

# CALENDAR

*Burwood Uniting Church*



*August - October 2023*

## August 2023

- 2nd 9am Small Group Bible study.
- 3rd 10am - 11.30am Thursday Coffee and Chat Barry's Place.
- 5th Easy Walking Group: Graeme and Jenny Stone 9878 1652.
- 6th BUC congregation visits Glen Iris worship service, hosted to morning tea by Glen Iris.
- 7th 1.30pm Ladies' Fellowship, contact Dianne or Floss.
- 11th 10am Paul's Book Club "Ephesians".
- 13th 11.45am BUC Council/ Elders meeting.
- 15th 1.30pm Men's Fellowship, contact Kevin or Graeme S.

## September 2023

- 2nd Easy Walking Group: Graeme and Jenny Stone 9878 1652.
- 4th 1.30pm Ladies' Fellowship, contact Dianne or Floss.
- 18th Men's Fellowship, contact Kevin or Graeme S.

## October 2023

- 2nd Ladies' Fellowship, contact Dianne or Floss.
- 7th Easy Walking Group: Graeme and Jenny Stone 9878 1652.
- 16th Men's Fellowship, contact Kevin or Graeme S.
- 29th 11.45am Elders visitors meeting.

### Weekly August - October

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



BUC Easy Walking, Hedgeley Dene Gardens, 5th August



As a congregation we visited Glen Iris Uniting Church on 6th August. We received a very warm welcome as we joined in worship and a very special morning tea. Thank you Glen Iris!



# Message from minister Paul

Ephesians 1:4 *"For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight."*

This verse unveils a truth that predates the very foundation of our world – before time began, God made a deliberate and intentional choice. He chose us. The God of the universe, the Creator of all things, took a deliberate step to select us. This divine selection wasn't accidental; it was a purposeful act of God's will. Before the world even existed, before we took our first breath, God's heart was set on us. This truth is nothing short of awe-inspiring.

The verse continues to reveal the purpose behind this choice – that we might be holy and blameless in His sight. God's choosing isn't a mere formality; it is an invitation into a transformative journey. It's an invitation to become a reflection of His holiness, to be set apart for His divine purpose. This isn't a call to perfection, but rather an invitation to align our

lives with His will, to walk in His ways, and to experience His sanctifying grace.

In a world that often measures our worth by our accomplishments or appearances, this truth stands as a beacon of unconditional love.

God's choice wasn't based on our merits; it was grounded in His boundless love. It's a choice that whispers, "You are valued. You are loved. You have a purpose." And in a world that can leave us feeling overlooked or insignificant, this truth resounds with significance.

As we reflect on this blessing, let's remember that we are chosen by God Himself. Let's allow this truth to shape our identity and purpose.

Let's rest in the assurance that we are cherished members of His family, partakers in His eternal plan. Amen.

Rev Paul Ryu



## 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.

**BOOK STUDY 'EPHESIANS'**, by John Scott about building the Community of Christ. 12 sessions Friday mornings 10am August - October.