

Progressive Christian Network Victoria (PCNV) ZOOM meeting for next Sunday July 25th has been cancelled. On Sunday August 22nd will be Professor Mary Coloe pbvm, BA., BTheol(hons), D.Theol. speaking on: *Mining John's Gospel: Wisdom for our times?*

Mary is an Australian religious sister and New Testament biblical scholar who specialises in the Gospel of John. She is a Professor at Yarra Theological Union - University of Divinity. Mary's presentation will be based on her recently published book, *WISDOM COMMENTARY : John 1- 10*. This presentation will be via zoom. A zoom link will be sent in August.

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	18 July	25 July	1 August	8August	15August
Worship	David Pargeter	David Pargeter	Robert Hoskin	Mark Lawrence	Coralie Ling
Assistance	Mary	(Cutting of ties) Melissa	Wendy	Roma	Randall
Welcome at door	Darren	Maureen Roma	Roma	Mary	Louise
Flowers	Mary	Maureen	Deb	Mary	Desleigh
Coffee	Melissa	Louise Mary	Mark	Maureen	Louise
Rubbish collection	Mary	Darren	Randall	Darren	Roma

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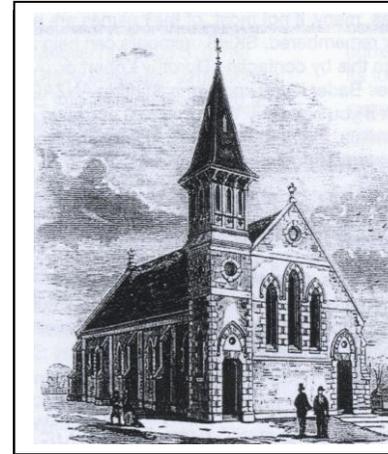
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As a community of faith, the St Kilda Uniting Church Parish Mission strives to do what is just, to show constant love and to walk humbly with God.

NEWSLETTER DETAILS:

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**St Kilda Uniting Church
Parish Mission**

NEWSLETTER

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Sunday, 18th July 2021

Pentecost 8

Welcome to our worship today on ZOOM. David will send out the link around 10am so feel free to join in for a chat whenever you are ready – the service will begin at 10.30am. If you would like to join us and are not already on the list, send an email to David:

saints163@bigpond.com

READINGS: Ruth 1: 1 – 18 pg. 459 John 20: 11 – 18 pg. 715

The Inclusive Bible

FROM DAVID: Retirement

I announced it months ago and now suddenly, it's here. Just around the corner so-to-speak. It feels a bit strange because the labels 'Retiree and Pensioner' aren't familiar terms yet and have attracted a fair bit of negative reporting lately: a 21st century tax burden, non-contributors having little social value and living off their children's inheritance. Selfish bunch. I know that's not an accurate description but it's out there.

Retirement. It's a strange word really given that it first appeared in the French language to describe the 'act of retreating' during armed conflict. It was a military term used to pull a cohort of soldiers away from engagement. Later, it was used to talk about 'withdrawing into seclusion'. Later again, in the mid 18th century, retirement applied to 'withdrawing from an occupation or business'.

The idea of a 'pension' also has its roots back in 16th century military life. It was a regular sum paid to maintain allegiance or loyalty. Hence 'pensioner'.
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Cont... Usually, only the officers received a pension. These days a pension is a bit like a refund on tax paid over a lifetime of employment; supplemented or replaced by a 21st century superannuation fund.

I quite like the earlier meaning of 'withdrawing into seclusion'. The idea appeals to me but only for a little while. Long enough to disentangle myself from all the rhythms and patterns and obligations of daily life – habits formed over decades of commitment to a particular way of living. A period of detox really. It won't happen overnight and I'm sure I'll experience all sorts of withdrawal symptoms. But I've got a few strategies up my sleeve to get me through the rough patches.

However, I've come to see retirement as a transition phase: letting go of one way of living and replacing it with something very different. Not unlike a career change. Taking all that you've learned about life and about yourself and integrating it into the next experience of being alive. Stepping into the unknown but taking with you all that you have become in order to become someone else.

I'm feeling quite excited about all that.

Shalom

David

NOTICES:

BIBLE STUDY (via ZOOM).

Wednesdays 7.30 - 8.30 pm.

From David: What a terrific discussion we had last week about **anger**. How good and reassuring it was to hear that anger is part of our lived and personal experience – and to talk about it! Not something people of faith often talk about, if ever.

Next week 21st July is my final 'study' evening and we will conclude with part 2 of our anger conversation

I've no doubt that going forward, different study series will be organised and announced. Zoom is such a great platform for this kind of participation. **So, stay tuned and watch this space.** I have to say it has been such a privilege to host and resource our evening discussions / presentations. A big thanks to each of you who 'logged on' and added to the richness of the experience. **Thank you, it has been wonderful. I have learned so much from the experience. Shalom David**

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, email David saints163@bigpond.com



You might like to know that today is Nelson Mandela International Day for Freedom!

The **INDUCTION SERVICE** for Rev John Tansey has been postponed from today until Sunday August 1st at 2 pm in the Port Melbourne Uniting Church. Chair of Presbytery, Tom Spurling, will lead the service.

Last Saturday Night's DINNER including a farewell to David. How fortunate to have been able to squeeze it in between lockdowns!

It was a great night at the HUB – thanks to everyone for coming, for your help and for all the food contributions – such a team effort. Special thanks to Ruth and Mark who made the last minute switch from preparing their home to preparing the Hub! 🙌😊

163 CONVERSATIONS a very successful evening was held at the church last Tuesday night – our first for Conversations for a long time! Lucy and Luciana from Space 2b spoke about their social enterprise business in Chapel Street. **The next '163' will be on Tuesday 10th August at 6.15pm.**

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.

Church Council met last Tuesday where we said farewell to **GLEN.**



COMPASS on IVIEW

<https://iview.abc.net.au/show/compass/series/35/video/RN2011H017>

S00 program called *God Is a Wandjina*, shows Janet Oobagooma and her old friend Gudu travelling from their remote Aboriginal community home in Mowanjum in the West Kimberley to the place they grew up – the abandoned Presbyterian Mission of Kunmununya.

This program uses Robert Hoskin's material. Robert wants to remind the church that the trip was made possible from our 6% donation.

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.