

For those who would like to make a contribution to the work of the **Uniting Church here in St Kilda**, here are the banking details:  
**St Kilda Uniting Church, BSB 013 427 Acct. 3108 34465. Thank you**

**Ukraine appeal Act for Peace** has launched an appeal to support the people of Ukraine fleeing the war. **To donate, go to the Act for Peace website:**  
<https://actforpeace.org.au>, click here or call the free call no: 1800 025 101

Date	March 6	March 13	March 20	March 27	April 3
	<b>10am</b>				
<i>Worship</i>	Alex Sangster	Robert Hoskin	Alex Sangster	Alex Sangster	Alex Sangster
<i>Assistance</i>	Desleigh	Wendy	Randall	Roma	Desleigh
<i>Welcome at door</i>	Maureen	Louise	Roma	Louise	Maureen
<i>Flowers</i>	Roma	Desleigh	Deb	Louise	Maureen
<i>Coffee</i>	Roma	Louise	Maureen	Randall	Mark
<i>Rubbish collection</i>	Randall	Desleigh	Randall	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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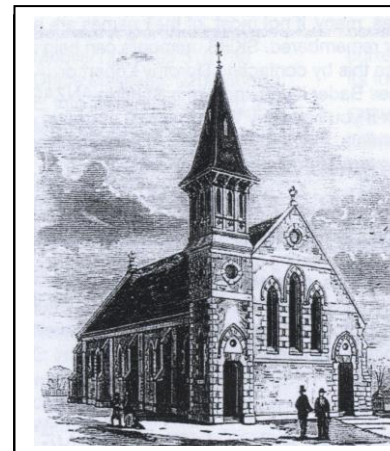
[www.stkildaunitingchurch.org.au](http://www.stkildaunitingchurch.org.au)

**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](mailto:desleighk@ozemail.com.au) Contributions to the Newsletter are also welcomed.



**St Kilda Uniting Church**

**NEWSLETTER**

Volume 57 Issue 06

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

**LENT 1**

**Welcome to our gathering today which will be led by Rev. Alex Sangster. We particularly welcome our Zimbabwean friends from ZMF who will share in the service and celebrate communion with us.**

**The wearing of masks is no longer a requirement but it is still highly recommended.**

**Lectionary Readings for this Sunday – Deuteronomy 26:1 – 11; Psalm 91: 1 – 2, 9 – 16; Romans 10: 8b – 13; Luke 4: 1 - 13**

**From Alex:** Listening on a Zoom this week to a colleague who ministers in Lismore...  
 listening to stories of sandbags and tin boats  
 listening to the open mouth shock and the anger  
 that this climate crisis gallops apace...  
 Listening to the news that floodplains which held housing and supermarkets and primary schools may never be built upon again.  
 Listening to the cry of the heart: how long oh god before we wake up and take real action...  
 As we enter into Lent  
 let us  
 repent  
 and turn towards the light...  
 blessings. Alex

## The Opening of Eyes

by David Whyte

That day I saw beneath dark clouds  
the passing light over the water  
and I heard the voice of the world  
speak out,  
I knew then, as I had before  
life is no passing memory of what  
has been  
nor the remaining pages in a great  
book  
waiting to be read.

It is the opening of eyes long closed.  
It is the vision of far off things  
seen for the silence they hold.  
It is the heart after years  
of secret conversing  
speaking out loud in the clear air.

It is Moses in the desert  
fallen to his knees before the lit bush.  
It is the man throwing away his  
shoes  
as if to enter heaven  
and finding himself astonished,  
opened at last,  
fallen in love with solid ground.

### Hymns/Songs (on screen)

**TiS 736: Kyrie (Ukraine)**

**TiS 787: Christ be our Light**

**TiS 684: Love will be our Lenten  
Calling**

**TiS 561: Who would true valour  
see**

### NOTICES:

Even though face masks and proof  
of vaccination status are no longer  
required please be 'Covid  
conscious' so that we can keep each  
other safe.

- Mask wearing is encouraged  
particularly while singing
- Only attend if you are well  
and have not been in contact  
with a covid positive case or  
been asked to isolate.
- Please allow yourself to be  
served with tea/coffee
- Keep your distance

### **CITY OF PORT PHILLIP MULTIFAITH NETWORK AND THE PORT PHILLIP**

**ECOCENTRE** warmly invite all  
members of our multifaith community  
to come together for:

### **CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY!**

**TODAY 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](mailto:reiko@ecocentre.com)

### **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY**

**Celebrate IWD with the City of Port  
Phillip Saturday 12 March 2022, 1.30  
pm to 3 pm Gasworks Arts Park, 21  
Graham Street, Albert Park**

Featuring special performance by A  
Good Catch - a three generational circus  
performance group.

**Bookings essential - RSVP by 11  
March 2022.** To book your free ticket  
visit [trybooking.com/BXNHD](http://trybooking.com/BXNHD)  
For enquiries: 03 9209 6762



### **UNITING CHURCH IN**

**AUSTRALIA** President Rev Sharon  
Hollis, has launched a national appeal to  
support people and communities  
impacted by the intense rainfall and  
devastating flooding across the East  
Coast. Record-breaking torrential  
rainfall over the last week has caused  
major flooding in towns and cities  
across South East Queensland and into  
northern New South Wales and  
continues to move south.

Sadly, lives have been lost in both  
states.

**Rev Hollis is inviting the wider  
Uniting Church community to make a  
donation to support those affected, by  
contributing to the Assembly's  
National Disaster Relief Fund.**

### **Direct Deposit**

Westpac BSB: 032 003

Ac No: 269941

**Cheque** Please make your cheque  
payable to "UCA Assembly -  
National Disaster Relief Fund" and  
post to:UCA Assembly - National  
Disaster Relief Fund  
PO Box A2266 Sydney South NSW  
1235. Please include a reference (for  
example, your surname or  
congregation name)



**LENT EVENT 2022** What could  
you give up for Lent?

UnitingWorld's annual **Lent Event**  
commenced 2 March and will run  
until 14 April 2022. For forty days,  
walk in the footsteps of Jesus  
practising compassion, generosity  
and justice. Give or take up  
something in solidarity with those  
who live with less and raise money  
for projects including clean water,  
education and climate change  
advocacy. **Visit: [unitingworld.org.au](http://unitingworld.org.au)**

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