



# CHURCH IS A BANQUET

Laura Duke

I've been thinking about how we live in a time and place of incredible abundance. We have easy access to food and consume more food than any culture or society before us I would imagine, yet at the same time we are, on the whole, probably less physically active than people were in other times and places. Food was designed to fuel our bodies for the activities of life, so often we consume far more than we put to good use.

I think this is reflected in our spiritual lives. In Matthew 4, Jesus refers to a connection between food and God's word: *"It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"*

We have access to a huge amount of Bible teaching and resources to guide our spiritual growth and development, but I wonder if we are also becoming spiritually lazy? We consume many spiritual 'calories' but perhaps struggle to put them to good use?



While meditating on this thought, I pictured a huge table laden with indulgent food; a banquet with people gorging themselves with food. Sounds pretty good, right? What will they do afterwards?



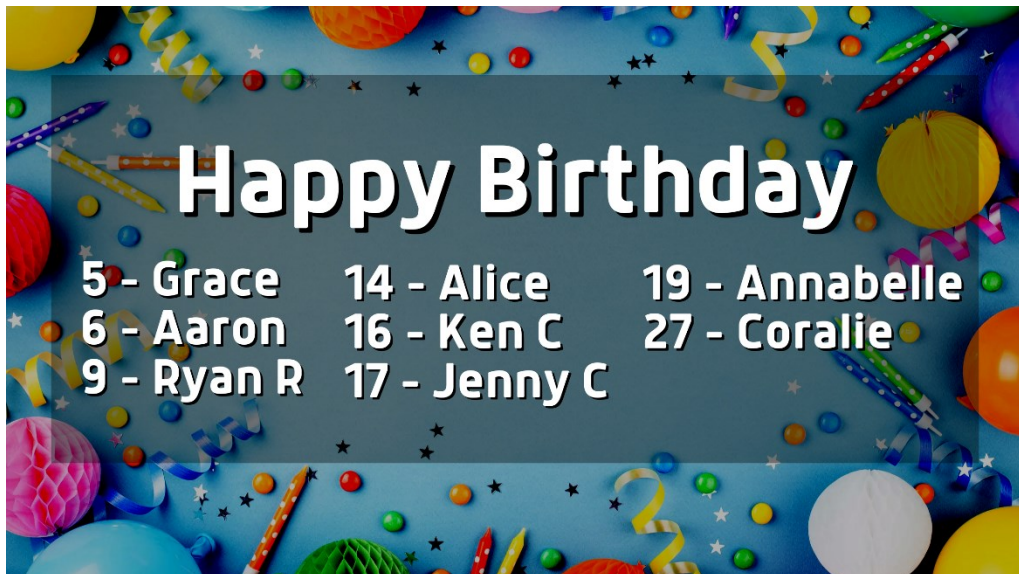
Church is a banquet, a smorgasbord of God's word. We feast together spiritually on a Sunday morning and have access to much much more during the week if we seek it.

What do we do with all of the nourishing energy from those spiritual meals?



Lord, thank you for your abundant provision for us. May we learn to honour you in how we put our spiritual meals to use in the way we live our lives. Guide us and teach us we pray, Amen.

## BIRTHDAYS IN NOVEMBER



Celebrating birthdays is one way we can honour the gift of life God has given each of us. Happy Birthday from us!

Your birthday not showing up? Tell us when your birthday is so we can celebrate with you.

### DIARY DATE REMINDERS

<b>2<sup>ND</sup> Nov</b>	BICC Prayer Breakfast @ BFC - 7:30am
<b>3<sup>RD</sup> Nov</b>	Visiting evangelist – guest speaker Benny Prasad
<b>3<sup>RD</sup> Nov</b>	“Farewell” Morning Tea after the service
<b>17<sup>TH</sup> Nov</b>	Hymn Service
<b>17<sup>TH</sup> Nov</b>	Music Practice
<b>23<sup>RD</sup> Nov</b>	Norwood Christmas Pageant (9am arrival for those involved)
<b>30<sup>TH</sup> Nov</b>	AMOS – 2pm
<b>COMING UP IN DECEMBER...</b>	
<b>SUN 22 DEC</b>	Family <i>Celebrate Christmas</i> event: “A Thrill of Hope” 6:30 – 8:30pm
<b>WED 25 DEC</b>	Christmas Day Service – 9:30-10:30am



# Spring series

3 Nov | BENNY PRASAD

10 Nov | ALF CHEHADE

17 Nov | ALF CHEHADE

24 Nov | JIM DERRINGTON

*"Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants." Deut 32:2*

## Hymn Service

Sun | 17 | Nov | 10am

READ & MEDITATE

on The Word

1 SCRIPTURE  
PER WEEK



Read & Reflect...



