

BUC ARTS COMMITTEE

Ann Soo and I were chatting over coffee the other day and wondering how to launch the BUC Arts Committee. We thought some of you may be thinking why do we need an arts committee? Join us on a journey over the last year and see the amazing creativity that is a vital and vibrant part of our community. Our community is blessed with many different forms of artistic and creative talents. Take a look at what we got up to in 2016/2017.

SOMA Exhibition

Artists and poets, from the Artstop program, which we welcome on Wednesday mornings had an amazing exhibition, held at the SOMA Gallery in Brunswick, 18- 22nd of April.



Pentecost Felt

One Saturday afternoon in May, a group of us gathered to experience felting. Under the guidance of Ann Soo, we were taken through the process of producing felted articles. First we tried our hand at felting soap. Then we went on, to all participate in producing a runner, focusing on Pentecost in vibrant orange and red tones. A great afternoon, spent with our community creating a beautiful piece of craft work, that now plays a part in worship.





Worship

Each Sunday morning during worship, we have an amazing array of vocalists and musicians lead our singing. We have piano, guitar, flute, violin, clarinet, bass, drums, saxophone, French horn etc and many wonderful vocalists. This adds a very rich dimension to our worship.



Exclusion & Embrace Conference

In August Artstop Artists and others from BUC community exhibited Work in the Exclusion and Embrace Conference exhibition at the Jasper Hotel and then onto Centre for Theology and Mission.



Decoupage Chairs

Children and helpers from the Sunday Morning program have given the very ordinary plastic chairs an amazing themed, beautiful decoupage look. These gorgeous chairs that have been created will now be used regularly by the children.



In2Art Exhibition

In October, we had a fabulous IN2ART Exhibition, opened by the then Mayor of Moreland, Cr. Samantha Ratnam in the Youth Hall. Artists from Artstop and our BUC community showcased their beautiful art work. We were also entertained by several poets and the Sydney Road Opera Company performed a play they had written specifically relating to Mental Health Week.





Photos

Sometimes during worship, our Minister Ian, uses some of his own beautiful, photographic images as a way of engaging us.

Christmas Craft

Over a few weeks a number of congregation members, gathered to create lovely Christmas themed craft items, to add to the baking and preserves stall that supports the Christmas Bowl.



Singing on the Steps

People from the congregation form a choir and sing Christmas Carols on the steps to passers by on Sydney Road offering the Christmas message in a joyful way to the Brunswick community.



Advent Sculpture

During Advent we had Simone Alesich assisted by members of our Sunday School create a beautiful, reflective sculpture which was added to each week and featured in worship. This amazing sculpture was a focus of , and creatively woven into our Christmas Eve worship.



Christmas Eve Pageant

On Christmas Eve we held our Christmas Pageant which was directed by Rachel Beagley and Caitlin Mullen. It was a fantastic performance by many of the younger members of our community. Great fun to watch with the church almost packed to capacity. The Pageant is proof of the amazing array of talent in our midst.



Community Artists

During January and February Ann Soo and Leanne Salau committed to opening the art space for our artists who wished to come and continue working until the Artsop program resumed for 2017.



Through Meredith and Tim Budge, we were introduced to an amazing artist Geoff Falk, who



generously came along, interacted with the artists and gave his time each week. On Wednesday mornings Geoff and a number of other artists contributed to a very colorful triptych which has been displayed in the Tower Window.

Christina Berkman, Tim Hoffmann and Phil Kreveld an artist friend of Colin Hunter's have been involved and/or expressed interest in being involved.

Sydney Road Street Party

March saw our community involved in the Sydney Road Street Party.

Devonshire Tea in the Olive Way, Sydney Road Opera Company performing Food and Love in Brunswick in the church, Butterflies messages to share our care attached to our vibrant, colorful rainbow, Knock down the wall, Love Makes A Way singing and children's story telling and felting, collaging and painting in west end of the hall.

... *because love matters* ...

Welcome

Our worship space is open, please come in, look around, listen to the music, light a taper.

Praying for Justice

Join us as we explore different ways of responding to the needs of the world.

Love & Food in Brunswick

Enjoy a free performance with SROC at 2pm in the worship space

Devonshire Tea

Step into the Olive Way and enjoy some free hospitality in a place of rest and welcome.

Open Studio

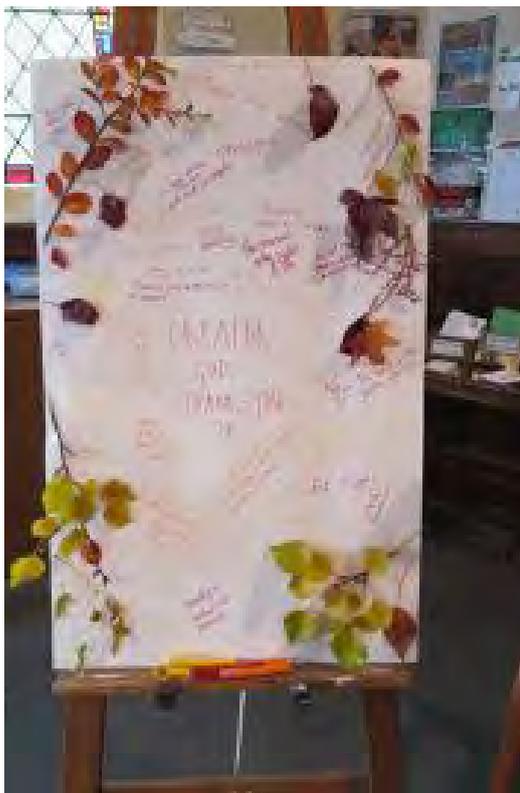
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Nourish

Enjoy story telling, and communion in a simple and beautiful, gathering to worship designed with children in mind.



All Age Worship

The children have the opportunity to participate in a range of activities and regularly create beautiful artwork to share.



Worship

During worship occasionally we shape the services to allow for offer opportunities to respond creatively through prayer. For Environment Sunday in 2016 we offered thanks to our Creator God.