

CALENDAR



Burwood Uniting Church

November-January 2023

November 2022

- 5th Easy Walking Group: Graeme and Jenny Stone 9878 1652.
- 13th Church Council / Elders meet after Worship.
- 19th Easy Walking Christmas lunch, Rose Cottage Monbulk.
- 21st 1.30pm Combined Men's and Ladies' Fellowship, Wesley Room. Presentation by Hurleys and Schlipalius'.

December 2022

- 12th Ladies' Fellowship, end of year get together.



Advent/Christmas 2022

Carol Singing - Burwood Shopping Centre
Saturday 10th December 10am-11am

BUC Advent Carols & Readings
Sunday 11th December 7.30pm

Glen Iris UC Blue Christmas
Sunday 18th December 7.30pm

Ashburton UC Ecumenical Service
18th December

BUC Christmas Eve Carols
Saturday 24th December 7.30pm

BUC Family Christmas Day Service
Sunday 25th December 9.30am



Rev Paul Ryu, Communion. We look forward to the Ministry of Paul Ryu through to 8th January



You are invited to donate to the Christmas Bowl by using envelopes or on line
<https://christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au/donate>

Message from minister Paul

Grace and peace from God to you.

Based on the church year, we will soon be in the Advent season. It's time to get ready for Christmas and wait with anticipation. In fact, it will be a time to reaffirm our hope and faith in the Lord who will come again. Spring always comes, no matter how much it rains or how cold it is. In the same way, we know that the kingdom of God will come to us even when the world is out of order and there is disease, suffering, and unfairness everywhere: because we have Christmas, and we are the beneficiaries of it. Since the first case of Covid-19 in Australia on January 19, 2020, we have experienced unfamiliar situations such as lockdowns, curfews and isolation. During that time, some people were not able to spend their last hours with their loved ones, and some had the experience that they could not meet today with the people they were with yesterday. Even in this difficult situation, BUC tried to worship, communicate, and connect with the church members using YouTube and Zoom. Even church members who had never used the Internet or computers before overcame their fear of new technologies and culture and joined in the work of the church. Even

though we couldn't meet in person, we still wanted to be together online. Through this pandemic, we've learned how important the community is in a society that puts the most value on each person's privacy.

Since October 13, 2022, the mandated restrictions of COVID 19 ended. But, there are some of us who still can't get together. There is a great difference between not being able to bring everyone together when it is prohibited and not being able to get together even when we can. As a result, I hope it will be a season of care and love for church members who cannot gather in the Worship Centre. God's kingdom is formed in community. This is the essence of Christian faith, because the church's original meaning is "the called out ones." As a result ...holy people!! Just as Jesus came to us as a gift, how much more lovely would this Christmas season be if all of us who belong to BUC could be gifts to each other?

Rev Paul Ryu



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.