

The **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** service for this year was written by the women of Zimbabwe. The local service is at 10.30am *this Friday March 6th* at St Joseph's Catholic Church 274 Rouse St, Port Melbourne.

The next 163 CONVERSATIONS. will be Tuesday week *March 10th* at 6.15 for 6.30pm at the church.: We will hear about the Watoto Children's Choir - a group of African children choirs based in Kampala, Uganda, More information to come. **RSVP:** by email: janetsnashall@gmail.com or phone Janet 0417 670 132. BYO drinks and a donation for dinner.

SAVE THE DATE: *Walk for Justice Palm Sunday April 5th - 2pm at the State Library*

We respectfully acknowledge the Yaluk-ut Weelam Clan of the Boon Wurrung – the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather. We pay our respects to their Elders - past, present and emerging. We acknowledge and uphold their continuing relationship to this land.

Date	1 March	8 March	15 March	22 March	29 March
<i>Worship</i>	David	David	David	David	David
<i>Assistance</i>	Mary	Robert Roma	Randall	Brian	Wendy
<i>Welcome at door</i>	Louise	Wendy	Mary	Janet	Roma
<i>Flowers</i>	Roma	Deb	Mary	Maureen	Roma
<i>Coffee</i>	Roma	Darren	Maureen	Janet	Roma
<i>Rubbish collection</i>	Randall	Darren/Melissa	Roma	Randall	Mary

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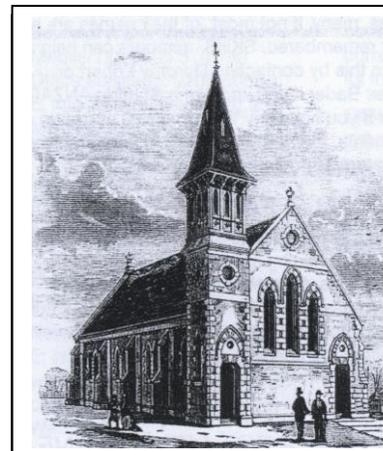
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VISION STATEMENT:

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.

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Contributions to the content are also welcomed.



**St Kilda Uniting Church
Parish Mission**

NEWSLETTER

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Sunday, 1 March 2020

LENT 1

Welcome to our service this morning. Rev. David Pargeter will lead us in worship. Today we welcome our Zimbabwean community. The service today will also include the Baptism of Byran Barrass and baby Georgia Grace. Lunch will then be served in the Drop-In. All welcome

Bible Readings: Exodus 15: 19 – 20 pg. 43; John 7: 37 – 39 pg. 704

The Inclusive Bible

From David: *Science and Faith – our theme for March and Easter*

The names of people like Galileo, Copernicus, and Darwin are familiar because their observations and calculations disrupted long held Christian views on how the universe works and how life began. Carl Sagan of 'pale blue dot' fame, along with many others, like Mary Anning who laid the foundation work for Darwin's theory of evolution, should be added to that list.

Sadly, Christianity doesn't have a good reputation when it comes to accommodating advances in scientific thinking. I say sadly, because many scientists embark upon their career as a natural expression of their faith; their quest for answers to important questions only increases their sense of wonder. I remember interviewing a Professor of Microbiology a few years ago when space exploration was reaching its zenith. For her, the microscopic world was an even larger universe full of mystery and life forms barely understood.

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Christianity's capacity for resisting new ideas and concepts is especially odd, given that its 'founder' was in essence a disrupter of what had become orthodox thinking. **He too paid the price for challenging the fixed views of 'those in charge'. Thankfully, his inspiration lives on!**

Speaking personally, I have always found this disconnect between science and faith rather strange. **Partly because for me faith is both rational and irrational; it involves an engagement of the imagination. In its essence it demands curiosity.** So much of what we do requires a leap into the known and the unknown. So many advances in science and technology have come from an individual's response to human suffering or social issues on a global scale.

During March and Easter, we will explore what is an interesting and challenging relationship between faith and science. A few guests will join us during this time. Starting next week with an interview with David Stagg. There is a brief introduction to David within this newsletter.

Shalom
David

HYMNS/ SONGS.

TiS: 658 I the Lord of Sea and Sky

In the Bulb there is a Flower

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity,
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.
Natalie Sleeth

Christ Be Our Light

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ be our light

Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice. **R**

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. **R**

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. **R**

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come. **R**

Bernadette Farrell 1957.

NOTICES:

INTRODUCING DAVID STAGG

by Robert Hoskin - Sunday March 8

David is a long - time friend and searcher, and his search has intensified over the past decades. As a retired solicitor, he has nurtured his capacity to analyse facts and present arguments. David has brought these skills to bear on his reading of current scientific thought in the **fields of genetics and recent response to evolution.** As a Christian, he has been very aware of how science is relevant to faith, and vice versa.

David has been very interested in technological advances that might respond to global warming. For example, he travelled to USA to visit a nuclear physicist Dr Randall Mills who is developing a brilliant machine run on

water vapour. This machine has the capacity to give extraordinary power with no input other than the water in the air. (See Brilliant Light Power). During a recent holiday together, we had an unplanned conversation with a Palestinian Church of England Bishop around the need to circumvent oil which underlies much of the conflict in the Middle East.

I will interview David during next week's service exploring the question: How does your interest in Science have relevance for your faith? As David has much to share from his readings, he will leave us with a summary of some of the key areas that he has researched. Robert

BUSHFIRES AND THE CLIMATE CRISIS – How do we make 2020 a Transformative Year for all creation?

An interfaith conversation at St Michael's Church hall cnr Russell and Collins St Melbourne, **tomorrow Monday 2 March 6.30 – 8.30pm** Speakers are Dr Maureen Sier from the working group on climate change in Scotland. Rabbi Jonathan Keren-Black of the Jewish ecological commission Rev. Glenn Loughrey Anglican priest and Wiradjuri man. Rev Dr Margaret Mayman ethicist and minister of St Michael's

The next **DISCUSSION NIGHT** for the **Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project (BASP)** will be **this Thursday March 5th 7.30 to 9.30pm** at **St Joseph's Hall 274 Rouse St., Port Melbourne.** Asylum seekers and a migration agent will be on a panel to speak. Supper