

SAVE the DATE. Sunday 26th April we will hold our AGM at 9am. This will be followed by an information /discussion session to bring the congregation up to date with property and other issues. Breakfast will be available from 9am. Please come and join in the conversation.

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

Information about Good Friday service next week. Easter Sunday 10.30 service here at the church.

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	8 March	15 March	22 March	29 March	5 April
<i>Worship</i>	David	David	David	David	David
<i>Assistance</i>	Roma	Randall	Brian	Wendy	Mary
<i>Welcome at door</i>	Wendy	Mary	Janet	Roma	Melissa
<i>Flowers</i>	Deb	Mary	Maureen	Roma	Mary
<i>Coffee</i>	Darren	Maureen	Janet	Roma	Mark
<i>Rubbish collection</i>	Darren/ Melissa	Roma	Randall	Mary	Randall

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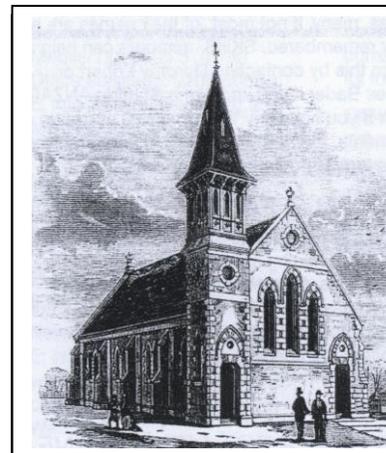
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VISION STATEMENT:

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
Contributions to the content are also welcomed.



**St Kilda Uniting Church
Parish Mission**

NEWSLETTER

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Sunday, 8 March 2020

LENT 2

Welcome to our service this morning on International Women’s Day. Rev. David Pargeter will lead us in worship, which will include an interview between Robert Hoskin and David Stagg on the subject of science and faith. Please join us afterwards for tea/coffee and conversation.

Bible Readings: Psalm 8: pg.373; John 9: 6 -15 pg.706

The Inclusive Bible

From David: Faith and Science

Like most children, I was a very curious child. And I went on to become a very curious adult. I have not changed. Sometimes it got me into trouble and dad would say something like: “curiosity killed the cat”. I always thought and still think that is a rather silly thing to say. Of course there is always the need to have regard for safety etc, but instead of trying to suppress curiosity we really need to be finding ways of encouraging it. Curiosity and imagination have led to some amazing breakthroughs in science and in many other disciplines. I used to love Prof Julius Sumner Miller’s TV show and his famous line “Why is it so?” Every week for about 20 years he stimulated interest in the vast field of physics: sometimes with whacky and bizarre experiments.

The curiosity I had as a child also made its way into my studies; especially asking many questions about the bible, history, theology and faith. I know I am not alone in that particular pursuit. **PTO**

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There are so many questions, and the search for answers usually takes you down other paths leading to even more questions. As a consequence, my faith is stronger not weaker. Richer not poorer. Bigger not smaller. My faith horizons have been deliciously stretched.

For example, ponder on this beautiful and thought-provoking quote from Carl Sagan:

“How is it that hardly any major religion has looked at science and concluded, “This is better than we thought! The Universe is much bigger than our prophets said, grander, more subtle, more elegant?” Instead they say, “No, no, no! My god is a little god, and I want [him] to stay that way.” A religion, old or new, that stressed the magnificence of the Universe as revealed by modern science might be able to draw forth reserves of reverence and awe hardly tapped by the conventional faiths.”

— Carl Sagan

Thank God for people like Carl Sagan.

**Shalom
David**

HYMNS/ SONGS.

TiS: 156. Morning has Broken

Paint a World of Vibrant Colours (TiS tune 698 - Ode to Joy)

Paint a world of vibrant colours, hues of gold and green and blue. Shape the hills in burnt sienna; shade the verdant valleys too. Sing the seas with changing beauty; touch the salty wind-swept spray; hold the setting sun in splendour at the dying of the day.

Walk the silver path of moonlight; enter twilight's mystery; hear the murmur of the ocean; touch the tides and restless sea. Shape the clouds in grey and silver; see the sunlight's golden haze; touch the glory that is fleeting as the sunset ends the day.

Fling the stars into the heavens; set the universe ablaze; sing the requiem of daylight; hold the night sky in our gaze. Hear the planet in its turning sing an ancient symphony; in the colour of the music touch its sacred history.

Still our minds to sense the wonder of our earth's tranquility; feel the stillness and the silence of its deep divinity. Pause in awe and silent wonder; feel the earth's vitality. Love creation and Creator, live the daily mystery.

Helen Wiltshire

The Womb of Life (TiS 155 How Great Thou Art)

The road is long but there is time to ponder
To think about what life on earth might mean.
This pale blue dot, suspended in a sunbeam
One mote of dust, within a cosmic stream.

Refrain:

*This is our world, our place among the stars
A long long way, from Moons and Mars
And this is home to everything that lives.
The womb of life, that gives and gives.*

The roads of faith, are born of myth and story
Woven from life and many human dreams.
They speak of love and hope that knows no ending,
Of mysteries some science now explains.

Refrain:

Yet faith remains a way of comprehending
Of seeing life through thoughtful caring eyes
Of seeking truth within the ancient stories
And finding hope through science and the wise. **Refrain**

David Pargeter

NOTICES:

The next 163 CONVERSATIONS is THIS TUESDAY 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,

See this video clip:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tCEGDkdXOcM>. St Kilda Uniting is hoping to host the choir later in the year so this will be a great chance to hear all about their work. **RSVP:** by email: janetsnashall@gmail.com or phone Janet 0417 670 132. **BYO** drinks and a donation for dinner.

A series of STUDIES at the church will commence THIS WEDNESDAY 11TH MARCH from 6pm to 7pm. The first of the six weeks series will focus on the PARABLES OF JESUS. Come from 5.30 for tea and nibbles. All welcome!

NEXT SUNDAY March 15th we will have LUNCH after church. All welcome.

NEXT SUNDAY: MARCH 15TH marks the first anniversary of the Christchurch massacre. **The Islamic Council of Victoria has announced a mosque open day.** Prayers will be held at 1pm for all who have suffered in this massacre.

The next **MOVIE DATE** is **Tuesday 17th March** probably 2 pm. depending on the program for that day. See Mary for further details.

The **PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIAN NETWORK of Victoria** will meet on **Sunday 22nd March 5.30 – 7.30pm** at Ewing Memorial Centre, Burke & Coppin Sts. Malvern East. You are invited to participate in a meal prepared by **ASRC**. Bookings essential: 9571 4575.info@pcnvictoria.org.au. See flyer