

At last – after waiting a very long time - our Notice Board has been installed, with David posting the first message last Tuesday.

COVID RESTRICTIONS:

Please wear a **mask** at all times when inside and especially while singing.

Keep your **distance** from others.

Register with the **QR code** – the “welcome at the door” person can help you with this if necessary.

Please use the **hand sanitizer**.

Tea and coffee 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	4 July	11 July	18 July	25 July	1 August
Worship	David	David	David	David	Robert
Assistance	Randall	Louise	Mary	Melissa	Wendy
Welcome at door	Louise	Roma	Darren	Maureen Roma	Roma
Flowers	Desleigh	Louise	Mary	Maureen	Deb
Coffee	Louise	Roma	Melissa	Louise Mary	Mark
Rubbish collection	Randall	Randall	Mary	Darren	Randall

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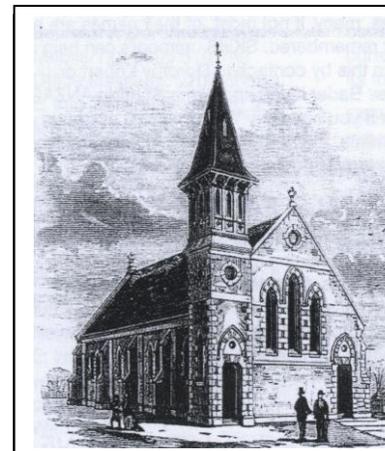
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VISION STATEMENT:

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, 4th July 2021

NAIDOC Week 4 - 11 July 2021

We welcome you all, including our Zimbabwean friends, to our service today. **Rev. David Pargeter** will lead our gathering which includes communion. Please stay afterwards for tea/coffee and conversation. Please remember to wear your mask and practise physical distancing .

READINGS: Ezekiel 2: 1 - 7 pg.302. Mark 6: 1 – 13 pg.668

The Inclusive Bible

FROM DAVID: Human – doing or being?

I can't believe just how quickly the past 6 months have passed. Here I am knocking gently on the door of retirement with just 4 Sundays to go. It's a rather strange feeling – some of you have been through this experience already. Some recently. Some, quite a while ago. Some might be looking forward to it but have a few years before it arrives. Some are just setting out on meaningful careers.

Like each of you, I have had many transitions in life but this one feels significantly different. Other occasions involved changing roles: single, married, couple, children etc. Emigrating twice and settling into new lifestyles and challenges were biggies. Changing ministry directions was always a mix of excitement and apprehension. But I have to say that stepping away from full-time ministry and diving into the arms of the retiree world fills me with a high degree of nervousness.

I've got great hobbies that I love. I've got plans for some writing and a focus on producing some new lyrics for familiar hymn tunes. **Cont ...**

Cont... Oh, and some travel when the borders open up again; I'd like to visit my elderly siblings in the UK while they are still around.

But the thing that's playing on my mind is that every other transition has related to purpose; and purpose gave my life meaning, direction and shape.

I've chatted with other retirees and get the sense that they fill their lives with 'stuff' - activities and things to do. People to see, places to go. 'I've never been so busy', they say. Perhaps that's enough. I was talking to my friend Larry last week and I said this: 'I've spent all of my adult life as a human-doing, I'd like to devote more of my time to human-being'.

A bit 'fluffy' I know, but it has got me thinking more deeply about what it means to be alive as an older person, and what retirement might look and feel like for me. Of course, I'll never find a Universal answer to that question. Perhaps the best any of us can do is have a go at answering it for ourselves.

For the moment at least, as I move steadily toward 25 July, I am content with the idea of concluding my 'ministry life' in the midst of a community that I have come to know, love and respect enormously, and who took the risk of letting me transition from a Synod life to congregational life. For that I am deeply thankful.
Shalom David

SONGS/HYMNS:

On the screen

NOTICES:

BIBLE STUDY (via ZOOM).

Wednesdays 7.30 - 8.30 pm.

Last Wednesday we had a very quick look at the concept of myth and myth - making. A concept that has been a part of being human and used for developing both values to live by as well as explanations for the way things came into being. Scientific understanding has replaced much of what myths tried to do but they remain an important and poetic way of communicating important truths. **Next Wednesday 7th July we will look at the concept of the myth of God Incarnate and how Jesus became embroiled in myth-making about himself and his ministry.**

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 **INDUCTION SERVICE** for **Rev John Tansey** will be at **2 pm on Sunday 18th July** in the Port Melbourne Uniting Church. Chair of Presbytery, Tom Spurling, will lead the service.



Last Sunday's recording of the webinar with the **Rev Dr Margaret Mayman** from St Michael's Uniting Church, Collins St., Melbourne is available on the **PCNV** website:

<https://www.pcnvictoria.org.au>
Margaret spoke about **Progressive Christianity – living it out in congregational and public life. I encourage you to have a listen.**

We are waiting with bated breath to see if we can hold our **CHURCH DINNER** next **Saturday night 10th July at 6.30pm** at Ruth and Mark's home (address on Church Contact List). Next Wednesday we expect Covid restrictions to be eased which we hope will allow us to gather for dinner. As soon as we know, an email will be sent to all who have registered. **This will be David's last social gathering with us before he retires so do come if you can.**

Register with Desleigh please:
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163 CONVERSATIONS will be on **Tuesday July 13th, 6.15 for 6.30.**
More details to be announced.

SUNDAY July 25th will be David's last service with us. **Tom Spurling** from Presbytery will officiate at the 'cutting of ties' ceremony as part of our worship service. **Morning tea will be served at the conclusion of the service. Everyone is welcome.**



The NAIDOC 2021 theme – Heal Country! – calls for all of us to continue to seek greater protections for our lands, our waters, our sacred sites and our cultural heritage from exploitation, desecration, and destruction. Country that is more than a place and inherent to our identity. Country that we speak about like a person, sustaining our lives in every aspect - spiritually, physically, emotionally, socially, and culturally. **NAIDOC 2021** invites the nation to embrace First Nations' cultural knowledge and understanding of Country as part of Australia's national heritage and equally respect the culture and values of Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islanders as they do the cultures and values of all Australians.
<https://www.naidoc.org.au/>



SPACE2B, 144 Chapel St, St Kilda festival: **Feels Like Home: Multicultural Celebrations** will be held on **Sunday 29th August from 12.30 until 3.30pm here at our church.** The Carnival parade will leave from Space2b to the church @ 12.30 pm.