

Many of you would be interested in these podcasts by Australian women preachers: <https://australianwomenpreach.com.au/>
 You will find **Coralie Ling's** contribution: January 2, 2022. No.43.

The annual **Flag Raising Ceremony** last Tuesday at St Kilda Town Hall raised flags to celebrate LGBTIQ+ people and raise awareness for the important work still needed to combat discrimination. The annual **Midsumma Pride March is tomorrow 6 February** - a celebration of diversity. The new Pride Centre is at 79-81 Fitzroy Street – a guided tour is recommended <https://pridecentre.org.au/>

Date	February 6 10am	February 13 10am	February 20 10am	February 27 10am
<i>Worship</i>	Alex. Sangster	Alex. Sangster	Alex. Sangster	Alex Sangster
<i>Assistance</i>	Randall	Roma	Wendy	Randall
<i>Welcome at door</i>	Louise	Maureen	Roma	Deb
<i>Flowers</i>	Louise	Desleigh	Roma	Deb
<i>Coffee</i>	Mark	Randall	Maureen	Mark
<i>Rubbish collection</i>	Randall	Randall	Roma	Randall

The St Kilda Uniting Church respectfully acknowledges the traditional Owners and Custodians of the land on which we meet, the people of the Kulin Nations. We pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging. We acknowledge and uphold their continuing relationship to this land.

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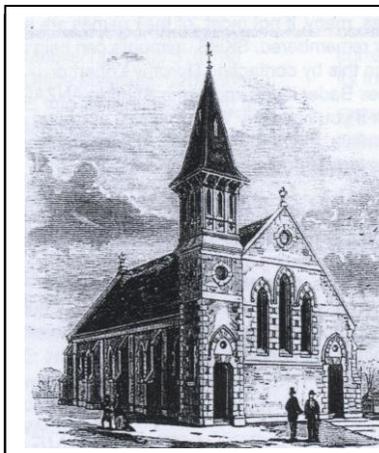
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VISION STATEMENT:
 As a community of faith, the St Kilda Uniting Church Parish Mission strives to do what is just, to show constant love and to walk humbly with God.

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 Newsletter are also welcomed.



St Kilda Uniting Church

NEWSLETTER

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Sunday 6th February 2022
Epiphany 5

Today we **WELCOME** Rev Alex Sangster to her first Sunday gathering with us. We also welcome our Zimbabwean friends who will join in this service which includes Communion.
 From today, each Sunday will begin at **10am**.

Lectionary Readings for this Sunday – Isaiah 6: 1 - 8, Psalm 138, 1 Corinthians 15; 1 - 11, Luke 5; 1 – 11.

From Alex: This is what was bequeathed us - Gregory Orr

This is what was bequeathed us:
 This earth the beloved left
 And, leaving,
 Left to us.

No other world
 But this one:
 Willows and the river
 And the factory
 With its black smokestacks.

No other shore, only this bank
 On which the living gather.

No meaning but what we find here.
 No purpose but what we make.

That, and the beloved's clear instructions:
 Turn me into song; sing me awake.

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Hey St Kilda folk-

We have a lot of work to do, you and I and god and all of us together.

We stand at the beginning of a new year, we are full of hope and also (perhaps) fear..

So let's lean in, let's listen deep, let's be part of the song of singing the world awake.

I can't wait to get to know you all. Please reach out for a walk or a coffee or phone call or a zoom.

Many Blessings
Alex

NOTICES:

ATTENDING CHURCH.

Attendance at St Kilda will no longer be dependent on proof of vaccination or exemption.

TO STAY AS SAFE AS POSSIBLE:

- **Please don't attend if you are feeling unwell.**
- **Please still use the QR code everytime you attend church although it would really assist us if you could leave your name and contact number on paper provided.**
- **Please wear a mask as much as possible when attending church.,**

- **Please keep your distance especially at morning tea**

- **Use the hand sanitiser**

You are encouraged to contact your Elder or leave a message on the church phone if you need assistance or to discuss any issue – Covid or otherwise.

Port Phillip East Presbytery led the *INDUCTION SERVICE* for Rev. Alex. Sangster that was held at the church last Friday 4th February. The service was also broadcast on Zoom.

This was a very joyful occasion and it was heartening to welcome so many people including many from our local community. Instead of having supper as is our usual way of showing hospitality (cancelled because of Covid), Janet provided biscuits and a welcome message for people to take away with them.

Many people worked together to make this evening a success – **thank you all!**

The *CHURCH COUNCIL* met last Tuesday.

- **The Church Life Survey was sent out this week to all on the contact list. Please take a moment to fill in and send off. If you require a hard copy please ask at the front door.**

Remember that if you have any **issues** to bring to the Council, the members of the CC are: Randall Kent – Chair,

Alex. Sangster, Roma Stahle, Robert Hoskin, Louise Price, Desleigh Kent,



[Newsbeat-February-2022.pdf](#)
(ucappep.org)

NEWSBEAT, the newsletter from our Port Phillip East Presbytery is available online. A hardcopy to pass around is on the front notice board.



Relief funding for Tonga

For those wishing to help Tongan communities in the aftermath of the tsunami disaster, we recommend donating to [UnitingWold Tonga Tsunami Appeal](#) or [Act for Peace Tonga Emergency](#)
<https://www.actforpeace.org.au/tonga>.

Both organisations have established relationships with partners in Tonga and work collaboratively with other aid agencies.

Australian Churches Refugee Taskforce

<https://www.ncca.org.au/ncca-newsletter/february-2022>



- Spotlight on immigration detention
- Afghan refugee announcement falls short

BASP Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project – Albert Park.

<https://basp.org.au/you-can-help/>
Donations are not always about money

Housing We are very keen to hear from anyone with a spare room or other generous housing options.

Jobs wanted Assistance with jobs through your contacts – full-time, part-time or casual.

Groceries, furniture and household items Gift vouchers Travel and phone cards. MYKI or mobile phone credit are essential for functioning in the community.

[Please email us and include your name and donation amount so we can send you a receipt](#)