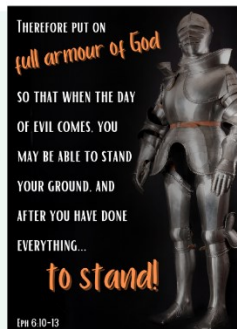
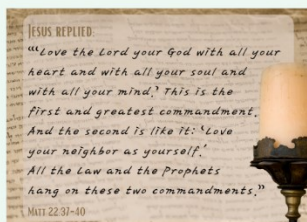
Meditate & Pray...



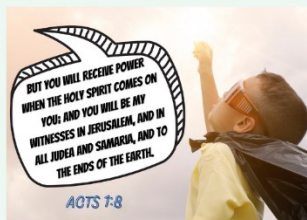
Apply & Live Out...

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Week Forty-Four  
27th October - 2nd Nov  
**EPHESIANS 6:10-13**



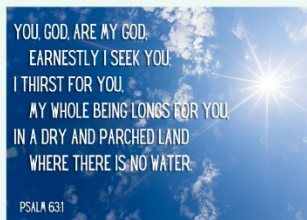
Week Forty-Five  
3rd Nov - 9th Nov  
**MATTHEW 22:37-40**



Week Forty-Six  
10th Nov - 16th Nov  
**ACTS 1:8**



Week Forty-Seven  
17th Nov - 23rd Nov  
**COLOSSIANS 3:12-17**



Week Forty-Eight  
24th Nov - 30th Nov  
**PSALM 63:1**

For the full reading plan: [burnsidefamilychurch.com/2024reading](https://burnsidefamilychurch.com/2024reading)



# NOVEMBER SUNDAY TEAM

Date	Teaching Team			Kids Ministry			Music Team (see elvanto for musicians)		Service Team					Hospitality Team	
	Sermon	Com- munion	Chair/ Notices	Kid's Church	Helper / Creche	10:40 Group	Sound Desk	Media Desk	Comm Serving	Welcome	Collection	Count	Lock Up	Kitchen	Comm Prep
3/11	Benny Prasad	Jeremy Duke	Alf	-	Bronnie  Mel	-	Brian	Andrew	Jenny S Jim Carol Ally C	Sharon  Ally	Mark  Beth	Jenny S  Joshua	Mark	Alice  Ally	Sharon
10/11	Alf Chehade	Andrew Jenkins	Elizabeth		Elizabeth  Jim		Joshua	Sheila	Cheng Yi Lester Neville Michelle	Lisa  Renee	Brandon  Benjamin	Leonie  Jeremy	Andrew	Carol  Jelita	Michelle
17/11	Alf Chehade	Steve Chapman	Jim		Smita  James	-	Joshua	Zach	Sarah Jeff Leonie Mark	Oliver  Mallika	Elsa  Aaron	Devinder  Monica	Brian	Tony  Vicki	Helene
24/11	Jim Derrington	Brian Raynor	Sheila		Sharon  Michelle		James	Annabelle	Ally C Renee Tony Vicki	Nick  Sheila	Nick  Aisha	Jeff  Aaron	Nev	Ally  Leonie	Jenny S
Thank you for serving the Lord, and blessing our Church family. If you need to swap with someone, please contact another person directly. A copy of the roster is up on the vestry wall. info@burnsidefamilychurch.com // www.bfc.elvanto.com.au															



Norwood

# Christmas Pageant

10am  
Saturday 23rd November  
2024

9am arrival if you're involved

## A THRILL OF HOPE

*Celebrate  
Christmas with us*

Sunday 22 December  
6:30-8:30pm





## REACHING FOR THE PHARMACY IN TANZANIA

We still have a long way to go to provide for the funds needed for Pastor Daniel's Pharmacy for the Elderly Maasai people in Tanzania. There are some more fundraising opportunities that may come up in 2025, so watch this space!

But for now, greetings cards and bookmarks are still available for purchase at church most weeks, and if you wish your tithes/offerings to go towards the project, you can use the orange envelopes provided in the pews each week and select the appropriate box. Keep praying for this pioneering work of Pastor Daniel Kipeen.

