

Remember that it is still important to follow the guidelines to be Covid-Safe

When you arrive, please either scan the QR code or write your name and contact details in the book provided.

Please remember to physical distance

Wearing of masks when singing is optional

Use the hand sanitiser provided

Please do not come if you are feeling unwell

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	25 April ANZAC DAY	2 May	9 May	16 May	23 May
Worship	David	David	David	David	David
Assistance	Roma	Melissa	Randall	Wendy	Roma
Welcome at door	Melissa	Roma	Mary	Louise	Melissa
Flowers	Desleigh	Mary	Roma	Louise	Maureen
Coffee	Darren	Mary	Louise	Maureen	Darren
Rubbish collection	Melissa	Darren	Roma	Randall	Darren

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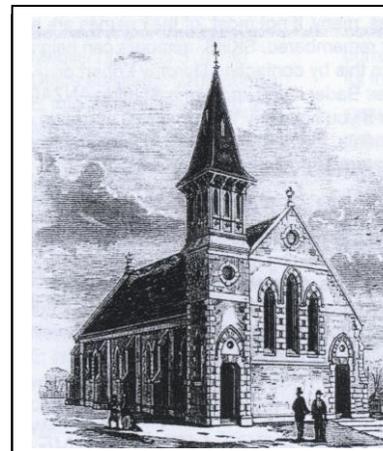
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VISION STATEMENT:

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

Volume 56 Issue 13

Sunday, 25th April 2021

EASTER 4

A warm welcome to everyone on this ANZAC Day. Rev David Pargeter will be leading us in worship this morning. Please stay afterwards for tea/coffee and conversation.

**Readings: Poem “Why are they selling poppies, mummy?”
Matthew 5: 1 – 13 pg. 646 *The Inclusive Bible***

From David: Foxes, fog and ‘feology’

I hadn’t seen a fox in the wild for years. Even longer since I’d driven in deep darkness swallowed up by thick drifting fog. For both things to happen in the same day was really quite marvellous. I was spending my day off with my dear friend Larry. He was crafting a ‘retreat’ for himself in a way that only Larry can: staying in a friend’s house at Beech Forest in the Otways, surrounded by books scattered around the house. Books about poetry and art, as well as a few unread and previously read novels.

We were having one of our painting days. We had chosen a view from the lounge room window, of a grassy slope blanketed in thick fog shrouding several eucalyptus trees. It was a soft grey day and just a little bit eerie, with gentle light trying to make its presence felt from above and to the north. While we attempted to capture this rather beautiful little landscape, a reddish-brown fox trotted daintily across the wet paddock. She ducked effortlessly under wire fences and made her way to a hedgerow in the distance. A short while later she returned with something like a bread roll in her jaws as she trotted back to where she had come. A little while later she made the same trip. A den somewhere and probably some cubs. Some Maggies swooped in and away, disappearing quickly into the fog.

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Cont..... The landscape was quite challenging to paint – the light kept changing and the scene kept shifting. How do you capture the magic of sunlight breaking through fog? Or the hint of moisture on the ground? Or the arrival of an unexpected visitor – vilified by farmers, killer of native species, but a creature of astonishing beauty?

Evening arrived quite suddenly. So, we sat by the wood heater, feeling the radiating warmth of burning logs and the visual delight of red and orange flames hovering over white and grey charcoal embers. We savoured the pleasantness of a full glass of a nice red wine and thoughtful conversation

In that moment, I found myself thinking about ‘feology’ – foxes, fog, forests, friends, and faith.

Last week was a tough week personally – but once again, I experienced the restorative power of nature to heal and hold. That wonderful poem by Wendel Berry filled my thoughts:

*When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children’s
lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water, and the
great heron feeds.*

*I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of still
water.*

*And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting with their light. For a time I rest
in the grace of the world, and am free.*

Shalom. David

Songs/Hymns:

TiS 586 Abide with me

**TiS 607 Make me a channel of
your peace**

God’s spirit is in my heart.

NOTICES:

BIBLE STUDY (via ZOOM).

Wednesdays: 7.30 - 8.30

**Last Wednesday we opened up a
conversation about resurrection.**

We looked at the background of the
word and its original meaning.

**Next Wednesday we will talk more
about the ‘visions’ / appearances to
the disciples.** Clearly something

occurred to turn them around from
despondency to action. Was it all
caught up in what today we
understand as normal grief responses
to the loss of someone dearly and
deeply loved? Or did it have
something to do with a meal?

**If you are not already included on
the bible study list, let David know
via email and he will add you to the
invitation list.**

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NEW WEBSITE FEATURE

***If you are unable to attend church
or want to refresh your memory of
most of the Sunday services, then
check out the website for the audio
recordings;***

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THE PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIAN
NETWORK OF VICTORIA INC.

You are invited to

***JESUS & THE EMPOWERING
INFLUENCE OF FRIENDSHIP***

**Why Gracious Living is More
Important than Right Belief**

with Rev John Smith

TODAY April 25, 2021

3:00pm - 5:00 pm @

Ewing Memorial Centre of Stonnington
Uniting Church

Corner of Burke Road & Coppin Street,
Malvern East

**Online access to PCNV meetings will
continue. Feel free to invite other**

**interested friends
(pcnvictoria.org.au)**

***THIS TUESDAY* is the monthly Film
afternoon organised by Mary. Please
contact her if you would like more
information brimary@iprimus.com.au**

***SACREDEGE - 'MINI-
FESTIVAL': Next Saturday 1 May |
QUEENSCLIFFE***

11am Celebrate **World Labyrinth
Day**, experience the Ocean Labyrinth in
the Park, with Sue Beeton and Christina
Rowntree.

1.30pm Kerryn Fields in Concert: "A
joyous presence"

3pm Damon Gameau's renowned and
inspiring documentary film "2040"

***SACREDEGE FESTIVAL - 3-5
September 2021***

***163 CONVERSATIONS* will be
back on Tuesday, 11 May at
6.30pm . More information to
come.**

***DO YOU LOVE TO SING?* Then why
not join the **South Melbourne
Singers**. There are no auditions, no
fees, and no joining requirements, apart
from a willingness to learn and work
well with the group. You don't really
need to be able to read music, and help
is readily available. **REHEARSALS**
Once a week from 7.30 - 9.00pm on
Mondays at the Uniting Church, 329
Dorcas St South Melbourne Parking is
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***FOR YOUR DIARY, Church AGM
Sunday May 23rd* starting with
breakfast. Reports need to reach David
no later than **May 9th.****

Please keep **SATURDAY JULY 10TH
free for a church dinner 🍷**

CHURCH OFFERING.

We do encourage you, as the best and
safest option, to make your contribution
to support the work of the church by
bank transfer;

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you need as a reference.**