

## Next Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2022

**9.30 am Morning Church Christianity Explored**  
**#8 Responding to Jesus: Soils & Seeds**  
**Bible Reading Mark 4:1 - 20**

**Service Leader:** Ian Weeks **Preacher:** Ian Weeks  
**Music:** Allan Leslie **Reader:** Jen Dinning  
**Welcoming:** Ken Attwooll & Cathie Browning **Flowers:** Seni Piukala  
**Morning Tea:** TBA

**David & Nicola Pengilly** have moved to a new residence in Mona Vale.  
 Next Sunday (19<sup>th</sup>) will be their last Sunday with us & we will say farewell to them  
 and bless them in their new surrounds and a new Church family.

**5.30 pm Evening Church Bible Study John's Gospel**  
 An interactive group Bible study – no preparation, no homework.  
 We open the Bible together, read, explore, and ask questions!



**June Mission of the Month:**  
*Remote and Regional Ministry with  
 the Bush Church Aid Society (BCA)  
 and the Uniting Aboriginal and  
 Islander Christian Congress (UAICC)*



**The Bush Church Aid Society of Australia** has a heart for people living in remote and regional Australia. We are committed to going the distance to reach Australia for Christ. Since 1919, BCA has been reaching outback Australians with the good news of Jesus. **The BCA Partners with the UAICC** in providing ministry to the indigenous Congregation in Broken Hill, as well as mentoring leaders in Condobolin and Wellington UAICC Churches.

**On Tuesday 14th June from 11.30 am at the Church Fellowship Lunch with Jack & Lill Harradine** 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.  
**Can you help with catering or serving? Talk to Helen M or Anne W**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June – our weekly Prayer Meeting** will be on at the Church at 7.30 pm with Jack & Lill Harradine.

## 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>Tues 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Fellowship Lunch @ BUC with the Harradines	<b>11.30 am</b>
<b>Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Prayer Meeting at BUC with the Harradines	<b>7.30 pm</b>
<b>Tues 21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	Men's Fishers Lunch at Belrose Hotel	<b>12 noon</b>
<b>Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	Belrose Probus Club C'tee meeting	<b>9.00 am</b>
<b>Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	Prayer Meeting at BUC	<b>11.00 am</b>
<b>Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Prayer Meeting via Zoom	<b>7.30 pm</b>



## 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

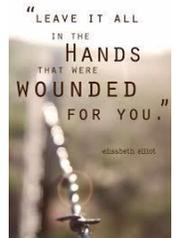
**Who are we?**

**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.

*He is no fool  
 who gives what he cannot keep  
 to gain what he cannot lose.*  
 Jim Elliot

## 12<sup>th</sup> June 2022



**The Lord's Supper will be celebrated today.**

**9.30 am Morning Church Christianity Explored**  
**#7 Come and die! Bible Reading Mark 8:22 - 38**

**Service Leader:** Ian Weeks **Preacher:** Ian Weeks  
**Music:** Gwen Gatford **Reader:** Mel Mottau  
**Welcoming:** Mel Mottau & Jan McGuire **Flowers:** Laumahoi Vakalahi  
**Morning Tea:** Helen Meillon & Anne Weeks

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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**

### #7 Come and die! Mark 8:22 - 38

#### 1) CE #7 – Come and die!

In the last session we saw that God accepts us not because of anything we have done but because of what Jesus has done.

This is grace – God's underserved gift to us.

In this session we will see what Mark tells us about what it means to follow Jesus: how we respond to God's gracious gift.

#### 2) CE Video #7 Come and die!

#### 3) Video Notes:

Then Jesus called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said:

*"Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."* Mark 8:34

The disciples saw Jesus' power and authority – but still asked *"Who is this?"*

Jesus healed the blind man gradually. This gradual healing reflects the gradual growth of the disciples' understanding.

While Peter sees that Jesus is the Christ, God's only chosen King, the disciples' "sight" is not fully "healed" – they don't fully see why he has come or what it means to follow him.

Following Jesus means denying self, and taking up our cross – "dying" to our independence from God, and trusting Jesus with our life.

A true follower of Jesus is someone who clearly sees what it will cost to follow him – but does it joyfully anyway, knowing that Jesus is worth infinitely more.

#### 4) Questions:

i) *"What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?"*

Mark 8:36

How would you answer that question?

What things might people consider to be "more important" or "more valuable" in this world than eternal life?

ii) Have you ever felt "ashamed" of Jesus and his words? Why?

## 5) For Further Reading and Reflection: Mark 4:1 - 20

### Questions:

The parable in this passage is famous and familiar, but there will always be new things to learn from it as we reflect on it, asking God to teach us!

What does this parable teach us about:

i) responses to the Gospel?

ii) challenges to the Gospel?

iii) sharing the Gospel?

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

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

**Next Prayer Meeting:  
Thursday 16th June 7.30 pm at the Church**



### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

\* *Those recovering from illnesses, undergoing treatments, managing ailments:*  
Jan & Gordon Allan, Jen Dinning, Gordon Richardson, John Bishop,  
Sierk Dykman, Gwen Gatford

\* Praise God for the healing that Denis Wall has received – the tumour has shrunk to almost nothing! PTL! Continue to pray for ongoing healing for Denis & Lisle.

\* Mission partners: Bruce & Kathy in Nigeria; Edwardes Family in Ireland

\* Evangelistic opportunities to share the Gospel

## Empowering Prevention and Responses to Domestic Violence and Abuse

June 17, 7:30-9pm

Hosted by Forest Kirk Uniting Church  
Cnr Warringah Rd & Fitzpatrick Ave W

### EOFY benefits:

You can still make a **tax deductible donation** to FACE (Scripture in our local High Schools) either through our Church (if using the offering envelopes mark "For FACE") or directly to the FACE Westpac Gift Fund: BSB 032123 and Account 289584. Donations must be made before 30<sup>th</sup> June.