

# CALENDAR



## *Burwood Uniting Church*

**November 2021 - January 2022**

\* Scheduling subject to current COVID directives (please check latest pew sheets).

### **November**

- 6th Easy Walking Group: explore Mullam Mullam Creek, starting from Scherwoltz Cottage.
- 7th Elders and Visitors meeting after Sunday worship.
- 8th 2pm Ladies Fellowship meeting, contact Dianne or Floss.
- 9th Tuesday night Zoom study group, 7.30pm contact Mary C.
- 17th BUC Council meeting, 7.45pm.
- 20th Rose Cottage Monbulk. Easy Walking Christmas party.
- 23rd Tuesday night Zoom study group, 7.30pm contact Mary C. Final for the year.
- 24th Taizé style service, 8.00pm, contact Margaret C.
- 27th Messy Church: Activities and Fun - Enquiries to Anne C.
- 28th Congregational Meeting after Sunday Worship.

### **December**

- 4th Easy Walking Group: Graeme and Jenny Stone 9878 1652.
- 12th Sunday 7.30pm "Come Sing it is Christmas".
- 13th 2pm Ladies Fellowship meeting, contact Dianne or Floss.
- 18th 5pm Messy Church Christmas celebration, contact Anne.
- 24th 7.30pm Christmas Eve Family Service.
- 25th Christmas Day service 9.30am.

### **January**

Watch weekly pew sheets for events in January.



*Let's*  
**Celebrate**  
*Christmas*

Sunday 12th Dec at 7.30pm  
**'Come Sing - it's Christmas'**

Saturday 18th Dec at 5.00pm  
**Messy Church Christmas**

Friday 24th Dec 7.30 pm  
**Christmas Eve Family Service**

Saturday 25th Dec 9.30am  
**Christmas Day Service**

Sunday 26th Dec 10am  
**Communion Service**

# Message from our Minister

BUC Calendar November 2021

Greetings everyone,

It seems every time I write for the BUC "Calendar", I am speaking about climbing out of another COVID lockdown and of how our plans went astray again. May new ones keep emerging. Resuming of community activity and programs has certainly produced a great concern for the church as being an organisation that takes great pride in full inclusion of people, while having to check the vaccination status of those who enter our buildings. We ask everyone to carefully follow the guidelines, but we are certainly praying that the point of "herd immunity" comes quickly so we can put this behind us.

It is lovely that we can welcome people back into our church building for worship as well as our community groups resuming their activities in our meeting rooms and hall. We also pray that we may not return to any further lockdowns. I am also aware that we have in parts of the community an emerging "FOGO" - fear of going out. We appreciate that some people are not quite ready to risk their health knowing we still have an abundance of COVID infections still happening. We continue to provide on-line church services, and this is now a part of our regular worship options.

Our minds turn to Christmas and the summer and in

doing so I am aware that quite a few groups want to make up for lost time. It would seem very strange moving straight into Christmas breakups after not having done much all year. Please read our Calendar carefully and watch for additional notices. As I mentioned last time, I think that in a year of difficulty and stress, it becomes even more important to mark special celebrations.

As I write this, the COP26 conference of world leaders is happening in Glasgow. I ask everyone to consider how we personally might contribute to prevent global warming. We all have a part in reducing wastage of food, materials and energy resources and making better use of green alternatives. We can also influence our community leaders, politicians and Governments in seeking better outcomes.

Blessings to you and your loved ones

John Mann: 9888 9435

*PS Regularly check our web site <https://burwood.ucavictas.org.au/> for all our worship, general activities and our community partners' news. Be sure to look for our Communications page.*



## BUC COMMUNITY GROUPS AND WORSHIP SERVICES (CHECK COVID DIRECTIVES)

**LADIES' FELLOWSHIP:** Ladies' Fellowship - Informal meetings will take place usually on the second Monday of the month at 2.00pm.

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP:** An opportunity to share interests and hear interesting speakers, 3rd Monday of the month 1.30pm. Contact **Kevin or Graeme C.**

**EASY WALKING GROUP:** All are welcome to join. Meet 1st Saturday 9.15am @ BUC. Contact **Graeme and Jenny** 9878 1652.

**Pastoral Care** for the Elderly, **Rev. Dr. Paul Moore**  
**0418 303 486**

### **WORSHIP @ BUC: All Are Welcome!**

**SUNDAY:** Family worship 10.00am, Children always welcome - activity satchels available. (Enquiries re all ages: Jessie 9569 8049)

Holy Communion regularly 4th Sunday.

**MESSY CHURCH:** Fun, Food, Friendship and Worship - 4th Saturday 5pm - 6.30pm in the Mayflower Room: activities for all ages, children to adults. Contact Anne ~ 9889 2796.

**MIDWEEK:** Taizé 8.00pm, 4th Wednesday (except December and January). Condare Court Thursdays 11am (Holy Communion 1st Thursday). McNair House fortnightly (when COVID allows).

**PRAYER AND STUDY GROUPS:** BUC Small Group Bible Study. The group will use *With Love to the World* and meets Wednesdays 9.00 -10am in Barry's Place. Contact Maree S.

Prayer Network available, contact Fran 9808 5993.

Tuesday Night Zoom Study Group. Contact Mary.

Congregation minister, Rev John Mann  
9888 9435. [johnmann.burwood.uc@gmail.com](mailto:johnmann.burwood.uc@gmail.com)  
(hospital visits and funeral arrangements).

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