

People, Participation and Prayer: a church isn't a building of brick and wood. It's a group of people gathered by God who are building their lives around Jesus. That's why belonging to church means more than just Sunday services. In this **Newsweek** are some of the things we are doing, events and activities we think are worthwhile, and people and things to pray for. Pray regularly for our Church family.

Please pray for our world, our community, and each other

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ
Philippians 4:6, 7

The next Congregation Prayer Meeting will be on Thursday 10th Sep. at 7.30 pm.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:-

* **SRE Classes** have resumed in our local Schools for Term 3 – Rev. Ian is teaching the Year 6 SRE Class at Belrose Public School every Wednesday morning – please pray!!

Healing, Strength & Comfort for:

- * Gwen Gatford
- * Len Broadbent
- * Gordon & Jan Allan
- * Gordon Richardson
- * Church members who are still self-isolating
- * Church members grieving the loss of family or friends

Rejoice with Ian & Anne Weeks with the news that Rachel & Mike Weeks are expecting a baby in January!

Venessa Crane's Art Exhibition is ON!! at the Dougherty Centre. **7 Victor Street Chatswood.** (Parking opposite and close to bus and trains) Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm **Until Thursday 10th September,**

September Mission of the Month Supporting the Edwardes Family Evangelism in Ireland with Pioneers

BUC partners with Graham & Sarah Edwardes, with their children Sydney & Enzo, who are sharing the Gospel in Ireland through the network of *Pioneers*.

Pioneers mobilises teams to glorify God among unreached peoples by initiating church planting movements in partnership with local churches.

Some people have no neighbours who can tell them about Jesus Christ. *Pioneers* hope to share God's love with those people in places where the gospel is yet to be effectively proclaimed.

Their passion is to glorify God throughout the nations of the world, through obedience to the Bible and by living and proclaiming the message of salvation through Jesus Christ. It is an act of worship to actively participate in some way in the Great Commission.

Please keep giving! You are encouraged to make use of the electronic funds transfer option from your bank account to the Uniting Financial Services Congregation account using the following information:

Belrose UC Property Committee
BSB 634-634 Acc Number 10000-1487

The Manse landline phone is still out of action 😞 but you can still contact Rev Ian on his **mobile 0408 308 196**, or by email mail@belrose.unitingchurch.org.au

Belrose Uniting Church

Corner Forest Way and Morgan Road, Belrose
TO KNOW CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN

GOOD NEWSWEEK

Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ from Frenchs Forest to Terrey Hills; from the beaches to the bush, since 1916.

Who are we? We are all about following Jesus.

We are part of the Assembly of Confessing Congregations of the UCA, joining with other UCA Congregations in contending for the Biblical faith: *Confessing the Lord Jesus Christ, Proclaiming the Truth and Renewing the Church.*

We are "evangelical" Christians, which means that Jesus shapes the heart of our worship, the Bible shapes the heart of our life, and the Gospel (the Good News about Jesus) shapes our heart for a broken world.

Welcome back to Church live!
Sunday 6th September 2020

Please observe physical distancing and you are encouraged to wear a mask for the protection of yourself and others

Giving at Church?

If you would like to give physically, you are invited to place your offering in the basket at the back of the Worship Centre.

Thank you for your generous support for the work of the Gospel.

September: Standing firm in a culture of compromise.

9.30 am Morning Church Daniel Ch 1 Standing firm in a foreign land.

Service Leader: Ian Weeks **Preacher:** Ian Weeks
Welcoming: Tova Swadling & Helen Meillon **Reader:** Allan Leslie

Morning Tea is in recess due to Covid-19 restrictions.

5.30 pm Evening Church Aliens in a strange land 1 Peter 2:11 - 17

Service Leader: Ian Weeks **Preacher:** Ian Weeks

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Wednesday – Monday (Tuesday off)

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Prayer Requests:
prayer.team@belrose.unitingchurch.org.au

Happy Fathers' Day!



We want to be a Covid-19 Safe Place

Our Covid-19 Safety Plan is on the Foyer notice board for your information.

We will continue to observe Covid-19 Safety protocols:

- * please make use of the hand sanitizer at the welcome desk
- * make sure you are signed in at the welcome desk
- * physical distancing 1.5 metres apart
- * please wear a mask – we have a supply of masks at the welcome desk
- * we will still refrain from singing for the time being

Next Sunday 13th September 2020

September Theme: *Standing Firm in a Culture of Compromise*

9.30 am Morning Church **Daniel Ch 2 Uncompromising Prayer**

Service Leader: Ian Weeks Preacher: Ian Weeks

Welcoming: Reader:

10.30 am Extra-Ordinary Congregation Meeting

We will have a short break after the Morning Service for a quick cuppa before the Congregation meeting. You are welcome to bring your cuppa into the Worship Space for the meeting – please be diligent with physical distancing. Printed copies of the Agenda and accompanying papers are available in the Foyer.

Please bring a pen with you to complete the written ballot paper that will be provided at the meeting.

5.30 pm Evening Church **A True Non-Conformist Romans 12**

Service Leader: Ian Weeks Preacher: Ian Weeks

WHAT'S ON @ BUC – Mark Your Diary for September 2020

(Please note that due to the Covid-19 restrictions, some activities may not yet be able to be held on the Church premises.)

Creations on the Corner – Art & Craft Group - has resumed every Monday 10.00 am – 12 noon. Contact Bec Keiller for more information

Youth Group on Friday nights!! PTL that we have the opportunity to host the Live Connection (Northgate) Church Youth Group for kids in School Years 7 – 12 on Friday nights 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm. **Kids who were part of the BUC Youth are welcome to attend – pass the word around! For more info contact Leader Woody on 0450 265 081.**

Thurs 10 th Sept	Congregation Prayer Meeting	7.30 pm
Sun 13 th Sept	Extra-Ordinary Congregation Meeting	10.30 am
Thurs 17 th Sept	Congregation Prayer Meeting	11 am
Thurs 17 th Sept	Church Council meeting	7.30 pm
Thurs 24 th Sept	Congregation Prayer Meeting	7.30 pm

AM Sermon Notes **Daniel: Standing firm in a culture of compromise** **Daniel Ch 1 Standing firm in a foreign land.**

The Babylonian invasion and subsequent exile of the people of Jerusalem in 587-586 BC would have to rank as one of the lowest points in the Bible story of God's people (see 2 Kings 24). Under God's judgement the people were subjected to the cruel reign of Nebuchadnezzar. The Temple was desecrated, and all of the royal court and civic leaders, including Daniel, were carted off into exile in Babylon. *By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion. How can we sing the songs of the Lord while in a foreign land? (Psalm 137:1, 4)* Daniel finds himself in the court of this foreign King – how will he fare?

1. A Captive in Nebuchadnezzar's Court vv 1 – 7

God's judgement and the Babylonian instrument

Exiles in a foreign land – Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael & Azariah

2. A battle worth fighting vv 8 – 21

Choosing the battles – name, service, food

Why did Daniel choose food?

3. Standing firm in a foreign land

Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us. (1 Peter 2:11, 12)

The costs of faithfulness – Daniel's perilous position

Saved by the real King – God's favour on Daniel

Being in the world, but not of the world

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. (Romans 12:2)

PM Sermon Notes **Standing firm in a culture of compromise** **Aliens in a strange land 1 Peter 2:9 – 17**

1. Where do we belong? vv 9 - 12

2. In the world but vv 13 – 17