

Some of you might be interested in the Friends of Suai/Covalima *Art of Friendship Exhibition at the Carlisle Street Arts Space at the St Kilda Town Hall 28 July to 18 August 2021.* Art of Friendship will celebrate a vibrant 21-year friendship between the communities of the City of Port Phillip and Suai/Covalima in Timor-Leste (formerly East Timor). What began as a gesture of support between two communities has become a hub of cultural exchange, friendship and development. **Open 8.30 to 5pm: Mons - Fridays**

August CROSSLIGHT available online <https://crosslight.org.au/>

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	1 August	8August	15August	22 August	29 August
<i>Worship</i>	David Pargeter	Robert Hoskins	Coralie Ling	Andrej Miklosik	Lucinda Malgas
<i>Assistance</i>	(Cutting of Ties) Wendy	Roma	Randall	Melissa	Mary
<i>Welcome at door</i>	Roma	Mary	Louise	Maureen	Wendy
<i>Flowers</i>	Deb	Mary	Desleigh	Mary	Maureen
<i>Coffee</i>	Mark	Maureen	Louise	Mary	Maureen
<i>Rubbish collection</i>	Randall	Darren	Roma	Randall	Roma

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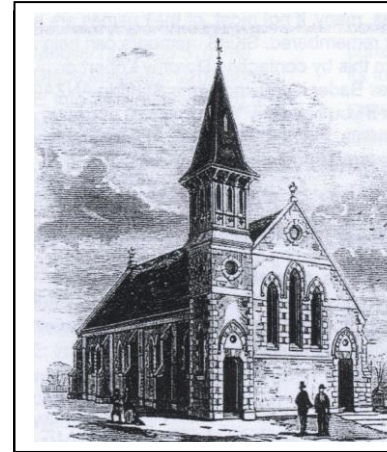
VISION STATEMENT:

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 1st August 2021

Pentecost 10

Welcome everyone to our worship today. For David's last service with us we are meeting face to face and by Zoom (link overpage) - can't do much better than that! After the service there will be morning tea. Please follow the Covid rules at all times;

- **Sign in**
- **Wear your mask (even/especially for singing)**
- **Keep your distance**
- **You will be served tea/coffee and food**

READING: Ecclesiastes 3: 1 - 8 pg.478 *The Inclusive Bible*

FROM DAVID: Con te partiro`

A recording of a song by this name has become Andrea Bocelli's signature song. It became a best-selling single around the world in many countries. It translates literally as 'With you I shall leave'. It was popularised under the title 'Time to say goodbye' but it doesn't really capture what the song is trying to say.

The original sentiment tries to capture the idea of leaving places and people but taking them with you.

It is the nature of ordained ministry that ministers come and go – sometimes frequently and sometimes not frequently enough, but congregations remain. Ministers are a bit like a current running through an ocean – each influencing the other, but one moves on and the other stays where it is.

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For me, it is a bit different this time. I'm not moving on to some other Placement but transitioning into retirement, which means that leaving feels very different – I don't have another community to anticipate or hold on to while letting you go.

In this regard, I'm not quite sure how I am going to manage my year in exile. I'm sure I will work it out.

However, as the 'Cutting of Ties' service so thoughtfully articulates, St Kilda Parish Mission must let me go, so that it can embrace and welcome the next person.

There are challenges in this because people become friends, not necessarily through pastoral or spiritual conversations, but because they share an interest in sport or music or books, and actually just enjoy each other's company.

It's often regarded by the 'profession' as an occupational hazard but in reality it's an occupational blessing.

So friends, Con te partiro` - With you I shall leave.

Shalom
David

NOTICES:

If you missed the email with today's ZOOM connection at St Kilda:

Release of Ties service

<https://bit.ly/davidpargeteraugust2021>

Meeting ID: 975 9554 1869

Passcode: 378940

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The **INDUCTION SERVICE** for Rev John Tansey will be held this afternoon August 1st at 2 pm in the Port Melbourne Uniting Church. Chair of Presbytery, Tom Spurling, will lead the service. Capacity at the church is only 40 so here is the Zoom link for those who would like to follow the service online.

<https://bit.ly/johntanseyinduction>

Meeting ID: 929 4874 2931

Passcode: 748276

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NEXT SUNDAY August 8th 10.30

Robert Hoskin will conduct the service next week while we gather around a table for breakfast. Thanks to Lou who will organise the food.

BIBLE STUDY (via ZOOM).

Wednesdays 7.30 - 8.30 pm. This will recommence in the coming months - so watch this space!

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

COMPASS on IVIEW
God is a Wandjina

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



Don't miss out on watching this inspiring program. Much of it relies heavily on Robert Hoskin's material. Robert wants to remind us that the church helped to make this trip possible through its 6% donations.

The 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.**

From CHURCH COUNCIL: The first JNC (Joint Nominating Committee) will meet this Tuesday evening to start the process of finding David's successor

Progressive Christian Network Victoria (PCNV) The next meeting will be on Sunday August 22nd via Zoom at 4pm (link to be made available later)

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.**

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.

Individual lunches and refreshments will be served in line with Covid regulations. RSVP Email: Rosemary Rule: rosemary.rule@gmail.com