### MAASAI MERCHANDISE

As part of the fundraising efforts for Pastor Daniel's Pharmacy, bookmarks, Christmas cards and blank greeting cards are for sale in the Rear Hall after church each week. Have a browse and make a collection!

**Bookmarks - \$1 | Set of 6 for \$5**

**Christmas Cards - \$5 each | 5 for \$20 | 10 for \$35**

**Blank Greeting Cards - \$5 each | set of 2 for \$9 | 5 for \$20**



## A NEW HOME

We have a new (old) piano now in the Youth Hall of the church. This piano was built in the late 1890s and recently became in need of a new home. It had been 'rescued' once already by Pastor Ted Lang in the 1990s because it was housed in the old stone church and when this building was deemed unsafe and no longer usable, it was perhaps going to be thrown away. So Ted then had it in his home until the present day. A fuller, more detailed story will be forthcoming.



# NORWOOD CHRISTMAS PAGEANT – SAT 23<sup>RD</sup> NOV

Make sure to see Alf Chehade or Jeff Byerley about being involved in the Norwood Christmas Pageant this year! There are registration forms available where you can select the kind of roles you'd be interested in taking part in.

Visit: [www.burnsidefamilychurch/norwoodpageant](http://www.burnsidefamilychurch/norwoodpageant)

This is a wonderful opportunity to declare the good news of Jesus!

## PREPARATIONS FOR 'CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS' CAROLS EVENING...

### Celebrate Christmas 2024

"The weary world rejoices  
in the coming of a Saviour..."

The Creative Ministries Team are busy preparing for this important church event. Please see Elizabeth if you want to be involved! Here are some areas you could help...

- Music, drama, media, sound / lighting...
- Food – preparing / serving
- Drinks – serving
- Welcomers / ushering
- Any other ideas??



## EFTPOS AVAILABILITY | LEGACY FUND

| BSB - 035039

| ACC - 524397

| NAME - BFC

| Ref: "Giving" or "Missions"

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

EACH DECIDE IN YOUR HEART HOW MUCH TO GIVE, AND DON'T GIVE RELUCTANTLY OR IN RESPONSE TO PRESSURE. 'FOR GOD LOVES A PERSON WHO GIVES CHEERFULLY' 2 COR 9:7



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LEAVE A LEGACY. MAKE A PLEDGE TO:

## CHURCH LEGACY FUND

A FUND TO STRENGTHEN OUR HERITAGE  
OUR LOCAL FACILITY AND GLOBAL MISSION

BSB - 035039 |

ACC - 524418 |

NAME - BFC LEGACY |

Ref: "BFC Legacy" |

# CONNECT

— — —  
PRAY  
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'ENCOURAGE'  
MEN'S CONNECT

730P  
2ND & 4TH  
TUESDAYS

ANDREW JENKINS

GLENSIDE  
730P  
2ND & 4TH  
WEDNESDAYS

ALLY/ALF  
CHEHADE

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DISCUSS  
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TALKING TUESDAY  
(WOMEN)  
10.00A  
FORTNIGHTLY  
TUESDAYS

BRON LANGMAN

'FLOURISH'  
(WOMEN)  
7.00P  
FORTNIGHTLY  
WEDNESDAYS

SHARON  
JENKINS

TAMIL  
6:30P  
2ND SATURDAYS  
DAISY & KUMAR

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BELONG  
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## 2024

friends | grow | care | fellowship | pray | bible | support

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### Online Giving

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Account > 524397  
Ref > Giving or Missions  
EFTPOS is available

## WE'RE HIS CHURCH

...a house of prayer for all nations  
accomplishing more than we  
could dream for the  
brokenhearted to call on the  
name of Jesus [as vision]

...sent to make a difference every  
day in the name of Jesus to all  
generations [as mission]

## 10.00A SUNDAY

Starting at 10.00a, we usually finish by 11.30a. You will be greeted at the door and receive our newsletter and invited to take a seat of your choice. Our gathering begins with music with words shown on a media screen.

During the service, we share in communion which reminds us of the death and life of Christ we share. An encouraging message from the Bible follows and afterwards, everyone is invited to the Back Hall for tea and coffee.

We have a video stream into the rear Hall we call our Family Room and a recording of the service is posted online each week.