



Sunday Bulletin

Winchelsea Uniting Church

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Sunday Worship 9.30 am

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*Our Mission is: To share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all people;
showing love and enthusiasm
and by being an open and accepting congregation,
working towards life in all its fullness.*

2017

Sunday March 19: 9.30am John Bumford

Sunday March 26: 9.30am John Bumford

Sunday April 2: 9.30am Dr. Barry Edwards

Lectionary Readings

March 19: Psalm 95	Ex.17:1-7	Rom.5:1-11	John 4:5-42
March 26: Psalm 23	1 Sam. 16:1-13	Eph. 5:8-14	John 9:1-41
April 2: Psalm 130	Ezek. 37:1-14	Rom. 8:6-11	John 11:1-45



Bible Society (1817-2017)

A celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Bible Society's information in Australia will take place at Christ Church, Moorabool Street, Geelong **TODAY** March 19th at 2.00pm. It will take the form of a hymn-fest, with community hymn singing and guest performers.

Two seats are available if anyone wishes to travel from Winchelsea – see Jeanette this morning.

Vale Ian Steel

It is with mixed emotions we learn of the recent death of lifetime member of our church, Ian Steel. Ian has been a faithful active participant in the full range of church happenings throughout his life. A thanksgiving service will be held in the church preceded by a private burial this Friday, March 24th at 3pm followed by refreshments at the Tea Rooms.

Bible Study

The Lenten series of Bible Studies will commence each **Monday evening** up till Easter at **7.30pm**. It is anticipated that this 6 week program will be held in peoples' homes as different ones offer that opportunity. Tomorrow, March 20th, we meet at Jeanette McConachy's home. All welcome to come and share.

KYB Bible Study

KYB will continue to meet each Tuesday morning from 10am. Talk to Lyn Redding if you are interested.

Inter-Church Prayer Meeting

The weekly prayer meeting will continue each Wednesday at St. Thomas's during March at 1pm, for 1 hour. Come and share with us for that brief time. If there are any special requests for prayer, please tell John.

Reading the Bible as Metaphor

The Geelong chapter of the Progressive Christian Network has guest speaker, Rev. John Smith who will speak on "Reading the Bible Metaphor". The meeting is at Western Heights Uniting Church this Thursday, March 23rd at 1.30pm. See John if interested.

WOW (Worship On Wednesday)

The next WOW kids program is to be held at the school this coming **Wednesday at 3pm**, with the focus on the Easter story.

Focus for Prayer

On Sunday March 19th consider Victor Caruna in your prayers.

On Sunday March 26th, remember Gordon Casson in your prayer time.

On Sunday April 2nd, uphold Kaye & Andrew Chapman in prayer.

What's On . . . cont.

Uniting Care

Uniting Care is back in business each Thursday from 10am-1pm. If you know of a situation where help is needed, please tell John, or invite affected people to come at that time.

Singing Group Practise

The Singing Group practise will continue each Thursday at 7.00pm in the hall. New members welcome.

Beyond That of Any Man

Rehearsals will continue each Thursday at 7.30pm in the hall for the Easter Cantata "Beyond That of Any Man". The presentation will take place on Palm Sunday afternoon (9th April) in St. John's Catholic Church at 4.30pm.. The local combined choir will be augmented with guest singers. Soloists are Helen Ling and Graham Ford. The Narrator is new Catholic priest, Fr. Charles Balnaves. The choir will be accompanied by a string quartet and 4 woodwinds.

Helen Ling at Aberdeen Street Baptist Church

Aberdeen Street Baptist Church Geelong are hosting a Hymn Singing afternoon on Sunday March 26th at 2pm with Helen Ling as the guest soloist.

Elders Meeting

The next Elders meeting will take place in the hall on **Wednesday March 29th at 10am**.

Pastoral Care in Times of Grief

A seminar is being run on Wednesday March 29th from 9am on this important topic at Colac Uniting Church. No cost. Guest speaker is Anne Gleeson from McQueens' Funerals. Let John know if you wish to attend. Open to all.

Nursing Home Service

The next Nursing Home service will be held on **Friday, March 31st at 11am**. People are invited to come and share at that time with talking to and encouraging the residents, helping with the singing, and readings. Thanks to those who come regularly, and others that come when they can. It is a precious ministry we offer here.

