



*We believe we are called by God to be an inclusive  
Christian community, committed to justice,  
learning, service and care.*



## BLACKWOOD UNITING CHURCH

*More than a Sunday Church...*

**Week of 25<sup>th</sup> January ~ Service on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**10am Combined Service – Rev Dr Malcolm McArthur**

### **Lectionary readings – 27<sup>th</sup> January (Epiphany 3)**

Neh 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 • Ps 19 • 1 Cor 12:12-31a • Lk 4:14-21

### **Next week 3<sup>rd</sup> February – (Epiphany 4)**

Preacher 9:15am & 11am – Rev John Minchin

Worship Leader 9:15am – Peter Cranwell & 11am – Bryan Belling

### **Reflections on the Reading**

Two passages in Luke speak this week:

**A** THE CHALLENGE: Jesus describes his mission in a few “Good News to the poor”:- liberty, recovery of sight, freedom for the oppressed’, the time has come!’ (Lk 4:18,19 excerpts.)

**B** THE RESPONSES: to listen to his words and obey them is like someone “*building his house , dug deep and laid the foundation on rock*”. They would not be moved. For others, as perhaps we sang as children: “*The rain came down and the floods came up and the house upon the sand went CRASH*”.

This story was not told for children. It’s a word for us, easily swept aside by affluence, distractions, acquisitions in a world of inbuilt obsolescence, material but also spiritual. The story calls us to ask where are our foundations, personal and cultural? I heard recently of “Earth Overshoot Day”. That is the day in which, during that year we have used more resources from nature than can be renewed in a year. In 1918, that day was August 1. ( It was March 15 in the USA.) Where are our foundations? As a community? As individuals?

***Rev Dr Malcolm McArthur***

### **Funeral for Eve Holmes**

The funeral for Eve Holmes will be held at BUC on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> February at 2pm. Help is needed for afternoon tea. Food has been organised for the afternoon tea but we will require helpers on the day. Please let Jan Furness know if you are able to help.

### **Recent Additions to the Church Library**

"A bigger table: building messy, authentic and hopeful spiritual community" by John Pavlovitz.

"Dear heart, come home: the path of midlife spirituality" by Joyce Rupp.

"The Godbearing life" by Kenda Creasy Dean.

### **January Working Bee**

Nineteen intrepid workers fronted for the annual January working bee. This impressive number of busy bees completed an impressive number of tasks, including –

- Windows cleaned inside and out throughout the complex (including windows between office and foyer)
- Curtains washed
- Cobwebs removed from most areas
- Red chairs with scratches painted
- Hewett Room repainted "below the Plimsoll Line" (ie below hanging rail)
- Painting in toilets
- Paint touch-ups in the passageway, hall, kitchen and Aldersgate Room
- Coffee Lounge window ledges sanded and varnished, and some re-painting
- Car park cleaned up
- Car park gate made self-closing
- Shelving installed in the Container

We are grateful to all workers who contributed to the accomplishing of so much on the day.

In addition, the floors of the Hewett Room, Hall and Passageway were polished, and the carpets in the Coffee Lounge and Library were cleaned.

### **HAVE YOU MARKED AUGUST 10<sup>th</sup> IN YOUR DIARY YET?**

Yes, Saturday August 10<sup>th</sup> is the date of our Quiz Night this year. No football (Power fans will have plenty of time after their match for tea and some last minute swotting up before the big night.) And you can put aside that brand new extra crock-pot that you got for Christmas for the silent auction. It's never too soon to start organizing your table, and purloining trivia champs from wherever you can!

