

## Next Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2022

9.30 am Morning Church *Christianity Explored*

**#5 Resurrection Bible Reading Mark 16:1 - 8**

**Service Leader:** Ian Weeks

**Preacher:** Ian Weeks

**Music:** Gwen Gatford

**Reader:** Ross Swadling

**Welcoming:** Don & Chris Black

**Flowers:** Helen Meillon

**Morning Tea:** Ross & Tova Swadling

5.30 pm Evening Church Bible Study **John's Gospel**

An interactive group Bible study – no preparation, no homework.

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**Kairos Prison Ministry Australia**

*Changing Hearts, Transforming Lives, Impacting The World*

### May Mission of the Month:

#### *Kairos Outside*

**Kairos Outside (KO)** provides support for the female relatives or friends of a current or former prison inmate. It hosts a weekend designed to create a safe and understanding environment in

which participants (guests) can share with other women who have been through similar circumstances. KO offers the weekend for free to guests, so your financial support is greatly appreciated. **KO's 44<sup>th</sup> Weekend** will take place on **27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May**. Anne Weeks is a team member and would value your support, encouragement and prayer for this weekend.

### WHAT'S ON @ BUC – Update your 2022 diaries

<b>Mondays during Term</b>	Creations @ BUC – See Anne Weeks	<b>10.00 am</b>
<b>Tuesdays during Term</b>	Gift of Dance Class	<b>3.30 pm</b>
<b>Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Belrose Probus Club C'tee Meeting @BUC	<b>9.00 am</b>
<b>Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Prayer Meeting at Church	<b>11.00 am</b>

#### Coming up in June:

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June Men's Monthly Bible Study resumes** – 7.50 am at the Church. All men welcome – see Ross Swadling.

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June Enhance Conference "From Conquest to Chaos"** at Covenant Christian School 2.00 pm – 7.30 pm (Dinner included) A great afternoon of Bible Teaching from the Book of Judges with Rev David Cook, former Principal of SMBC. Rego forms in the Church Foyer.

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June** from 11.30 am at the Church *Fellowship Lunch with Jack & Lil Harradine* (our mission partners working with Bush Church Aid & UAICC in Broken Hill) Soup and bread rolls, tea/coffee provided (BYO any other food) – donations to go toward the Broken Hill ministry. A great opportunity to hear about what God is doing in indigenous Churches and how our support has helped. All welcome.



## Belrose Uniting Church

*in the Assembly of Confessing Congregations  
of the Uniting Church in Australia*

Corner Forest Way and Morgan Road, Belrose

*We aim TO KNOW CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN*

## GOOD NEWS WEEK

*Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ from Belrose to the world since 1916.*

## Welcome to Church

### Who are we?

**We are all about following Jesus.** We seek to worship God in a welcoming and supportive environment that fosters teaching and growth, modelling and sharing Jesus' love in word and action within our church and the wider community.

**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.



**22<sup>nd</sup>  
May  
2022**



9.30 am Morning Church *Christianity Explored*

**#4 The Cross Bible Reading Mark 10:32 - 45**

**Service Leader:** Ian Weeks

**Preacher:** Ian Weeks

**Music:** Allan Leslie

**Reader:** Seni Piukala

**Welcoming:** Sepesi & Seni Piukala

**Flowers:** Cathie Browning

**Morning Tea:** Helen Meillon & Cherry Robinson

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**Facebook:** *Belrose Uniting Church Group*

**Prayer Requests:** [prayer.team@belrose.unitingchurch.org.au](mailto:prayer.team@belrose.unitingchurch.org.au)

**Normal Sunday  
Services**

9:30am & 5.30pm



## AM Service Notes Christianity Explored: *What's the best news you've ever heard?*

This 7 part video series on **exploring the Christian faith**, and the significance of Jesus for us today, will be shown on the morning services.

**Would you consider running a Christianity Explored group – at the Church or in your home? Talk to Rev. Ian**

### #4 The Cross Mark 10:32 - 46

#### 1) CE #4 – The Cross

In Mark's Gospel, we are confronted with

\* Jesus' identity: Jesus is the Christ (God's only chosen King) and God's Son.

\* And why He came: to cure our "heart" problem – our sin.

We have also been confronted with the seriousness of sin and the horrible reality of hell.

In this session we will see what Mark tells us about why Jesus died, and what His death means for us in the light of these grim realities.

#### 2) Mark Ch 8:27 - 30

Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "*Who do people say I am?*"

They replied, "*Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.*" "*But what about you?*" he asked. "*Who do you say I am?*"

Peter answered, "*You are the Messiah.*"

Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

#### Questions:

What do you think people in our community (family, friends, neighbours) think about who Jesus is?

What might they base their opinion about Jesus on?

What might be the implications for us, and for them, if we took Peter's statement about Jesus seriously?

#### 3) CE Video #4 The Cross

#### 4) Video Notes:

*"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."* Mark 10:45

Jesus' death on the cross wasn't a tragic mistake or a waste of life. It was a rescue. He told His followers He must be killed. He came to give His life "as a ransom for many."

On the cross, Jesus was in some way "forsaken", or abandoned by God, as God takes sin seriously, and sin needs to be brought to account and punished.

Jesus gave Himself up as a substitute, to be punished on our behalf. Theologians call this "*penal substitutionary atonement*"; one of the fundamental and essential beliefs of Biblical Christianity.

Jesus took the punishment that our sin deserves, so that we can be rescued. Because of the cross, the way is now open for people to approach God.

#### 5) Questions:

i) How would you feel if someone else took the punishment for something serious you had done wrong?

ii) Jesus said He came "to give His life as a ransom" for sinners (Mark 10:45). What will you do with your sin?

#### 6) For Further Reading and Reflection: Mark 8:30 – 10:52

i) Jesus directly predicts His own death and resurrection three times (Mark 8:31, 9:31, and 10:33-34). What does He say "must" and "will" happen?

ii) What do we learn about why Jesus had to die?

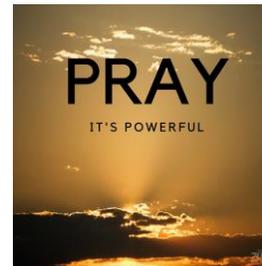
iii) What did Jesus say that following Him would mean? (eg Mark 8:34)

iv) Peter recognizes and "confesses" that Jesus is the Christ, God's only chosen King (Mark 8:29 - 32); but then takes Jesus aside to rebuke Him – has Peter treated Jesus as God's King?

How do you think you have treated Jesus?

How do you feel about Jesus being King in every area of your life?

What questions does this section of Mark's Gospel raise for you? (Write them down & give them to Rev Ian.)



**People, Participation and Prayer:** a church isn't a building of bricks 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 **Good News Week** are some of the things we are doing, events and activities we think are worthwhile, and people and things to pray for. Please pray regularly for your Church family.

**Our Congregation prayer gatherings are held weekly; alternating Thursdays at 11.00 am & 7.30 pm.**

**Next Prayer Meeting: Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 11.00 am at the Church**  
**Reading from the book of Proverbs together, sharing & praying.**