Church Council

The next regular meeting of Church Council will take place after church on **Sunday April 2nd**.

What's On . . . cont.

Autumn Concert at Western Heights

On Sunday April 2nd, Dr. Barry Edwards will present a cheque which will be the proceeds of the recent successful Autumn Concert held there with our Singing Group being featured. Dr. Edwards will also be our preacher on that day.

Men's Breakfast

A Men's Breakfast will be held at the church hall on **Saturday April 8th**, from **8am**, with guest speaker, Rev. Stephen Ratcliffe, Uniting Church minister at Colac. Let John know if you wish to attend.

John Bumford

Docklands Ferry Outing

The social committee has decided to postpone the event until a later date to be decided, due to a busy time in the weeks ahead. A new date will be advised.

Evening Fellowship

The Evening Fellowship group enjoyed their annual fish'n chips outing on Wednesday night. Eight ladies attended, and a pleasant time was had at the Beach House taking in the evening experience on Western Beach.

AUCTION

The Auction is only 2 weeks away! The Auction committee have met to put plans in place for this event on **Saturday April 1st**.

People will be required to fill places where they can in many ways . . . If you are available, please let your intention be known to either Geoff Orchard for the ground items, or Jeanette McConachy for the office.

Yvonne and Norma would welcome food donations for the cake stall and assistance with the refreshment area.

Kaye Chapman is looking for items to stock the white elephant stall. Items may be left in the hall for collection or delivered to the ground on Friday.

Men may be needed to help assemble tents on Friday and some general ground setting up.

"By working together, good results can be achieved for our church funds"

WINCHELSEA UNITING CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA
Office Bearers and committees for 2017

<u>Interim co-ordinator</u>	John Bumford
<u>Church Council</u>	<u>Chairperson</u> – John Bader Assistant Chairperson – Morven Warner <u>Secretary</u> – Yvonne Orchard Assistant Secretary – Jeanette McConachy <u>Treasurer</u> – Denis Chappell Assistant Treasurer – Sol Sylvestre
<u>Presbytery Representative</u>	Lyn Redding
<u>Elders Working Group</u>	Chairperson - Morven Warner Secretary – Yvonne Orchard Denis Chappell, Norma Lambeth, Jeanette McConachy, Lyn Redding, John Bader
<u>Inter-Church Committee Reps</u>	- Lyn Redding, Carol Stanesby
<u>Maintenance Committee</u>	Brian Keightly, Jeanette McConachy, Barry Rochow, John Bader, Peter McCann
<u>Finance Committee</u>	Executive of all Church Committees
<u>Auction Committee</u>	Jeanette McConachy, Peter & Lyn Redding, Geoff & Yvonne Orchard, Norma Lambeth, Denis Chappell & John Bader
<u>Social Committee</u>	Jeanette McConachy, Lyn & Peter Redding, Norma Lambeth, Yvonne & Geoff Orchard, Brian & Sue Keightly
<u>O.H.S. Officer</u>	John Bader

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Dates to Remember

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March

- Sunday 19: 9.30am John Bumford
: 2pm Bible Society Hymn-fest at Christ Church Geelong
- Monday 20: 7.30 Lenten Bible Study at J McConachy's
- Tuesday 21: 10am KYB
- Wed. 22: 1pm Inter-church Prayer meeting at St.Thomas's
: 3pm WOW Kids program at Winch. School
- Thursday 23: 10am-1pm Uniting Care
: 7pm Singing Group practise
: 7.30pm "Beyond That Of Any Man" practise
- Sunday 26: 9.30am John Bumford

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- March 26: N Lambeth
April 2: J Johns

Morning Tea

- March 19: R Chappell
26: C Stanesby Bible Verse
- April 2: J Johns

Elder:

- March: N Lambeth
April : M Warner

Stewards:

- March: G & Y Orchard
April : J Scott, G Lelievre

**Anyone wishing to contact John Bumford can call him on 52 672 062
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Church Website & Facebook Page

The church's website contains some brief information about the church, and a copy of the current church bulletin. Also check out additional information and photos on the Facebook page. Look at www.winchelseaunitingchurch.org.au.

Bible Verse:

Jeremiah 16:19

*Lord,
my strength and my fortress,
my refuge in time of distress.*