

CALENDAR

Burwood Uniting Church



May - July 2023

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- 1st Ladies' Fellowship, contact Dianne or Floss.
- 3rd 10am Small Group Bible study.
- 4th 10am - 11.30am Thursday Coffee and Chat Barry's Place.
- 5th 10am Paul's Book Club "Surprised by Hope".
- 6th **Easy Walking Group:** Graeme and Jenny Stone 9878 1652.
- 7th 11.45 BUC Council and Elders meeting.
- 15th 1.30pm Men's Fellowship, contact Kevin or Graeme S.
- 21st Corner Connection meeting 12.30pm Ashburton UCA.
- 28th Pentecost Sunday.

Weekly

- 10am Sunday worship for all.
- 9am Wednesday Small Group Bible study.
- 10am - 11.30am Thursday Coffee and Chat.
- 10am Friday Paul's Book Club "Surprised by Hope".



Worship, faith, service, fun

June 2023

- 4th **Easy Walking Group:** Graeme and Jenny Stone 9878 1652.
- 5th 1.30pm Ladies' Fellowship, contact Dianne or Floss.
- 11th BUC Congregation worship in neighbourhood church. Watch pewsheets.
- 19th Men's Fellowship, contact Kevin or Graeme S.

July 2023

- 1st **Easy Walking Group:** Graeme and Jenny Stone 9878 1652.
- 3rd Ladies' Fellowship, contact Dianne or Floss.
- 16th Elders and Visitor's meeting after worship. BYO lunch.
- 17th Men's Fellowship, contact Kevin or Graeme S.



Message from minister Paul

Grace and peace be with all of you. As we move beyond Easter Sundays according to the church calendar, it is a time for us to fix our gaze upon the resurrected Jesus with great hope because we know how the lives of the disciples who experienced the resurrection were completely transformed.

In his book "Surprised by Hope," N.T. Wright emphasizes the significance of the Resurrection, stating, "Take away the stories of Jesus' birth, and all you lose is two chapters of Matthew and two of Luke. Take away the resurrection and you lose the entire New Testament... (p.54)" As Christians, we are called to be people of the Resurrection, as it is both the starting point of Christianity and the ultimate destination of the new creation. Unfortunately, in our current era, many people, including some Christians, hold skeptical attitudes or deny the resurrection for various reasons. This has led the church to lose its sense of direction and energy.

Beloved members of the BUC congregation, we have experienced firsthand how our lives are shaped by our beliefs and thoughts. In the same book, Wright argues, "Believing in the

resurrection of Jesus suddenly ceases to be a matter of inquiring about an odd event in the first century and becomes a matter of rediscovering hope in the twenty-first century. Hope is what you get when you suddenly realize that a different worldview is possible, a worldview in which the rich, the powerful, and the unscrupulous do not have the last word. The same worldview shift demanded by the resurrection of Jesus is what will enable us to transform the world. (p.87)"

I firmly believe that, in order to live as citizens of God's Kingdom, we need a proper understanding and unwavering faith in the Resurrection. As we journey through this Easter season, in an age dominated by scientific discourse, may the BUC congregation comprehend and embrace the resurrection through the language of faith, hope, and love. May we be blessed to actively participate in the unfolding of the new creation amidst the world.

May God's abundant grace be upon each one of you. Yours in Christ,
Paul



BUC COMMUNITY GROUPS AND WORSHIP SERVICES

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP: Meetings will take place on the first Monday of the month at 1.30 pm, unless otherwise advised. **Dianne** 9808 5015 and **Floss** 9913 8380.

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

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.

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.

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