

## Blessing Joy Cowley, Psalms Down

May the mystery of God enfold us.  
May the wisdom of God uphold us.  
May the fragrance of God be around us.  
May the brightness of God surround us.  
May the wonder of God renew us.  
May the loving of God flow through us.  
May the peace of God deeply move us.  
May the moving of God bring us peace.

*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	7 February	14 February	21 February	28 February	7 March
<i>Worship</i>	David	David	David	David	David Wendy
<i>Assistance</i>	Randall	Melissa	Roma	Mary	
<i>Welcome at door</i>	Mary	Roma	Maureen	Wendy	Louise
<i>Flowers</i>	Deb	Desleigh	Maureen	Roma	Deb
<i>Coffee</i>	Mark	Roma	Louise	Randall	Louise
<i>Rubbish collection</i>	Randall	Darren	Roma	Randall	Mary

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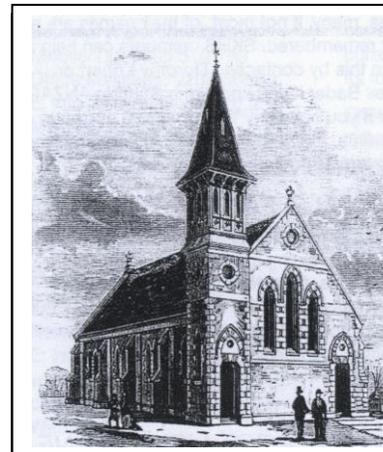
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### VISION STATEMENT:

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.

### NEWSLETTER DETAILS:

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**St Kilda Uniting Church  
Parish Mission**

**NEWSLETTER**

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**EPIPHANY 5**

**A warm welcome to all who have joined us this Sunday and for those who are connected via this Newsletter. It's good to have David back with us after hopefully a refreshing break. We particularly welcome our Zimbabwean friends on this first Sunday of the month as we celebrate Communion (Covid safe). Please stay afterwards for tea/coffee and conversation..**

**Bible Readings: Isaiah 40: 21 – 31 pg 246. Mark 1: 29 – 39 pg 665**

***The Inclusive Bible***

**From David: Perspective Matters.**

My good friend Larry and I spent a good part of last Monday standing on a small jetty on a bend in the Maribyrnong River at Essendon. Actually, we weren't just standing - we were having a go at what is strangely named *plein air painting*. This form of painting was developed by a French artist whose name was Pierre-Henri de Valenciennes ( 1750-1819). *Plein air* is French for outdoors.

**Pierre-Henri took art out of the studio.** Now that may not seem like a big thing but it really was. He thought It was important to paint in situ; that the artist needed to sit in the landscape that she or he was trying to capture on canvass. That the artist needed to wrestle with tone, shape and form, as well as the most significant feature of any painting – light and how light changes everything. I've always enjoyed drawing and painting outdoors; even those times huddled under an umbrella when unanticipated rain arrives.

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**Standing there on the jetty painting with a friend, I was reminded of two important things: the value of friendship and the significance of different perspectives.** The paintings that Larry and I did of the same landscape were very different in so many ways. You could tell that we were painting the same scene but our mixing of colours was different, composition was different, the things we included or left out were different. My canvass was larger than his. My brush strokes were 'looser' than his. His sky was softer and lighter than mine. But we were standing on the same jetty and looking at the same bend in the river.

**I think the 4 Gospels are a bit like that. The authors are making sense of the same 'bend in the river' – the life of Jesus. Mark** is working on a small canvass and focuses on Galilee and Jerusalem, but wants us to capture Jesus's energy and passion. **John** uses a much bigger canvass embracing the whole of time; he takes in the world and the cosmos and wants us to meet Jesus - the living wisdom of God, that was there at the beginning of time and comes to life in a man. **Luke** is a novelist, a storyteller who uses rich and bright colours to illustrate Jesus as a teacher of ethical wisdom. **Matthew** on the other hand is the dreamer. There are softer edges to his work. He wants us to see, touch, experience and become

attracted to what the kingdom of heaven might be like.

**Each perspective is different and we are enriched by each of them. I also get the sense that these are *plein air* portraits. Crafted in situ; in the landscape, not studio productions. I think that's why I love and appreciate each of them for what they bring to our understanding of this enigmatic man from Nazareth, who has so deeply enriched my faith and the faith of many generations.**

I can't wait for my next trip into the outside world with my portable easel and my bag of paints and brushes - oh, and my friend of course.

Shalom  
David

***HYMNS/ SONGS. On screen***  
***TiS 100: All Creatures of our God and King***

***TiS 10: The Lord's my Shepherd***

***TiS 595: O Jesus I have Promised***

***NOTICES:***

***BIBLE STUDY: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February from 7.30 – 8.30 pm.***

After a short study on how the context for discipleship in the group that followed Jesus is vastly different to our own, we turn this coming week to **who the first disciples were and what kind of lives did they leave behind to take part in the public ministry of Jesus.** David

**If you would like to be added to the Bible Study list, please send David an email. If you no longer wish to participate also let him know and your address will be deleted.**

### ***COVID***

It is wonderful that we can gather quite freely at church now but there are still rules that are important still to follow;

- At the front door there is a book to **record the name and contact details** of all who attend the church. The **QR Code** is also there for those who would like to use it.
- **Hand sanitizer** is on the table also – please use it when you enter
- **We no longer need to wear masks at church except when singing so please have one with you.**
- **It is essential that if you are feeling unwell, please stay home**
- Please try to maintain **physical distancing** - hugs and handshakes will have to wait a bit longer!
- We can now have tea and coffee after the service – if you can bring your own cup that's all the better.

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

***NEWSBEAT*** | Port Phillip East Presbytery newsletter is available online. Go to [www.ucapapp.org.au](http://www.ucapapp.org.au) and follow the prompts.

### ***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. 'Fasting' is a common discipline for Lent, going without something for 40 days. **But more powerful than fasting from chocolate or Netflix etc, is choosing to fast from *indifference* to others and to the challenges facing our world: poverty, conflict, inequality, violence, a changing climate..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)

***UNITINGCARE calls for JobKeeper extension. "As Federal Parliament resumed this week the National Director of UnitingCare Australia, Claerwen Little, urged the Government to remember those most in need" Full report [www.assembly.uca.org.au](http://www.assembly.uca.org.au)***