

## Church Offering.

As you know, Covid restrictions have prevented us from making our 'offerings' during services, so we will make sure that there is a plate at the front door if you would like to use it.

We do encourage you, as the best and safest option, to make your contribution to support the work of the church by **bank transfer**; **St Kilda Uniting Church BSB 013 427. Acct 3108 34465. 'Offering' is all you need as a reference.**

*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 March | 14 March | 21 March | 28 March | 4 April Easter |
|---------------------------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------------|
| <i>Worship</i>            | David   | David    | David    | David    | David          |
| <i>Assistance</i>         | Wendy   | Randall  | Roma     | Melissa  | Desleigh       |
| <i>Welcome at door</i>    | Louise  | Mary     | Maureen  | Wendy    | Maureen        |
| <i>Flowers</i>            | Deb     | Maureen  | Louise   | Desleigh | Deb            |
| <i>Coffee</i>             | Louise  | Maureen  | Mark     | Darren   | Louise         |
| <i>Rubbish collection</i> | Mary    | Roma     | Mary     | Darren   | Randall        |

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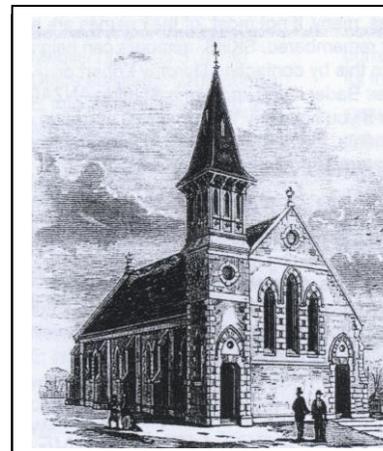
### VISION STATEMENT:

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, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

**THIRD SUNDAY of LENT**

**A warm welcome to everyone today. David will be conducting the service this morning which will include communion. Please stay afterwards for tea/coffee and conversation. For those attending, it is important to follow all the 'COVID' regulations of signing in, safe-distancing and using the hand-sanitiser. Thank you.**

**Bible Readings: 1 Kings 19: 9 – 13 pg. 202. Mark 1: 9 – 15 pg.664**  
*The Inclusive Bible*

### From David: Doing something for somebody else

At a birthday function recently I likened playing tennis to being part of a faith community – both rely heavily upon people who can serve. I know, terrible joke. But it makes the point.

One aspect of congregational ministry that always inspires me, is the willingness of people to give their time, their skills and their energy to what we call 'service'. It's an old – fashioned word that used to embody things like duty and responsibility and commitment. **But at its heart lies the idea of doing something for somebody else. Congregations are full of people who do something for somebody else.**

Some people have titles for what they do, and are appointed to them; like Elder, or Steward, or Member of Council, or Treasurer etc. So much of what they do takes place behind the scenes – unseen by most. This Sunday, during our time of gathering, we will recognise and honour these particular expressions of service to the faith community. But they are not alone in their willingness to serve.

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Think about it for a moment:

- Who manages all the bookings of the building and liaises with the choirs, AA groups etc?
- Who does the rostering for who's on the door this week, or making coffee or bringing flowers?
- Who looks after the cleaning?
- Who organises the musicians for Sunday?
- Who puts the bulletin together each week?
- Who brings the bread for Communion?

And then, there are those people who are actually willing to serve in those capacities. The flute players, violinist, trumpet player and pianists. The coffee makers and cake bakers. Then again, there are those who are so much more 'invisible'- the people who make that caring phone call that no one else knows about, or the people who invite someone over for coffee or a walk in the park or.....

**Finding ways of serving and supporting the faith community or the wider community is limited only by our imagination, or opportunity.** But I also know that sometimes even the smallest expression of service can feel like a burden if there is no one else willing to take it on or just provide some respite, or recognise its worth.

**So let us give thanks for those who are willing to do something for somebody else – it's what makes the world a kinder place. Peace. David**

## *Songs/Hymns – on screen*

**The Lord is my Shepherd TiS 10**

**Guide Me, O my great Redeemer. TiS 569**

**I, the Lord of Sea and Sky. TiS 658**

## **NOTICES:**

**BIBLE STUDY (via ZOOM).** This Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30 – 8.30pm, we will continue our exploration of Holy Week - a day at a time, week by week. We have done Sunday and Monday - the Alternative Palm Sunday procession, followed by the parable of the Fig Tree and the symbolic destruction of the Temple.

**This week we will explore 'Tuesday' - the conflicts between Jesus and the Temple authorities.** Invitations to join via Zoom go out around 7pm.

**For your calendar: March 17 and 24. Holy Week begins Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March.**

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.

**SYNOD of Victoria & Tasmania met last weekend on-line. The entire Synod 2021 meeting was broadcast live for members of the wider church. You can watch the recordings of all broadcast sessions,**

## **including the Synod Worship**

**Service [here](#)** The daily written summaries can also be found on [Crosslight Online](#)

**Rev David Fotheringham** was elected as the next Moderator.

**UCA President Dr Deidre Palmer has offered a #IWD message and a prayer. "Choose to Challenge"**

**In a message honouring International Women's Day this Monday 8th March, President of the Uniting Church Dr Deidre Palmer gives thanks for all the women who are leading the way in our communities and churches, embodying God's mission of love, justice, and reconciliation.**

**On this day we invite people to thank and affirm the women who encourage, mentor and empower. Celebrate the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women and rally for equality and gender justice, and an end to gender-based violence.**

## **Climate Crisis Multi-faith Day of Action – next Thursday 11th March**

Join faith communities around the world for the biggest-ever multi-faith **Day of Action** on the climate crisis - called *Sacred People, Sacred Earth*. Join the **Day of Action** by making your church one of hundreds of places of worship all around the world 'sounding the alarm' for the climate. You can do this by ringing bells if you have them, playing bagpipes or other instruments, singing, or anything else, as long as you do it publicly. More information can be [found here](#), or contact Tejopala Rawls,

Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ARRCC) +61 (0)498 475 056 [www.arrcc.org.au](http://www.arrcc.org.au)

**PALM SUNDAY 2021 WALKS = March 28 - will be held in every major city in Australia in 2021.** This is a chance to show solidarity with many individuals and groups who want to welcome people seeking refuge and treat all those who have arrived, with dignity and care. **We walk down Swanston Street ending in the park opposite the Arts Centre.** There will be performances from artists with a refugee background **from 1.30 at the library site.** More information to come.

**NEWSLETTER from Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project (BASP), Albert Park, on Notice Board. Contributions to their pantry are always most welcome. Vouchers are particularly versatile.** Sugar, cooking oil, cans of fruit and tomatoes, cheese, eggs, long life milk, tea and coffee, honey, noodles, tuna, basmati rice, dates, jam, gladwrap, tinfoil, pegs, sweet and savoury Biscuits, snacks for school lunches, salt and pepper, spices. Soap, shampoo and conditioner, shaving cream and shavers, toothpaste and toothbrushes, garbage bags, washing powder, dish-washing detergents and household cleaning products. For anyone wishing to make a donation, the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Trust Acct. BSB 083-004.A/C 56-924-6603. **Put your name on entry and email: [contact@basp.org.au](mailto:contact@basp.org.au)**