



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

Sunday 31st October 2021

**A special welcome to first time worshippers.
May you be blessed through your time with us.**

This service is being livestreamed so please join us in **LIVE** [worship at 10.00am AEDT](#) at this link
[BUC service live 31st October](#)

If you miss the start or wish to view it later, just open [YouTube](#) on your TV or IT device and search for "Burwood Uniting Church Melbourne".

Worship led by Rev. Dr Bob Mitchell and Fran Willmott.

SONG OF WELCOME **TIS 217** *Love divine all loves excelling.*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

WELCOME & NOTICES

WE SING **TIS 640** *Kneels at the feet of his friends.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & CONFESSION

ASSURANCE

SCRIPTURE READINGS Hebrews 9:11-14
Mark 12:28-34

THE JOURNEY

REFLECTION TIME

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SONG OF OFFERING

TIS 599

Take my life and let it be.

BLESSING OF OFFERING

SENDING OUT & BLESSING

FINAL SONG

TIS 547

Be thou my vision.

PEW SHEET : Please forward all notices to **RICHARD** richard.hedding@gmail.com 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 November please forward prayers to be circulated to Maree at gmsilver@optushome.com by midday on Mondays. Additional prayers will be circulated as needed.



BUC Prayer Focus:

- Loving God, in all my conversations help me to truly listen to others and be open to learning from them
- Loving Lord show us how to reach out in love to folk who think and act differently

SUNDAY 7th NOVEMBER Worship Leaders: Rev John Mann, Fran Willmott.

Lectionary Readings: Ru 3:1-5,4:13-17; Ps 127; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44

COPY OF THE MESSAGE: from Rev Dr Bob Mitchell today is available from Fran on ifwillmott@hotmail.com

RETURN TO WORSHIP AND ACTIVITIES AT BUC DURING NOVEMBER. We are looking forward to gathering together again but for this to happen safely we ask for your help. Please help us reopen safely and remain open by following all public health directives. In line with Victorian Government health directives, BUC Worship Services and Activities will be for the fully vaccinated. All UC leaders will be fully vaccinated.

Proof of full vaccination or medical exemption will be required for any one over the age of 16 as you check in; without this you will be unable to attend on that day. Our on line worship services continue and all are welcome there.

The vaccination proof can be presented as one of the following:

1. Vaccination certificate connected into the Services Victoria Check-in App.
2. Vaccination certificate in your smartphone wallet

3. Digital or printed vaccination certificate issued by Aus.Govt along with photo ID

4. Digital or printed medical certificate or letter of exemption from an authorized medical professional along with photo ID

For guidance on how to link your vaccination certificate with the Services Victoria app, go to [how to get your COVID-19 digital certificate](#).

On Sunday 7 November we welcome John back from his break and hope to welcome you back to the pews. More on this next week; so you have time to now prepare the above requirements.

As we return to Worship and activities, it will be the moment to also physically reconnect with our church neighbourhood during Nov and Dec. To do this we need to plan some happenings outside or times when at least the church doors are open and people are present showing that we are here and all are welcome. We need your ideas and offers to participate so please share your thoughts and offers with Fran 0405396009 or Robyn robperry@westnet.com.au

We could at convenient times have:

... a table of our books on offer to borrow or as gifts

... gifts to give away eg potted plants, small knitted items, Christmas decorations, jams etc

... a BBQ lunch (simple sausage in bread style)

... a midweek communion

FROM BORONDARA ASYLUM SEEKER SUPPORT NETWORK. The Refugee Action Collective (Victoria) is holding a rally at 2pm Saturday 30 October calling for 'Healthcare, not Detention' in solidarity with the Medivac refugees held in the Park Hotel, Carlton. With 15 refugees currently confirmed with cases of COVID-19, the rally is calling for the release of detainees into the community and quality medical attention. The rally will be COVID-19 safe.

EASY WALKERS: On Saturday November 6th we will explore Mullum Mullum Creek and Antonio Park Mitcham starting from Scherwoltz Cottage car park from 9.30am. BYO Morning Tea. Walk options of 2km - flat, 3 - one hill, 3.5 km – a good hill. We will NOT meet at BUC given some may still not want to carpool yet however transport can be arranged if needed. Please let us know if intending to walk for transport planning and in case of any change of plan. Jenny & Graeme grajenstone@bigpond.com 9878 1652 G:0431 015 198 J:0434 007463

ELDERS AND VISITORS MEETING will take place next Sunday 7th November in person at the church following worship. Please bring your own lunch and drink/s.

TUESDAY EVENING ZOOM GROUP: will be meeting on Tuesday 9th November at 7:30pm for fellowship, prayer and to discuss an interview with Greg Sheridan AO, a noted journalist for *The Australian* newspaper and author of many books, including 'God is Good for You: A Defence of Christianity in Troubled Times.' Greg is asked questions that are important to both Christians and

non-Christians alike, including: Is God dead? Why is Christianity vital for our personal and social well-being? Why does the world need faith now more than ever? If you would like to join us, please contact Mary or Margaret and we will send you the Zoom link as well as a link to the video. All are welcome.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 28 NOVEMBER: In preparation, please consider prayerfully possible nominations as Elders and Church Councilors. Nomination forms will be available from Megan. We also seek a nominee as BUC representative to Presbytery. We thank John Campbell for fulfilling this roll for the past 2 years.

BUC CALENDAR NOVEMBER - JANUARY 2022: Entries are invited for the upcoming BUC Calendar. Please forward details of events, special services and anything of interest to our community pre-Christmas to Christine C. zenart@netspace.com.au

SOCIAL JUSTICE DATES – November 2021. (Synod).

- 5th. World Tsunami Awareness Day.
- 11th. Armistice Day.
- 20th. World Children's Day.
- 25th. International Day for the Elimination of
Violence Against Women.
- 27th. International Buy Nothing Day.
- 29th. International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People.

A NEW COMMUNION SERVICE AT BUC: We are looking to introduce a Communion service for people who find it difficult to get to church on a Sunday morning. The service would probably take place on a weekday and we would endeavour to provide transport if needed. If you are interested or if you know someone who may be interested, please contact John M or Fran W.

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING DEEPER IN THE FAITH? What does baptism, confirmation or re-affirmation of baptism mean for you? Are you interested in sharing in a journey of discovery or re-discovery? Contact John M to discuss possibilities.

CONTACTS

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REGULAR SERVICES

Sunday Worship: 10.00 am: Face to face in the Worship Centre

Communion: 10.00am 4th Sunday

Taize Service: 8.00pm 4th Wednesday (Feb – Nov)

Messy Church: 5.00pm 4th Saturday of the month (Feb-Nov)