

Next Sunday 19th 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 (19th) 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 16th 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

Mondays during Term	Creations @ BUC – See Anne Weeks	10.00 am
Tuesdays during Term	Gift of Dance Class	3.30 pm
Tues 14th June	Fellowship Lunch @ BUC with the Harradines	11.30 am
Thurs 16th June	Prayer Meeting at BUC with the Harradines	7.30 pm
Tues 21st June	Men's Fishers Lunch at Belrose Hotel	12 noon
Thurs 23rd June	Belrose Probus Club C'tee meeting	9.00 am
Thurs 23rd June	Prayer Meeting at BUC	11.00 am
Thurs 30th June	Prayer Meeting via Zoom	7.30 pm



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

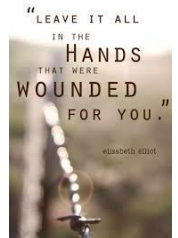
Who are we?

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

12th 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

**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 30th June.