2:00pm Facilities Group Meeting
6:00pm 9am Worship Practice
7:00pm Mission Trust Fund
7:15pm Choir Practice

Saturday 15th February

7:00pm Saturday Friendship Club

Sunday 16th February

12 noon Prayer Meeting

Next Sunday @ BCUC

16th February

the Secret to Happiness : Beatitudes (week 3 of 4)

Matthew 5:1-12 (esp. vs 7 & 8)

the merciful and pure

9:00am Contemporary: Merle Paton
10:30am Classic: Rev Dr Benji Callen
10:30am Café: Colette Williams

Prayer Requests: prayer@burnsidecityuc.org.au

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

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384 Portrush Road, Tusmore 5065

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WELCOME

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

**Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness, for they will be filled.**
Matthew 5:6



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Ministers are available for Pastoral Care as required.



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Raising Children of God



A MESSAGE FROM BENJI

At times it seems we live in a world gone mad. It's upsetting. Is there an answer? Is there a reason? What do I do? What can I do? God how can you help me? Why does all that I know and feel is right seem to be so wrong for everyone else?

Jesus help me now. Be my centre, my peace, my life. Be the one from which all else flows and makes sense.

Then I reflect on Jesus words in the Beatitudes. (Matthew 5:1-12).

Blessed are...the poor in spirit... Those who humble themselves to God, who get to their knees and say with earnest hearts... "Not my will but yours be done". *for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.* I'm in this for the long game. Jesus the kingdom you showed and talked about is far greater and enduring than any reigning superpowers or other historical cultural moment that comes and goes like an unwatered lawn.

Blessed are... those who mourn, I see the devastation of a bush that burns with angry fire, I hear news of grief and pain, I keep informed of a pandemic fuelled with fear. People mourn, and you bring comfort. Yet this is different mourning. We read Isaiah 61:1-3 and realise Jesus is bringing comfort to those who mourn for God's kingdom come, for reconciliation of a spiritual and physical world. *for they will be comforted.*

Blessed are the meek, they will inherit the earth. I don't know whether I want to be known as 'meek'? It sounds too passive. Blessed are the 'pushovers'?. What about all that assertive training I got in primary school. Aren't we meant to be able to learn to share our feelings both +ve and -ve? Then I read psalm 37:7-11. Meek is more about being still and waiting patiently for the Lord to act, to refrain from my own anger and wrath. To seek gentleness and patience and trust "there is a future for the person of peace" (Psalm 37:37b). Look long term... our inheritance as Children of God is coming.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, What a life of privilege I have lived. There are very few times I can think of not having access to food or water if I really needed it. One person I met who knew poverty and hunger said: "It's like constantly wearing a shoe that is 2 sizes too small. You can never really ignore it, it focusses you waking and sleeping." Do we have that same sense of passion and longing for God's righteousness? Do we have a hunger for ourselves, our church and our community to know the deep redeeming love God has for them and the way of resurrection life, empowered of the Holy Spirit? If we do, if this is our sincere hope and prayer then Jesus says... *we will be filled.*

Thank you Jesus for your centering wisdom.

KCO is Coming

Kids Camp Out (KCO) is a Uniting Church camp for 7 year olds to Year 7's. On **21 and 22 March** hundreds of campers, junior leaders and leaders will gather at Adare Caravan and Camping at Victor Harbor for a fun filled 24 hours of stories, games, crafts, Bible studies, food, fellowship and some sleeping. BCUC will be covering the cost for campers and helpers so let's bring as many children as possible.

All adults and youths (age 15-17) who attend, do so in a leadership role. All leaders must obtain a NEW Working with Children Check from DHS. This is a free online process that is simple for most people to satisfy but can take several weeks to obtain. Parents and siblings who want to come along should begin the WWCC process immediately to ensure they will be able to attend with their campers. An instruction sheet is available in the foyer carousel. (Note that a police check you may have received for previous KCOs are no longer valid).

**Bushfire Variety Benefit Concert
Sunday 23 February 3pm**

St David's Anglican Church, 492 Glynburn Road, Burnside. Light refreshments provided. All proceeds will go to Red Cross Bushfire Disaster Relief and Recovery Fund. **Entrance by Donation**

New at Dr Jon's Pantry

This week's treat : **Blackberry Jam!**

BCUC Saturday Friendship Club

The Club Mystery Bus trip will be on Saturday **15th February**. It will leave the Burnside council car park at 6pm prompt. The cost is \$25 & covers the bus, fees and supper. Pay Helen Brooks. The closing booking date is Sunday 9th February.

Monday Communion Rescheduled

The Chapel Holy Communion service anticipated for Monday 17th has been deferred to **Monday 24th February** at 2pm. Please spread the word.

Muffin Morning Tea

Sunday February 16 – We have planned a muffin morning tea at 10am to raise funds as a BCUC community to support chaplaincy in the Adelaide Hills and Kangaroo Island after the recent fires. An assortment of muffins will be made available during morning tea for a gold coin donation.

Seniors Second Sunday Lunch

Sunday, 9 February, 12noon. Come and join us for friendship, fun and food. Please see Anita Wheaton for more information.

UC Fellowship and Mission Support

We invite you to join us on Sunday, **9th February, 2pm** at BCUC for the commissioning of Rev Brian and Mrs Jill Polkinghorne as Co-Presidents followed by afternoon tea. Speaker: Mr Bronte Wilson. RSVP by 2 February to Janet Woodward (82364275, jwoodward@sa.uca.org.au)

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