



## Welcome to Burwood Uniting Church

**Grounded in Faith/Engaged in the World, BUC is called**  
**To know** God personally and God's mission for the world  
**To be** an adventurous Christ-Centred Community  
**To relate** through God's reconciling love, to all people  
**To respond** faithfully to the urging of the Spirit

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### **Worship At Home - Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

#### **TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST**

#### **Video link for worship**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5qjeJxJM18g>

*Starting with this week's video we'll now be making our videos "Public" on YouTube which should make our videos easier to find and share. You'll now be able to find our channel and videos by searching for "Burwood Uniting Church" on YouTube. You can also subscribe to our channel by clicking the subscribe button beneath this video and then click the bell to turn on notifications so you'll be alerted to any new videos we release. Also feel free to share our videos or channel to any friends or family you think might enjoy our worship videos.*

**Song of Welcome** TIS 133      *O worship the King all glorious above*

Call To Worship

Opening Prayer

#### **Belonging**

Birthdays

Lynette Hurley 17 Oct, Freda Bishop 18 Oct, Ian Willmott 23 Oct, Ian Webb 25 Oct

Elisabeth Ramsay 27 Oct

**Psalm of the Day**                      Psalm 99

**We Sing**                      TIS 753      *You are holy you are whole*

Notices

#### **Prayers Of Confession**

How do we know what you want us to do, O God?  
Sometimes there are more questions than answers  
and we cannot decide what is due to you and how that is to be delivered to you.

We confess that sometimes it is easier to do what others ask of us.

In your mercy:

Forgive us, O God.

If we have listened to the loudest voices asking for our support,  
or the ones which suit us best and ask least of us,

in your mercy:

Forgive us, O God.

(Silent reflection)

If we have given more loyalty to earthly rulers

than to your still small voice with us

and others have suffered because of this,

in your mercy:

Forgive us, O God.

When we crush the prophetic among us

because we do not want to hear the costly truth

and your call to give our due to you,

in your mercy:

Forgive us, O God.

For we ask this in Christ's name.

Amen.

## **Assurance**

Receive in faith the forgiveness of Jesus Christ, who was tempted like us to bow down to the authority of the powers of ego, of applause and of seductive evil forces.

We are forgiven! Thanks be to God

## **We Sing TIS 671**

*Made in God's Likeness*

## **Scripture Reading**

*Christine reads*

**1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

**Matthew 22:15-22**

## **The Journey**

*John preaches on rendering unto Caesar*

## **Musical Reflection**

*Colin's selection*

## **Prayers Of The People**

*Glenys leads us in prayer*

## **Song Of Offering TIS 560**

*All my hope on God is founded*

## **Blessing Of Offering**

## **Sending Out & Blessing**

Be bold in the claiming of the Gospel for the whole creation.

Be brave in the lifting up of the life of God in every place.

Be firm in carrying the holy name of Jesus Christ with you.

Be gentle in the understanding of ourselves and one another.

And may the songs of the Creator sound with love in all the earth,

the tenderness of Christ Jesus cover the wounds of the people

and the truth of the Holy Spirit rise free in every age.

Amen.

## **Song Of Blessing** *When you walk from here* (Linnea Good)

### **NOTICES**

**PEW SHEET** : During October please forward all notices to Christine C [zenart@netspace.net.au](mailto:zenart@netspace.net.au) by Wednesday 5.00pm. Please state for which date/s you need your notice to be listed. Neither the church email, nor the Office will be accessed for this process, so do not leave any messages in the Office.

**PRAYER NETWORK** for the month of October please forward prayers to be circulated to Glen by midday on Mondays. Additional prayers will be circulated as needed.

### **BUC PRAYER FOCUS:**

- Pray for confidence in actioning what the Lord calls us to do.
- Give thanks to God for showing us He is with us in this COVID time.
- May God enable us to come alongside others as we grow in faith, hope and love.

**SUNDAY 25 October: Worship Leader:** Rev John Mann,

Lectionary Readings: Dt 34:1-12; Ps 90:1-6, 13-17; 1 Thes 2:1-8 ; Mt 22:34-46

**WEDNESDAY GROUP:** If you are not comfortable with zoom gatherings, this could be right for you. We share reflections on readings and walk with each other through weekly emails. For more information connect through email: [gmsilver@optushome.com.au](mailto:gmsilver@optushome.com.au)

**CONSIDERING ELDERSHIP?** The BUC Elders would like to encourage new people to come and join us in ministry. We have put a booklet together as a one-stop introduction to what's involved in being an Elder. Elections for Elders and Church Counsellors will take place at a Congregational

Meeting on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November (via email with possibly some meeting on the day, COVID restrictions permitting) and nominations close on Sunday 1st November. If you would like a copy of the booklet emailed or posted to you, or if you'd like to have a conversation with someone about eldership, please contact Mary C, Margaret C or Rev. John Mann.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE DATES** for October 2020 ( Synod ).

- 12<sup>th</sup>. – 18<sup>th</sup>. Anti Poverty Week.
- 16<sup>th</sup>. World Food Day.
- 17<sup>th</sup>. International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.
- 19<sup>th</sup>. – 27<sup>th</sup>. National Children's Week ( Australia ).
- 24<sup>th</sup>. – 30<sup>th</sup>. UN Disarmament Week.
- 28<sup>th</sup>. Children's Day. ( Australia ).

**INDIGENOUS HOSPITALITY HOUSE** – Online Trivia Night & Mini Silent Auction:

FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> November – 7.30pm.

Adult Tickets \$25.00. Concession / Kids. \$10.00.

Buy Tickets from [www.trybooking.com/bmaoo](http://www.trybooking.com/bmaoo)

RSVP on Face Book OR Email [house@ihh.org.au](mailto:house@ihh.org.au)

**PASTORAL VISITING**: As you know with the present COVID-19 pandemic we are asked to stay home and connect with others face to face as little as possible. As a result John, Paul, elders and visitors will be making contact through phone and emails. Please remember you can also ring us if there is a need, even if it's just a chat.

**MONDAY NIGHT ZOOM BIBLE STUDY GROUP**: Our new group is being held 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>

Mondays 7.30pm over the next months. Mary C is the contact email [mirboo@gmail.com](mailto:mirboo@gmail.com). Mary will send out a zoom link before each session.

**REGULAR OFFERING**: We all at BUC and the wider church face significant challenges during this time of social distancing and restrictions on the use of church facilities, but unfortunately the financial needs of the church continue unabated. For those who already make their monthly commitment giving to BUC electronically via UCA Funds Management (U Ethical) we presume that will continue and thank you for it.

We would encourage those who still use the weekly envelopes to convert, if at all possible, to the direct monthly giving process. The process is simple and provides absolute confidentiality if you prefer, or enables you to authorise the BUC Treasurer or Stewardship Convenor to request

details (name and amount) of the offering being made to assist in budgeting. Forms to implement this can be obtained from Kevin H. If you are unable or prefer not to use the direct giving process and wish to continue to use the envelopes then we ask that you please make your giving on a monthly basis, say in the last week of each month, mailing the offering envelope to Stewardship Convenor Kevin H who will arrange for your offering to be banked in a timely manner.

**CONTACTS:**

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**REGULAR SERVICES (suspended)**

**Sunday Worship:** 10.00 am

**Communion:** 10.00am 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

**Taize Service:** 8.00pm 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday (Feb – Nov)

**Messy Church:** 5.00pm usually 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday