

What does the Climate Emergency mean for Port Phillip and bayside? How do we respond locally? Free forum tickets and information:

[www.pecan.org.au](http://www.pecan.org.au) .

**CHURCH COUNCIL** will meet next Tuesday – please contact David or Council members if you wish to have any issues put on the agenda. Minutes are always available if you would like a copy

**Reminder that the St Kilda Festival is next Sunday and there will be many road closures**

*We respectfully acknowledge the Yalukit Willam clan of the Boon Wurrung – the Traditional Owners of Port Phillip. We pay our respects to their Elders and community - past, present and emerging. We acknowledge and uphold their continuing relationship to this land.*

Date	2 February	9 February	16 February	23 February	1 March
<i>Worship</i>	David	David	David	David	
<i>Assistance</i>	Roma	Melissa	Mary	Brian	
<i>Welcome at door</i>	Darren	Janet	Roma	Janet	
<i>Flowers</i>	Mary	Maureen	Mary	Deb	
<i>Coffee</i>	Mark	Maureen	Roma	Janet	
<i>Rubbish collection</i>	Mary	Brian/Janet	Melissa/Darren	Randall	

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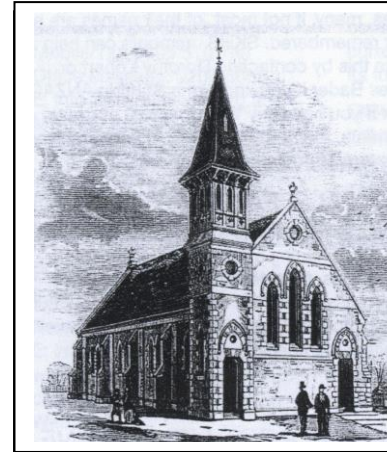
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**VISION STATEMENT:**

As a community of faith, the St Kilda Uniting Church Parish Mission strives to do what is just, to show constant love and to walk humbly with God.

**NEWSLETTER DETAILS:**

Desleigh Kent is the editor and distributor of the Newsletter. If you would like to receive a copy of the church newsletter each week or if you wish to be removed from the list, please contact Desleigh: [desleighk@ozemail.com.au](mailto:desleighk@ozemail.com.au)  
Contributions to the content are also welcomed.



**St Kilda Uniting Church  
Parish Mission**

**NEWSLETTER**

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**Sunday, 2 February 2020**

**EPIPHANY 4**

**Welcome to you all to our service this morning. Rev. David Pargeter will lead us in worship which includes Communion. Please stay afterwards for tea/coffee and conversation.**

**Bible Readings: Genesis 18: 1 – 7 pg.13 Matthew 25: 31 – 46 pg.661  
*The Inclusive Bible***

**From David: Hospitality and the Kingdom of Heaven**

It was a fine, if at times, cool day for our annual Pool Team trip. Nine players from the *Drop In* climbed on board the ferry from St Kilda pier to Williamstown. There was that familiar little buzz of excitement as a group of people who know each other reasonably well, get to do something out of the ordinary – together.

A bit of banter. A few jokes. Lots of smiles. But mostly just sitting quietly and taking in the sights and sounds of a boat trip. An excursion away from the normal pattern of daily life.

On arrival at Williamstown dock, the group did what most groups do - they broke into smaller groups to do different things, with instructions to be at the fish and chip shop at 12 noon. Everyone turned up on time and the orders were placed. The only moment of confusion was around who had ordered the diet coke but was drinking the full-strength version!

And then that magic moment arrives when everyone is sitting down with a box of fish and chips in front of them, a can of coke, tomato sauce and a satisfied smile.

**PTO**

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There is something quite spiritual in a group of very different individuals sitting around a few tables, eating together and enjoying each other's company. The 'moment' becomes quite symbolic of how a simple act of hospitality can provide us with a window into what inclusion and acceptance looks and feels like.

A moment in which something like the Kingdom of Heaven comes alive.

