

PORT MELBOURNE UNITING CHURCH is running a program *Grow & Eat* these next school holidays. **Grow & Eat** is a family activity suitable for 4-12 year olds and their parents or carers. Each week we will do some fun cooking (and eating!) and a garden related activity. **Wednesdays 1.30 – 3pm** in the hall of the church, 144 Bridge St, Port Melbourne (enter via Nott Street)

COVID RESTRICTIONS: Wear a mask at all times when inside especially while singing. Please keep your distance from others. Register with the QR code – the “welcome at the door” person can help you with this. Please use the hand sanitizer. Tea and coffee permitted and this will be served to you

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	20 June	27 June	4 July	11 July	18 July
<i>Worship</i>	David	David	David	David	David
<i>Assistance</i>	Wendy	Roma	Randall	Louise	Mary
<i>Welcome at door</i>	Maureen	Wendy	Louise	Roma	Darren
<i>Flowers</i>	Deb	Maureen	Desleigh	Louise	Mary
<i>Coffee</i>	Mark	Melissa	Louise	Roma	Melissa
<i>Rubbish collection</i>	Roma	Darren	Randall	Randall	Mary

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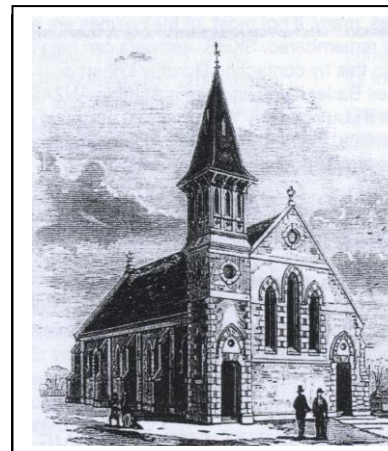
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VISION STATEMENT:

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:

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, 20th June 2021
Refugee Week**

A warm welcome to everyone today. Rev. David Pargeter will lead our gathering. We are pleased to be back in the church building, masked and keeping our distance, but also think of those of you who are only able to join us on Zoom. Remember that if you can't join us in person, much of today's service will soon be up on our website.

READING: Job 38: 1 – 8 pg.441 Mark 4: 35. – 5: 5 pg. 667

The Inclusive Bible

FROM DAVID: Another kind of world.

During 'lockdown version 4, I've been watching a brilliantly made TV series called *The Man in the High Castle*. It's a superb adaptation of Philip Dick's 1962 novel of the same name. I haven't read the book but the TV adaptation is stunning.

It's a dystopian alternate history depicting a parallel universe where the two major powers of Nazi Germany and the Empire of Japan rule the world together after their victory in WW2. In this parallel universe, the German Reich and Imperial Japan have divided the USA into the Nazi Reich in the East with New York as the capital city, and the Japanese Pacific States to the West with San Francisco as its capital city. Between them lies the Neutral Zone.

Dystopian 'perspectives' always contain a large measure of injustice and suffering, unlike utopian perspectives, but in *The Man in the High Castle*, there are some truly beautiful people with equally beautiful ethics. **Cont...**

Cont... I won't say any more, but if you like dystopian stories full of intrigue and surprises, I highly recommend it. **But my reason for writing about it, is that it got me thinking about alternate histories.**

What if Ridley Scott produced an alternate history starting around 33CE? What if Jesus's confrontation with the Temple leaders and corrupt system had resulted in them saying something like: *"You know what, I think he's onto something. Why don't we listen to him and change how we do things around here?"*

What if, instead of being crucified for being a trouble-maker, Jesus was appointed as the High Priest and commenced an agenda of serious religious and social reform?

What if, the Jesus Movement never morphed into early Christianity, but instead Judaism, discovered a fresh understanding of YHWH and fulfilled its original calling – to be a spiritual light to the nations. **Where justice was respected. Compassion was paramount. Where love of neighbour underpinned every social policy on earth and inclusion became the priority of the day.**

What if.....

Oh well, it's good to dream. But what a great TV series that would make

Shalom
David

SONGS/HYMNS:

On the screen

NOTICES:

BIBLE STUDY (via ZOOM).

Wednesdays: 7.30 - 8.30 pm.

Last Wednesday, in **part 1**, we considered the undisclosed 'elephant in the room' that sits behind much of Paul's letters to the Church at Corinth and informs his developing theology. **This week we will take a close look at Paul's metaphor for the Christian Community as the 'Body of Christ'**. Remembering of course that Christ isn't Jesus's surname but means quite literally 'anointed one', or 'one who is anointed'.

Invitations to the zoom gathering go out around 7 pm for a 7.30 start.

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 next PCNV meeting is next **Sunday June 27th from 4 to 5.15pm.** The **Rev Dr Margaret Mayman** will speak about *Progressive Christianity – living it out in congregational and public life*
<http://www.pcnvictoria.org.au>

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87045470723?pwd=V0xieWRhK1daNFIS2o3bVBqMjRodz09>

163 CONVERSATIONS will be on **Tuesday July 13th, 6.15 for 6.30.**
More details to be announced

MOVIE GROUP– **This Tuesday June 22nd.** If you would like to join the group, please contact Mary. brimary@iprimus.com.au

A reminder that our **CHURCH DINNER** will be held on **Saturday night 10th July at 6.30pm** – Covid restrictions permitting – at Ruth and Mark's home. This will be David's last social gathering with us before he retires so do come if you can. Please email Desleigh desleighk@ozemail.com.au



SPACE2B, 144 Chapel St, St Kilda **postponed their festival Feels Like Home Multicultural Celebrations** planned for today at our church. It will now be held (Covid willing) on **Sunday 29th August from 12.30 until 3.30pm.** Carnival parade will leave from Space2b to the church @12.30 pm



Let me introduce you to **Jodie**, the new **Team Leader at the Engagement Hub.** Jodie has worked for Prahran Mission and Uniting for many years across several different programs and is looking forward to her new position. Welcome Jodie!.

Today is **WORLD REFUGEE DAY** and the commencement of **Refugee Week** .www.refugeeweek.org.au **Refugee Week** provides a platform where positive images of refugees can be promoted in order to create a culture of welcome throughout the country.



The Asylum Seeker Resource Centre is holding a **TELETHON** to raise funds for their projects. Phone 1300 692 772 or check their website <https://asrc.org.au>

This TUESDAY marks the 44th ANNIVERSARY of the Uniting Church in Australia. Click to read: [President's Anniversary message 2021 - Uniting Church Australia](#)