

to tell them that you want an end to mandatory onshore and offshore closed immigration detention and that community detention of refugees and asylum seekers must allow access to education, work and housing support. **Contacting the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs** [Contact: The Hon Alex Hawke MP](#) or [complete the online contact form](#)

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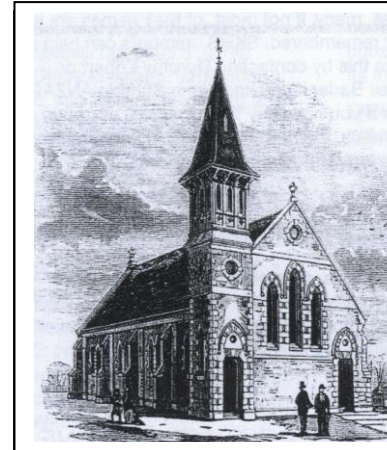
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VISION STATEMENT:

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

Volume 57 Issue 03

Sunday 13th February 2022
Epiphany 6

A warm welcome to everyone. Rev Alex Sangster will lead us in worship this Sunday and will be assisted by Roma. Remember that we now meet at 10am.

Lectionary Readings for this Sunday – Jeremiah 17: 1 – 10; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15: 12 – 20; Luke 6: 1 – 11.

From Alex:

Being a christian community means being part of the great and ever expanding body of the cosmic god.

It means being in our bodies and using them, when we can, to bring about justice and peace for the other bodies that cannot stand on their own.

Bodies, and their many identities have been at the centre of debate these last few weeks as a bill was argued on the floor of parliament and in the streets and schools of Australia. Uniting Church president Sharon Hollis said that the Bill as it currently stood could 'embolden discrimination in the wider community'

We stand with the great rainbow family within and outside of our faith story.

We congratulate the politicians who had the guts to stand up against bigotry and transphobia.

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Speaking of the body...

This Tuesday we invite you to come and use your bodies and hearts to sing songs of hope at the Park Hotel Prison. 5pm at 701 Swanston St Carlton: Join an impromptu choir singing songs of freedom and justice for and with the refugees in detention.

Alex

Hymns/Songs (on screen)

Jesus Calls Us: Iona Community

TiS 288: Not the Powerful

TiS 654: When Love is Found

NOTICES:

Port Phillip East Presbytery is constantly keeping us up to date with all things Covid and we aim to keep you as safe as possible while you are attending church:

- 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 – privacy strictly adhered to.
- Face masks are mandatory for all people over the age of

8 – please wear one as much as possible when attending church, unless medically exempt. This applies to people participating in worship, especially when singing. You are exempt if you are preaching, reading the Bible, leading a song or praying on behalf of the congregation.

- Please keep your distance especially at morning tea.
- Use the hand sanitiser.
- Our Covid Safe Plan is on the Notice Board.

You are encouraged to contact Alex or your Elder if you need assistance or to discuss any issue – Covid or otherwise.



[Newsbeat-February-2022.pdf \(ucap.org\)](https://www.uncap.org.au/Newsbeat-February-2022.pdf)

NEWSBEAT, the newsletter from our Port Phillip East Presbytery is available online (click on the address above).

A **hardcopy** to pass around is on the front notice board.

Alex has set up a **FACEBOOK** page for those who would like to follow and keep up to date with **St Kilda Parish Mission** news and other issues from near and far.



Relief funding for Tonga

There is still much help needed for Tonga. Their distress has now been compounded by the arrival of Covid! For those wishing to help Tongan communities in the aftermath of the tsunami disaster, we recommend donating to [UnitingWorld Tonga Tsunami Appeal](https://www.unitingworld.org.au) or [Act for Peace Tonga Emergency](https://www.actforpeace.org.au/tonga) <https://www.actforpeace.org.au/tonga>.

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

NATIONAL CHURCH LIFE SURVEY. Presbytery has strongly recommended that we participate in this – and many have – but there is still time if it has slipped your mind! If you would like to have a hard copy or have the email with the link resent please ask Desleigh.

PILGRIM COURSES IN 2022

Seeking to stretch your faith, understanding or gifts? Dig deeper into the Scriptures. Learn about how Christian beliefs engage the issues of our time. Explore monasticism, activism,

discernment or public theology? Pilgrim Theological College has a wide range of courses that can be studied for credit or attendance only, in person, online or both. The course guide and timetable are now online at pilgrim.edu.au. These are degree programs. Other lay education programs are offered through eLM. Details here

– <https://victas.uca.org.au/community-learning/leadership/lay-resources/>

AUSTRALIAN CHURCHES REFUGEE TASKFORCE

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

- Spotlight on immigration detention
- Afghan refugee announcement falls short

What Tennis champion Novak Djokovic's brief detention in a hotel in Melbourne reminded Australians is that immigration detention is arbitrary and can be changed by a decision of the Minister.



What can you do?

Write to your Local MP and the Minister for Immigration and Minister for Home Affairs - **Cont...**