Shalom  
David

### ***HYMNS/ SONGS.***

**TiS: 526: Lord Jesus Christ**

**TiS: 536: An upper room**

**TiS:538: Feed us now**

**Evelyn will also lead us in songs sung in Shona**

### ***NOTICES:***

**163 CONVERSATIONS.** The next evening will be **Tuesday February 11<sup>th</sup> at 6.15 for 6.30pm at the church.** Our guest speakers will be **Janet and Brian** who will talk about aspects of their overseas journey last year. For catering purposes please let Janet know if are coming - 0417 670 132 – [janetsnashall@gmail.com](mailto:janetsnashall@gmail.com) - it's sure to be another fascinating night!

***CHURCH DINNER*** –Our church dinner will be on **Saturday February 22 at 6.30pm at Janet and Brian's home in Southbank.. Please let J and B know of your attendance and meal contribution by email – [janetsnashall@gmail.com](mailto:janetsnashall@gmail.com) or phone 0417 670 132 (J) or add to list on Notice Board.**

***BAPTISM*** of Georgia Grace and Bryan Barrass. **Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup> during our worship service at 10.30am. Please keep the date free and join us for this celebration. For catering purposes please let Laura or Janet know if you can stay for lunch L. 0474 077 249**

**On Notice Board there is a letter from The Moderator of the Uniting Church Vic/Tas (Rev Denise Liersch) re the recent bush fires. If you would like to make a contribution you could do this at the Uniting VicTas Bushfire Appeal via the following link <https://www.vt.uniting.org/uniting-vic-tas-2020-bushfire-appeal/>.**

***BOOK LAUNCH.*** **Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup>** Rev Dr Robert Hoskin will take the service. This will include the launch of his book – ***A Kimberley Collaboration – the story of the Boab Network 2008 – 2018.*** His friend from Perth, Ross Gobby, who

has been a key person in the Boab Network will assist him with this. A community launch of the book will be held on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February at the Victoria University Community Hub at the MetroWest centre 138 Nicholson Street Footscray at 6.15pm. You are welcome to this also.

***WORLD DAY OF PRAYER AND ACTION AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING: ACRATH*** *Victoria* invites you, your family and friends to join them for a reflection on human trafficking led by the Filipino community. **Thursday 6 February, Brigidine Ministry Centre, 54 Beaconsfield Parade, Albert Park. 6.15pm for 6.30pm** Play and presentation by Filipino Community, 7.15pm Light meal. A gold coin donation would be appreciated. For catering purposes please RSVP 9645 5986 by 3 February. For more information visit <https://acrath.org.au/take-action/world-day-of-prayeragainst-humantrafficking>

***WESLEY UNITING CHURCH,*** 148 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, in collaboration with the Palestine Israel Ecumenical Network, is hosting a public event on **Monday February 24<sup>th</sup> from 6.30 to 8.30pm.** Brother Peter Bray, Vice- Chancellor of Bethlehem University will speak on the theme of *Education under Occupation*

***THE COUNCIL OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS (VIC) The Tackling Hate Speech Program.*** The Community Training Day is designed to teach community representatives to recognise and appropriately respond to hate. This includes training and resources so that community representatives will then be able to run short introductory sessions in their communities. **Sunday 23 February, 1:30pm – 8:00pm (includes a dinner break). Bentleigh Uniting Church, 495-497 Centre Road, Bentleigh.**

***ABORIGINAL SPIRITUALITY AND THE CHRISTIAN FAITH.*** “Art enables us to find ourselves and lose ourselves at the same time”. Rev Glenn Loughrey is a Wiradjuri man from NSW and a priest at St Oswald's Anglican Church. He is an artist who fuses Indigenous art styles with Western forms of storytelling. **St Oswald's Anglican Church, 100 High Street, Glen Iris. Sunday 16 February, 3:00pm – 5:00pm. \$10.00.** Please advise the CCJ office if you are attending, ph: 9429 5212; email: [ccjvic@bigpond.net.au](mailto:ccjvic@bigpond.net.au)

***PORT PHILLIP EMERGENCY CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK*** Community Forum **3.30pm Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February** at Phoenix Theatre Elwood Secondary College.