

Dennis Fisher. Guests will include Elders, friends, community members and councillors, and there will be time to catch up and share stories with one another after a long absence. Boxed lunches and soft drinks will be provided, plus we'll have some terrific door prizes. Covid-related space restrictions will limit numbers to 80 guests, so **RSVPs are essential: T: 9699 8804 or E: rosemary.rule @gmail.com** (time of function to be followed up)

WEBSITE 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; www.stkildaunitingchurch.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	9 May	16 May	23 May AGM	30May	
<i>Worship</i>	David	David	David	David	
<i>Assistance</i>	Randall	Wendy	Roma	Mary	
<i>Welcome at door</i>	Mary	Louise	Melissa	Maureen	
<i>Flowers</i>	Roma	Louise	Maureen	Deb	
<i>Coffee</i>	Louise	Maureen	Darren	Roma	
<i>Rubbish collection</i>	Roma	Randall	Darren	Roma	

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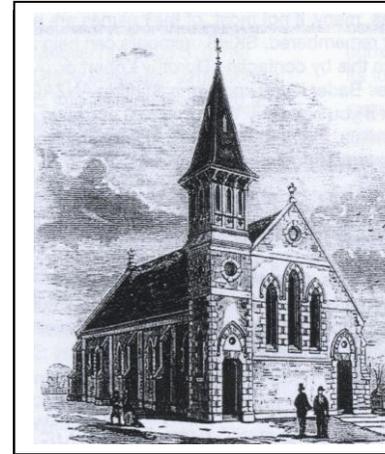
VISION STATEMENT:

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

Contributions to the content are also welcomed.



**St Kilda Uniting Church
Parish Mission**

NEWSLETTER

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Sunday, 9th May 2021

EASTER 7

A warm welcome to everyone today. Rev David Pargeter will lead us in worship. Please stay afterwards for tea/coffee and conversation.

READINGS: Gospel of Mary (Nag Hamadi Library - extract)
Acts 10: 44 – 48 pg.724 *The Inclusive Bible*

FROM DAVID: “Do this to remember me”.

These poignant words deeply connected with breaking bread and sharing wine, have special meaning for me this month. So too, did the ANZAC day gathering when we focused upon ‘Lest we forget’. Especially today on Mother’s Day.

A couple of weeks ago the nursing home in which my 93 yr old mother-in-law has lived for the last 9 years informed us that they were closing down. She could be relocated to a new home in Hawthorn if we agreed to some terms – which we did. Not much choice really.

My mother-in-law has very poor vision, so she doesn’t read anymore or watch tv, and although she has hearing aids, hears virtually nothing. Even conversations are quite difficult. She is quite frail. She is my wife’s mother, but I have always called her mum. She has always treated me like a son.

Mum was quite anxious about moving. Her little room in Tanderra was comfortable and she knew exactly where everything was. She relied heavily on her memory of her surroundings, it made her feel safe. In the past few months her memory of family and events was starting to show significant signs of deteriorating.

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Three weeks ago we moved mum to Hawthorn. The facilities are excellent and very modern but very unfamiliar to her. We increased our visits just to make sure she was settling in ok. Last week she had a fall. Nothing broken, but when I visited the next day, it was like she was in shock. Expressionless and vacant. We went to see her again this Tuesday. She remembered Julia after a little while, but she had no idea who I was. At one stage she said to Julia, “who is that man, is he the nurse”?

I'd been anticipating it for a while now, so I was almost ready for it, but it still saddened me deeply. We'd been through it previously with my father-in-law.

During the course of ministry, I've spent time with individuals and families going through this same circumstance; powerless to arrest this subtle but profound experience of watching someone you love disappear in every sense except physically. Memory is such an important part of being human. Who are we without memories? In some ways, we are our memories; our memories make us who we are. Who are we without them?

The cherishing of some memories and the integration of others is a major part of the work of being

human. At the end of the day, it's part of the whole mystery of existence but for those who look at life through the lenses of faith, we can hold onto the idea that although someone's memory of G-d might fade, God's memory of us does not.

Because it's Mother's Day – let's cherish the memories.

Shalom. David

Songs/Hymns:

TiS 416 She sits like a bird

TiS 106 Now thank we all our God

TiS 474 Here in this place

NOTICES:

BIBLE STUDY (via ZOOM).

Wednesdays: 7.30 - 8.30

Last Wednesday was part 1 of at least a 4 part series on the Spirit of God. We always spend a few weeks preparing for Christmas and Easter, so I thought there would be value in preparing for **Pentecost**. It's an interesting season and I can only hope it will make more sense after the study series.

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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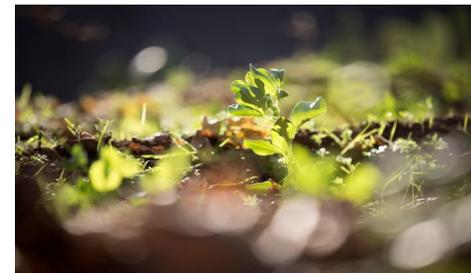
The PCNV invites you to explore:
Politics, Concepts of Evil and Apocalyptic Insights

with Rev Dr Robyn Whitaker
SUNDAY MAY 23rd: 3pm to 5pm
Ewing Memorial Centre of Stonnington Uniting Church, cnr Burke Rd., & Coppin St., Malvern East

This meeting will also be live streamed to the PCNV YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FvWs9chH1eg>.

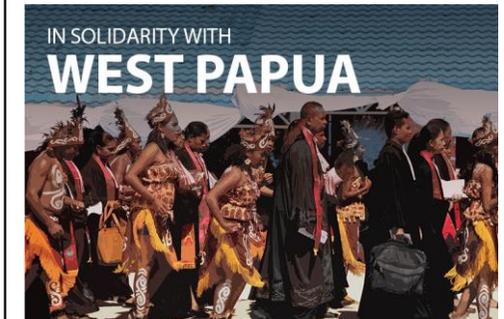
Or check the PCNV website.



In a newly released podcast, Dr Louk Andrianos, **World Council of Churches consultant on *Care for Creation, Sustainability and Climate Justice***, reflects on how faith and science can harmoniously blend in ways that help us all care for. Creation. The podcast can be found at this link [ffouhttps://www.oikoumene.org/news/podcast-blends-faith-and-science-to-promote-care-for-creation](https://www.oikoumene.org/news/podcast-blends-faith-and-science-to-promote-care-for-creation)

CHURCH AGM is in two weeks, **Sunday May 23rd** starting with breakfast at 9am

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



Seeking dialogue and peace for West Papua. The Uniting Church in Australia Assembly has sought to highlight concerns about ongoing violence and oppression of the indigenous peoples of West Papua.

CITIZENS FOR RECONCILIATION PORT PHILLIP: SORRY DAY

I invite our members and friends to join us for a lunch to commemorate **National Sorry Day on Wednesday 26 May**. While there are a few changes this year there are sure to be plenty of memorable moments. The venue is the **hall at St Peter & Paul's Church, 377 Dorcas Street** on the corner with Montague St, South Melbourne – enter on Montague St through the courtyard and the hall is to the right. There will be an official