

NATIONAL CHURCH LIFE SURVEY. This is being finalised so if you haven't yet completed the survey please do so this weekend. Hard copies available.

For contributions to support the work of our church our bank details are: St Kilda Uniting Church, BSB 013 427 Acct 3108 34465 'Offering' is all you need as a reference. Thank you!

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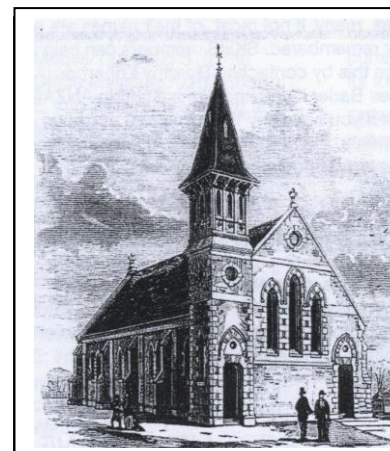
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VISION STATEMENT:

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 04

Sunday 20th February 2022
Epiphany 7

Rev Alex Sangster will lead our gathering this Sunday and will be assisted by Wendy. A warm welcome to everyone.

You are no longer required to sign in with the QR code but you are still required to wear a mask.

Lectionary Readings for this Sunday – Genesis 45: 3 -11, 15; Psalm 37:1 - 11; 1 Corinthians 15; 35 – 38; Luke 6: 27 – 38.

From Alex: Hello dear ones,

another week at the Engagement Hub has passed, another week of bread being broken and meals shared.

I am slowly beginning to find my way amongst the growing grass and plastic chairs to feel the beating heart of god in all this love.

Slowly too, beginning to know you, to hear some of your stories and your dreams for this church...

My hope at this stage, as we stagger collectively out of our many lockdowns and into this already old, new year, is to start simple and to start with a sign...

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sign (n.) early 13c., "gesture or motion of the hand," especially one meant to communicate something, from Old French signe "sign, mark," from Latin signum "identifying mark, token, indication, symbol; a signal, an omen; sign in the heavens, constellation."

I would love to hear your dreams and visions for how we can make the outside of our church symbolise what the inside and the Engagement hub is all about: inclusion, generosity, care for the planet, Jesus, joy..?

If you are interested in being part of a small group for growing gardens and painting steps and symbolising love..let me know.

Blessings
Alex

Hymns/Songs (on screen)

TiS 181: Come O God of all the earth.

**God, how can we forgive when bonds of love are torn?
(Tune: Community of Christ)**

You were in this place (At the dawn of the ages, you pulled land from the sea.)

NOTICES:

We aim to keep you as safe as possible while you are attending church:

- **Please don't attend if you are feeling unwell.**
- **It is no longer a requirement that you use the QR code 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 still required 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.**
- **Please keep your distance especially at morning tea.**
- **Use the hand sanitiser.**
- **Our Covid Safe Plan is on the 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.

Hard copies of the latest **CROSSLIGHT** are in the foyer or can be found on-line at: <https://crosslight.org.au>



THE PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIAN
NETWORK OF VICTORIA INC.

Sunday 24th February 4 – 5.30pm :

Topic: "AFTERLIVES: Jesus in Global Perspective", edited by Greg Jenks. This is an international collection of essays exploring the impact of Jesus within and beyond Christianity, including his many 'afterlives' in literature and the arts, social justice and world religion during the past 2,000 years and especially in the present global context. **This will be on ZOOM www.pcnvictoria.org.au**

For ASH WEDNESDAY on March 2nd there will be a service in the church at 12.30pm. This will be led by Alex. All welcome

WORLD DAY of PRAYER Friday 4th March at 10.30am. St Luke's Anglican Church, South Melbourne. More information: 0428 791 509

CITY OF PORT PHILLIP MULTIFAITH NETWORK AND THE PORT PHILLIP ECOCENTRE

warmly invite all members of our multifaith community to come together this **CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY! Sunday 6 March 2 - 3 pm. Location: Albert Park Native Bushland, corner of St Kilda Junction (map).** Meet near the Ngargee Tree in Albert Park Native Bushland, corner of St Kilda Junction. Please remember to stay Covid-Safe and SunSmart, and bring a hat, sunscreen, reusable water bottle, and gloves. All participants over 18 years old will be

asked to do a QR code check in and show your vaccination status or provide proof of medical exemption. Register via this link, or contact Reiko Yamada at reiko@ecocentre.com

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 [UnitingWold Tonga Tsunami Appeal](http://UnitingWoldTongaTsunamiAppeal.org) or [Act for Peace Tonga Emergency](http://ActforPeaceTongaEmergency.org) <https://www.actforpeace.org.au/tonga>.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCHES REFUGEE TASKFORCE

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

What can you do?

Write to your Local MP and the Minister for Immigration and Minister for Home Affairs 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](#)