### **First Friday Friends – CANCELLED IN FEBRUARY**

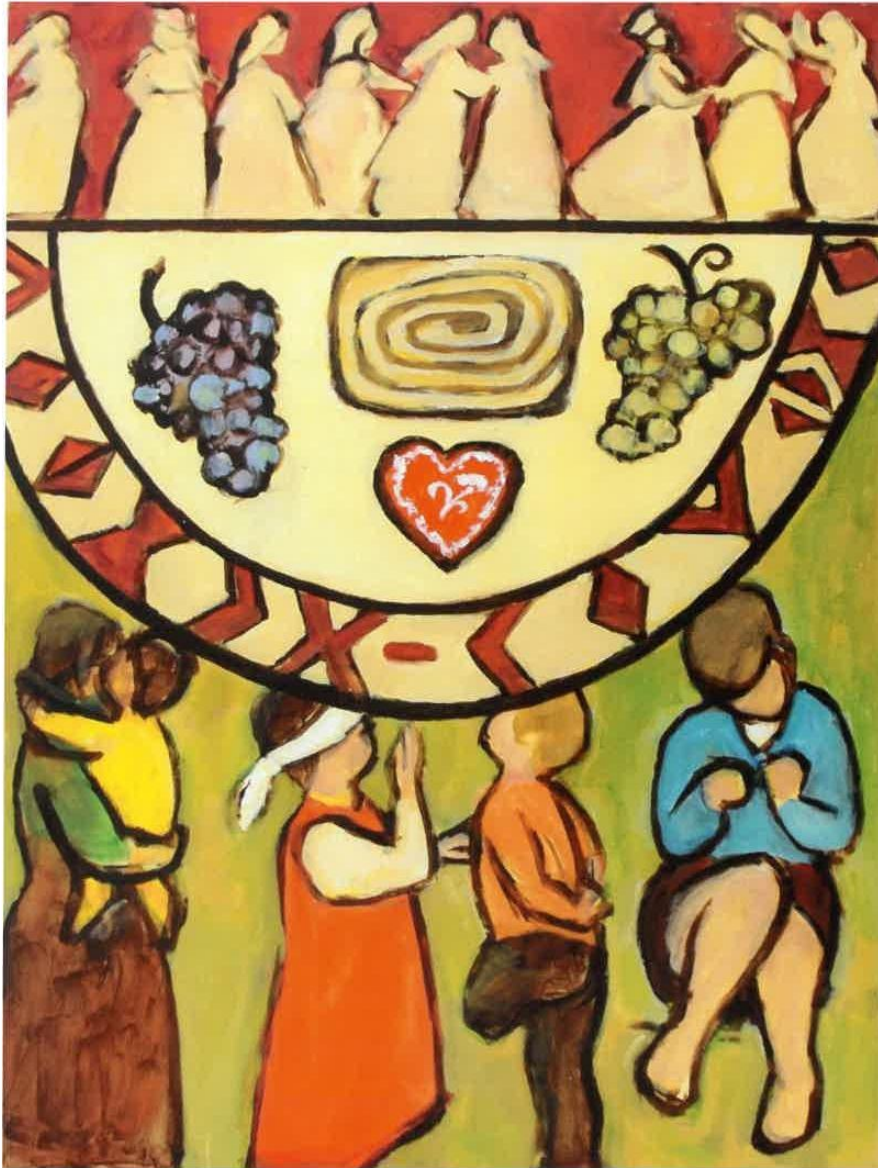
Due to Eve Holmes funeral being held on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> February at 2pm, First Friday friends will start Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March this year. More details to follow closer to the date. Helen Blake.



