

**UNITINGWORLD** *"Live simply, so that others may simply live."* Mahatma Gandhi. The 40-day season of Lent is an opportunity to disrupt our everyday routines by living more simply, taking up a spiritual discipline or being more intentional about our lives and habits. **Lent Event is 40 days of living more simply, learning from our global neighbours and choosing to make a difference in our own lives and the lives of others.** Take up a Lent Event challenge in 2020 and be part of a movement to end poverty and injustice in our world. [Action Ideas \(www.unitingworld.org.au\)](http://www.unitingworld.org.au)

*We respectfully acknowledge the Yaluk-ut Weelam 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	14 Feb Church closed	21 February	28 February	7 March	14 March
<i>Worship</i>	David	David	David	David	David
<i>Assistance</i>	Melissa	Roma	Mary	Wendy	Randall
<i>Welcome at door</i>	Roma	Maureen	Wendy	Louise	Mary
<i>Flowers</i>	Desleigh	Maureen	Roma	Deb	Maureen
<i>Coffee</i>	Roma	Louise	Randall	Louise	Maureen
<i>Rubbish collection</i>	Darren	Roma	Randall	Mary	Roma

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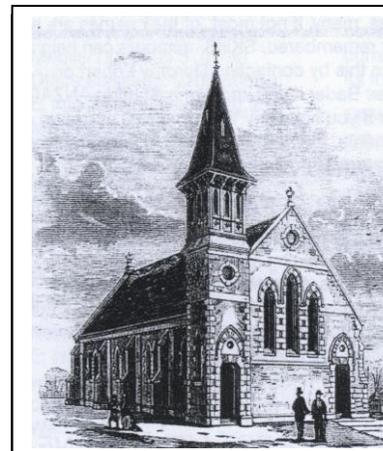
#### VISION STATEMENT:

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**

**Volume 56 Issue 03**

**Sunday, 14 February 2021**

**Transfiguration Sunday**

**A warm welcome to everyone! David will be conducting the service via ZOOM now that we are back into lockdown. How fortunate for us to have such technology to keep us connected! Hope you can join us.**

**Bible Readings: Mark 9: 2 – 8 *The Inclusive Bible* pg 670**

#### **From David: Navigators of Change.**

Having publicly announced my intention to retire around July this year, the implications of that decision are kicking in already. Some of them have been brought to my attention by others who have retired already from vocations that had consumed their head and their heart.

**I am grateful for their input.**

Their insights have been thoughtful and very welcome. I have always responded to changes in my personal life very positively – even those forced upon me by external events, like the death of a parent or illness.

**I will approach retirement with hope and vigour.**

I've also managed changes in my professional life with confidence and energy. Except for those occasions when I felt very deeply that the change being proposed was not in the interests of what I believed to be the primary focus of the ministry I was involved in. Or, the interests of a contemporary Christian faith responding to a world full of possibilities and challenges, and at times, threats to its core identity as a welcoming inclusive community. In those circumstances, I have resisted and opposed with thoughtful arguments and controlled passion. Well, I think I have!

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**Whilst 2021 represents a year of change and transition for me personally, as it does for other individuals in our community, more importantly it also represents a significant year of change for all of us as a community as we craft our course through the next few months.**

We have been making some big and long-overdue decisions about maintenance work on the Church building: the unsafe tower has been refurbished, work will commence very soon on replacing the roof (possibly next week),

**Thanks to some good financial restructuring and improvements in our income base we will be able to weather the financial storm so-to-speak.** So, in some ways, apart from some temporary disruption to using the building over coming months, this part of our future is being handled and underway.

**However, our life and purpose together not only involves but also transcends property-related matters and concerns, and this is where we will need to turn our attention over the coming weeks and months. As a community of very different individuals, we are in this together.**

Some people have been with the 'St Kilda story' for a long time, while others have joined more recently. But it is as a people having equal worth within that community that we will need to navigate this change. We will need to support,

encourage and listen to each other in the process of pooling our faith, our imagination, our passion, our ideas, and our hopes for the faith communities that meet inside 163 Chapel St, St Kilda.

**No one perspective or opinion is less or more important or credible than another. The future will impact upon all of us, so we will need to work together thoughtfully so that we craft a future that looks like something everyone can get behind and bring to life.**

To this end, we will be embarking upon a small group process, hosted by myself and a member of Church Council. We will host these events over the internet using Zoom – something we are now all very familiar with.

**Some papers are going to be sent to you early next week for you to read and think about before the small group meeting – we thought that was better than just beginning with a blank page. I urge you to read them and give them your faithful consideration.**

We are not starting from scratch so-to-speak. We have done things and learned things, and now we draw upon our collective experiences and hopes to shape the next phase of our ministry in St Kilda with imagination, boldness and confidence.

**I know change can be both daunting and at times threatening, but it also opens up all sorts of opportunities for asking questions like: what if.....**

**So, how will we navigate and manage change during 2021?  
Together.**

**Shalom. David**

**NOTICES:**

**ASH WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> February  
7.30 – 8.30 pm.**

**Instead of our BIBLE STUDY group meeting next Wednesday, there will be an online Ash Wednesday service.**

You are most welcome to join this service via Zoom. Invitations will be sent to this event around 7pm.

**Ash Wednesday signifies the start of Lent, and our 'Zoom / online' bible studies during this lead up to Easter will be both informative and devotional.**

**If you wish to be a part of this particular journey and are not already included on the bible study list, let David know via email and he will add you to the invitation list.**

**If you no longer wish to participate also let him know and your address will be deleted.**

**CROSSLIGHT is available online at <https://crosslight.org.au/> Hard copies now available at the front door of the church. Please take one.**

**CHURCH COUNCIL met last Thursday. David has already mentioned some items that were on the agenda. More information next week.**



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**Forests, Faith & the Frontline:  
Why the Cosmic Christ is calling  
you to stand up for creation**

**Rev Alex Sangster, Sunday  
February 28 @ 4:00pm - 5:00 pm**

**Join PCNV zoom meeting by  
clicking on the link below from  
3:50 pm**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87344906739?pwd=afpedznid2nnrhhuuq2wnbyznz0ut09> meeting id: 873 4490 6739 passcode: 643853**

**Feel free to invite other interested friends.**



**City of Port Phillip International Women's Day 2021**

Come join us as we celebrate the everyday achievements of local women, and get to know the people in our community. A free conversation-based event followed by light refreshments.

**Date:** Thursday 4 March 2021

**Time:** 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

**Register:** <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=711948>