

COVID -19 . When we are next able to meet after lockdown, remember that the Victorian Government has moved to a **single QR Code Covid-19 check-in system**. It means that our church and all its users **MUST** use the free Victorian Government QR Code Service – a number of copies of our code have been placed around the foyer so that you don't have to use the one at the front door. If you cannot use the QR code, please write your name and contact details in the book provided at the door and this information will be uploaded by our friendly *Welcome at the Door* person(s). **Please use the SANITIZER as you enter the church**. At this present time it is compulsory to wear **FACE MASKS at all times**. Someone is always rostered on for **MORNING TEA** after church – they will serve coffee/tea.

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	30 May	6 June	13 June	20 June	27 June
<i>Worship</i>	David	David	David	David	David
<i>Assistance</i>	Mary	Randall	Melissa	Wendy	Roma
<i>Welcome at door</i>	Maureen	Louise	Darren	Maureen	Wendy
<i>Flowers</i>	Deb	Roma	Mary	Deb	Maureen
<i>Coffee</i>	Roma	Louise	Mary	Mark	Melissa
<i>Rubbish collection</i>	Roma	Roma	Randall	Roma	Darren

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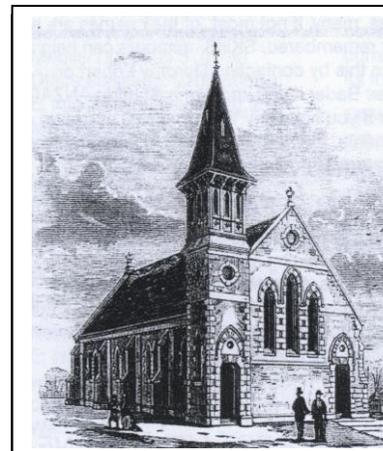
VISION STATEMENT:

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 18

Sunday, 30th May 2021

TRINITY SUNDAY

We welcome everyone who has joined us via ZOOM today. David will lead our gathering from his study! We particularly welcome those of you who can only ever join us this way- it's good to see you. We hope we can all get together at church next week

READING: John 3: 1 – 10 pg. 699 *The Inclusive Bible*

FROM DAVID: Hard things...

Hard things by definition are hard. Reconciliation is a hard thing. In truth, I have come to recognise it as one of the hardest things in life. I write from personal experience, but perhaps it comes easier to others. I have found that all sorts of things get in the way. Feelings and thoughts mostly. Long held resentments that tend to feed themselves quite easily. Memories of particular events and experiences that just won't go away. Some things feel like they are so important that they can't be easily set aside or forgiven. Or, forgotten. At times, the past haunts the present like a stalking beast rather than a font of recurring joy. Strange how the more unpleasant stuff lingers longer than the good stuff.

Consequently, I have come to the conclusion that life is about trying to understand oneself amid a lifetime of memories and experiences, and the risks we take with people and decisions. I was reminded of this 'truth' in Barbara Kingsolver's book *Animal Dreams* which I read a few years ago now and which came to mind while thinking about this article.

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I had made note of a sentence that really resonated with me. It's since been turned into a meme – that's how profound it is.

“Memory is a complicated thing, a relative to truth, but not its twin”.

We all have our own perspective on the things that happen in our lives. Someone else ‘looking on’ might form a different view. But most of the time, our view is the only one we encounter and have to make sense of.

Which is why I think reconciliation is the hardest of things to do.

Because it often means letting go of how we see things or remember things, and listening to someone else's perspective. That requires a particular kind of compassion - filled courage, along with a large dose of humility.

But there is healing within the process – for everyone involved, especially the one who initiates it.

Shalom
David

Songs/Hymns:

As the Covid-19 lockdown has sent us back to Zoom this weekend, there will be no hymns to sing. 📺 David will choose music for the online service.

NOTICES:

BIBLE STUDY (via ZOOM).

Wednesdays: 7.30 - 8.30 pm.
Our series on **God as Spirit** resumes this week. We will spend some time looking at the concept of **‘Speaking in Tongues’**. It should prove to be an interesting topic. An email invitation with a zoom link will be sent out around 7pm.

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. saints163@bigpond.com



The next PCNV meeting will be on **June 27th**. In the meantime why not check out the interesting material on the website:

<https://www.pcnvictoria.org.au>

CHURCH AGM was held last Sunday.

If you have not received a copy of the Annual Report and would like one, please send an email to desleighk@ozemail.com.au and an electronic copy will be sent to you.

163 CONVERSATIONS has been cancelled for **Tuesday June 8th**. Look out for details for **July 13th**

MOVIE GROUP has been cancelled for **June 1st**.



UNITING WINTER SHARE

APPEAL As winter approaches, the recent reduction in the JobSeeker payment, combined with the end of JobKeeper, will see more people slipping into crisis. **The Uniting Winter Share Appeal is a way of helping vulnerable people.**

To donate:

<https://www.unitingvictas.org.au/appeal>

RECONCILIATION WEEK



May 27th to 3rd June 2021

Reconciliation Australia's theme for 2021,

More than a word. Reconciliation takes action, urges the reconciliation movement towards braver and more impactful action.

Reconciliation is a journey for all Australians – as individuals, families, communities, organisations and importantly as a nation. At the heart of this journey are relationships between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
<https://nrw.reconciliation.org.au/>

The latest newsletter from **BASP Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project** is out and can be found on

www.basp.org.au. I will also pin one on the notice board at church

For anyone wishing to make a **donation**, the Project Bank details are: Brigidine Asylum Seekers Trust Account: bsb: 083-004; a/c: 56-924-6603; NAB. Please put your name on the entry and please email us at contact@basp.org.au after making a donation so we can send you a tax deductible receipt. We will send a newsletter but feel free to tell us that you don't want one.



Space2b, 144 Chapel St, St Kilda is having a festival on Sunday 20th June 2021, 1-3 pm at our church.

Feels Like Home Multicultural Celebrations
Come earlier to join our carnival parade from Space2b to the event 12.30 pm

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