World Day of Prayer—March 2019

**SLOVENIA**

**'Come—Everything Is Ready'**



Date FRIDAY MARCH 1<sup>st</sup> 2019

Time 10-30 AM

Place HOLY INNOCENTS ANGLICAN CHURCH  
BELAIR

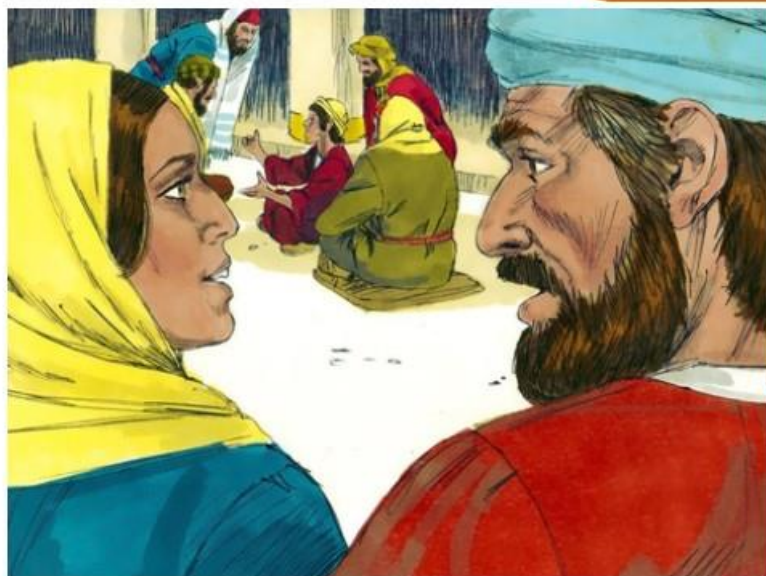


# Roundabout



*Roundabout  
Messy Church*  
Blackwood Uniting Church

*3 February 2019  
4 - 6pm*



## Jesus is Missing...

👐 Craft 👐 Songs 👐  
👐 Story 👐 Food 👐  
👐 Fun 👐

Cost: \$10 donation  
per family  
*including a simple meal*

*An alternative family-orientated church*

**Blackwood Uniting Church**  
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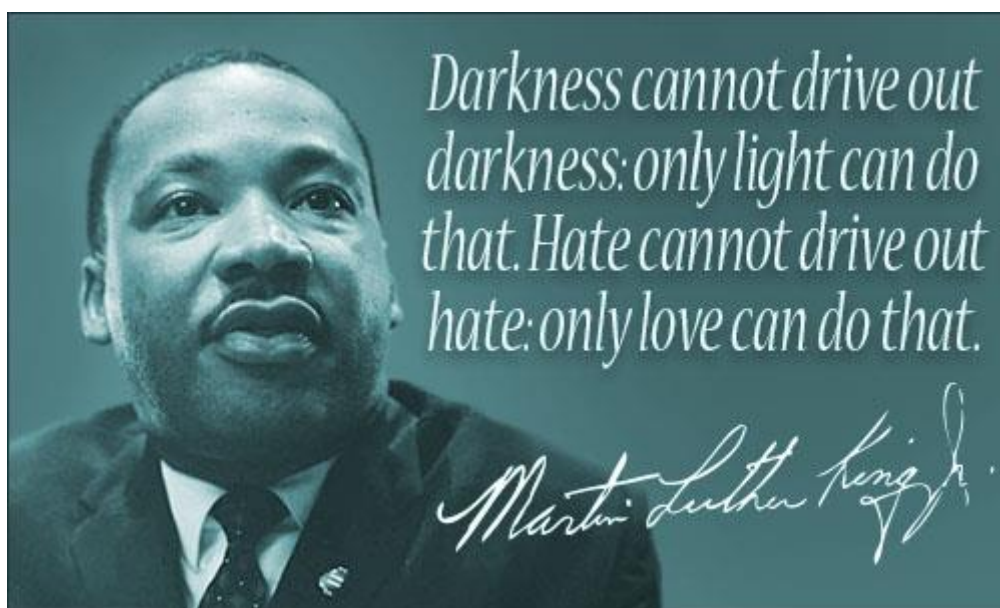
*"Inviting people to embrace the possibility of God"*

## Looking ahead in 2019 ...

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Wednesday	30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10:00am	Community Classes start
Thursday	31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	10:00am	Community Classes start
Friday	1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	10:00am	Mainly Music starts
Friday	1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	2:00pm	Funeral of Eve Holmes
Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	4:00pm	Messy Church
Monday	4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10:00am	Playgroup starts
Friday	1 <sup>st</sup> Mch	10:30am	World Day of Prayer
Saturday	10 <sup>th</sup> Aug	7:00pm	BUC Quiz Night

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