



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.

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	25 July	1 August	8 August	15 August	22 August
<i>Worship</i>	David Pargeter	David Pargeter	Robert Hoskins	Coralie Ling	Andrej Miklosik
<i>Assistance</i>	Melissa	(Cutting of Ties) Wendy	Roma	Randall	Melissa
<i>Welcome at door</i>	Maureen Roma	Roma	Mary	Louise	Maureen
<i>Flowers</i>	Maureen	Deb	Mary	Desleigh	Mary
<i>Coffee</i>	Louise Mary	Mark	Maureen	Louise	Mary
<i>Rubbish collection</i>	Darren	Randall	Darren	Roma	Randall

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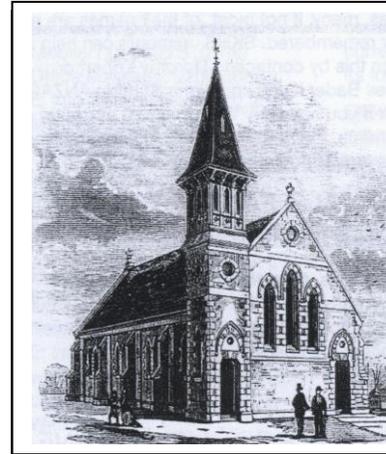
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VISION STATEMENT:

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 25th July 2021

Pentecost 9

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:

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READINGS: Genesis 1: 1 – 19 pg.5; Matthew 2: 1 – 8 pg.646

The Inclusive Bible

FROM DAVID: Happiness

I try to get a walk into my daily routine. COVID or no COVID. I also have a favourite café around the corner from home that has great coffee. It’s where I go either for a sit-down drink or a take-away. When we first moved here 3 years ago the café had the unusual name of Happy Jacque’s. Unusual, because the café owner and his partner were really quite miserable people, rarely smiled, never talked and seldom appeared happy. Just before lock-down in March 2020 the Café changed hands.

In came Zhi Yong Wang and his family. Wang was originally from Shanghai and used to import products from China for consumption in Melbourne. We very quickly became ‘friends’; greeting each other on first name terms. Once lock-down happened he talked about being a bit anxious – not a great start for a new business. But even though he was anxious he never stopped smiling. He often stands just outside his shop saying hello to people passing by. He greets every customer with an equal portion of good will and cheeriness.

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Cont... It is because of his cheerful demeanour that he has been able to keep a steady cohort of customers throughout this pandemic. But it's not a strategy – it's a genuine disposition.

Yan, the regular barista, said that he is the most cheerful boss she has ever worked for. This past Wednesday, I walked to the café for my usual skinny flat white with one. I went to hand him the money and he said, “No need to pay today”. “Come on”, I said laughing, “That's not good for business”. “Paid already”, he said. “Regular customer came in this morning and has paid for coffees of next 10 customers”. “Well”, I said, “That's so generous, when you see that customer again, please tell her or him, that David says thank you”. “I will”, said Wang, “You are number 1 customer – 9 to go”.

What an amazing experience. Cheered me up no end. When there is generosity in the world there is real hope. And how honest was Wang? He could easily have charged me – the other customer would have been none the wiser. Where there is integrity there is trust.

I suggested to Wang that he should think about changing the name of his café to Happy Wang's. Sometimes the truth of things needs to be named - publicly.

Shalom
David

NOTICES:

BIBLE STUDY (via ZOOM).
Wednesdays 7.30 - 8.30 pm. This will recommence in the coming months - so watch this space!

NEXT SUNDAY August 1st.

Because of the lockdown, David has offered to return from his leave to conduct the service which includes 'cutting of ties'. Tom Spurling from Presbytery will officiate at the ceremony as part of our worship service. This will include communion. Morning tea will be served at the conclusion of the service. Everyone is welcome.

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

163 CONVERSATIONS. The next '163' will be on Tuesday 10th August at 6.15pm. More information to come.

From CHURCH COUNCIL:

Presbytery has approved our church profile so the process is underway to choose a successor to David.



COMPASS on IVIEW

<https://iview.abc.net.au/show/compass/series/35/video/RN2011H017S00> 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.

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.

The Port Phillip Citizens for Reconciliation invites you to an informal lunch to commemorate the *INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLES* on Monday, 9th August, at 12.30pm.

The lunch will be held in the South Melbourne Community Centre – Hall 3, Ferrars Place, South Melbourne.

Dennis Fisher, aka Den the Fish, and Elder Judith 'Jacko' Jackson, will be among the 50 people we can host in the venue. Individual lunches and refreshments will be served in line with Covid regulations. RSVP

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Silence Rev Glynn Cardy

Blessed are those who stop when the lights turn amber.
Why risk, why rush, when life is in the slowness.

Blessed are those who stop when the sky turns amber,
whether at dusk or dawn,
and pause to listen.

Blessed are those who know how to attune the ear
to the needs of the heart, the beat of Earth.

Blessed are those who know that the silence, the devices off,
the appointments paused,
invite wisdom in.