

**SAVE the DATE.** Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> - 2pm at the State Library.**

**GOOD FRIDAY** service will be at Sacred Heart Church, 83 Grey Street, St Kilda West at 9.30am . Easter Sunday 10.30 service here at the church

**Material re Coronavirus available in foyer or can be emailed to you on request.**

*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	15 March	22 March	29 March	5 April End D Save	12 April Easter
<i>Worship</i>	David	David	David	David	David
<i>Assistance</i>	Randall	Brian	Wendy	Mary	Randall
<i>Welcome at door</i>	Mary	Janet	Roma	Melissa	Louise
<i>Flowers</i>	Mary	Maureen	Roma	Mary	Deb
<i>Coffee</i>	Maureen	Janet	Roma	Mark	Louise
<i>Rubbish collection</i>	Roma	Randall	Mary	Randall	Randall

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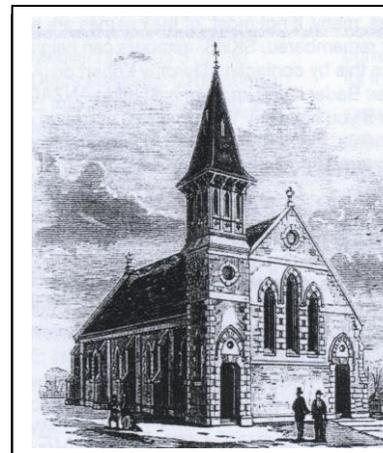
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**VISION STATEMENT:**

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, 15 March 2020**

**LENT 3**

**Welcome to our service this morning. Rev. David Pargeter will lead us in worship. Please join us afterwards for tea/coffee and conversation. This will be followed by lunch**

***Bible Readings: Leviticus 14; 1 – 9 pg 67. Luke 4: 31 – 44 pg. 680  
The Inclusive Bible***

**From David: ‘She sells sea shells on the sea shore’.**

In the early days of my tertiary studies I studied Darwin’s theory of evolution. In the process I learned a bit about his grandfather – Erasmus Darwin. He was a natural historian and once wrote one poem that filled a whole book. This poetry was full of observations about the lives of plants. It didn’t pose any questions. His grandson went on those explorations after observing that different birds had different beaks. **I suppose he also asked “Why is it so”?**

He suggested that birds developed different beaks so that they could consume different foods. The theory of adaptation. In my paper I proposed there could be another option – the kind of beaks they had determined the kind of food they could choose to eat!

**Any way, his particular theory of evolution was born and developed, but in the background was a young female by the name of Mary Anning.**

Unlike the wealthy Darwin clan, Mary was too poor to attend school, Mary taught herself to read, write and draw. She took up fossil hunting to support her fatherless family, selling her ‘finds’ along the coast to locals and visitors. At 12-years-old, around 1810, she made her first major discovery on England’s Dorset coastline (now known as the Jurassic coast). **She revealed a complete ichthvosaurus.**  
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Through her work with fossils, Mary increasingly became an expert in the field of palaeontology – study of fossil animals and plants. Before long, she was an important consultant on prehistoric life and an esteemed member of the science community. However, Mary was prohibited from joining professional societies like the National Geographic because of rules banning female members at the time.

**During her short lifetime, Mary revolutionised her field. Her work influenced the theories of Charles Darwin, who referred to her in his writings as the carpenter's daughter, who deservedly 'won a name for herself'.**

She overcame great challenges during her life to become one of history's foremost palaeontology experts, and she is remembered for transforming the way we understand evolution and prehistoric life. Like so many female scientists she triumphed over adversity. The tongue-twister 'She sells sea shells on the sea shore' is recognised as a reference to young Mary selling fossils along the Dorset coast.

**Shalom  
David**

***HYMNS/ SONGS.***

**TiS: 418 She sits like a Bird**

## **God Of the Women (Tune Tis 547)**

**God of the women** who answered your call,  
Trusting your promises, giving their all,  
Women like Sarah and Hannah and Ruth —  
Give us their courage to live in your truth.

**God of the women** who walked Jesus' Way,  
Giving their resources, learning to pray,  
Mary, Joanna, Susanna, and more  
May we give freely as they did before.

**God of the women** long put to the test,  
Left out of stories, forgotten, oppressed,  
Quietly asking: "Who smiled at my birth?" —  
In Jesus' dying you show us our worth.

**God of the women** who ran from the tomb,  
Prayed with the others in that upper room,  
Then felt your Spirit on Pentecost Day  
May we so gladly proclaim you today.

**O God of Phoebe** and ministers all,  
May we be joyful in answering your call.  
Give us the strength of your Spirit  
so near  
That we may share in your ministry  
here.

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

## **God, We See in Sacred Story (Tune TiS 152 )**

**God, we see in sacred story** women  
suffering silent pain,  
Living at the whim and mercy of the  
ones who troubled them.  
What does history know of Dinah? Was  
she bold and smart and strong?  
We just know her as the victim of a  
most horrendous wrong.

**What of all the countless women** used  
as slave or gift or prize?  
Some were barely more than children  
when they learned what power buys.  
What of women who were summoned?  
What of women cast aside?  
What of those who faced oppression —  
their humanity denied?

**We've heard stories from the women**  
who have blessed us on our way —  
Ones who managed to keep going when  
abusers won the day.  
Some were told to just say nothing;  
some were told they were at fault  
When — at work or home or meeting —  
they faced trouble and assault.

**As in days of old it happened**, so we  
know this still is true:  
Women daily face oppression; many  
still proclaim, "Me too!"  
God, we pray for hurting women, and,  
by grace, O God, may we  
Build a world where every person lives  
in peace and dignity.

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## **NOTICES:**

**The next 163 CONVERSATIONS is TUESDAY April 14 AT 6.15 FOR 6.30PM AT THE CHURCH.:** More information to come. **RSVP:** by email: [janetsnashall@gmail.com](mailto:janetsnashall@gmail.com) or phone Janet 0417 670 132. BYO drinks and a donation for dinner.

**A series of STUDIES at the church will continue THIS WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH from 6pm to 7pm. The second of the six weeks series on the PARABLES OF JESUS. Lively discussion guaranteed! Come from 5.30 for tea/coffee and nibbles. All welcome.**

**Today MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>** marks the first anniversary of the Christchurch massacre. **The Islamic Council of Victoria has announced a mosque open day (check first).** Prayers will be held at 1pm for all who have suffered in this massacre.

The next **MOVIE DATE is this Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March.** There are a number of interesting films to choose from the program for that day. See Mary for further details.

The **PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIAN NETWORK of Victoria** will meet next **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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