

# CALENDAR



*Burwood Uniting Church*

*August - October 2022*

## August 2022

- 6th Easy Walking Group: Graeme and Jenny Stone 9878 1652.
- 8th 2pm Ladies Fellowship meeting, contact Dianne or Floss.
- 15th 2pm Men's Fellowship, leaders Graeme and Kevin.
- 17th 7.45pm Church Council meets.

## Sept 2022

- 3rd Easy Walking Group: Graeme and Jenny Stone 9878 1652.
- 12th 2pm Ladies' Fellowship meeting, contact Dianne or Floss.
- 18th Sunday (special Communion): final service with Rev Robert Humphreys
- 19th Men's Fellowship, leaders Graeme and Kevin.
- 25th Social Justice Sunday, Jonathon Addison preacher

## October 2022

- 1st Easy Walking Group: Graeme and Jenny Stone 9878 1652.
- 2nd Sunday: Rev Natalie Dixon-Monu, preacher. Boroondara Community Outreach
- 9th Rev Paul Ryu, we welcome back Paul as Supply Minister until the end of 2022.
- 10th 2pm Ladies Fellowship meeting, contact Dianne or Floss.
- 17th Men's Fellowship, contact leaders Graeme and Kevin, watch pew sheets.



God's beauty of creation, reflected every week with flowers in the worship centre.



BUC walking group, friendship, fun, faith. All invited....

# Message from minister Rob

## FAITH IS A RADICAL DISPOSITION

*William Wilberforce (1759-1833) was a man of Christian faith and sought to live in harmony with the call of the ancient prophets and Jesus himself to pursue justice and equity for all people. As part of this commitment he became a leader of the anti-slavery campaign in the late 18th century England. At the time, the use of slave labour in the USA sustained the local economy and also brought much wealth to sections of the British well to do merchants and politicians.*

*In 1779 Wilberforce introduced into the British Parliament a bill to end the slave trade across the British Empire. Unsurprisingly, he was shouted down by those benefiting from the misery of slavery. He was ridiculed and ostracised from polite society.*

*However, Wilberforce continued year after year from 1779-1807 when the tide of public opinion had in fact changed. He continued after that for the abolition of slavery itself and this happened in the British Empire in 1833, just a few days before his death.*

*At one point in his struggle, the anti-slavery cause looked hopeless, Rev John Wesley, Anglican priest, father of Methodism, sent a letter to Wilberforce to encourage him as a fellow Christian. This is what he wrote: "Unless God has raised you up for this very thing, you will be worn out by the opposition of men and devils. But if God be for you, who can be against you? Are all of them stronger than God? Be not weary in well-doing! Go on in the name of God and in the power of his might, till even American slavery (the vilest that ever saw the sun shall vanish before it.)"*

*Wesley's words were a summons to faith, faith by its very nature is tough.*

*It is not a guarantee; it is not an insurance policy. It is a radical disposition, and a daring act of courage. (An excerpt from a message by Rt Rev Michael Curry, Episcopal Church USA entitled "Keep the Faith" (2013). Bishop Curry was the first black President of the Episcopal Church USA).*

Rob Humphreys - August 2022

## 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.

**Congregation Contact:** Fran Wilmott 0405 396 009.

**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 - activities available in Chapel area. (Enquiries re all ages: Jessie 9569 8049)  
Holy Communion regularly 4th Sunday.

**MIDWEEK:** 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.

Prayer Network available, contact Fran 9808 5993.