

The Best of Times, the Worst of Times – Navigating Life at the Crossroads.

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Date	March 20	March 27	April 3	April 10	April 17
	ZOOM	10am	10am	Palm Sunday	Easter Day
Worship	Alex Sangster	Alex Sangster	Alex Sangster	Alex Sangster	Alex Sangster
Assistance	Randall	Roma	Desleigh	Randall	Wendy
Welcome at door	Roma	Louise	Maureen	Wendy	Louise
Flowers	Deb	Louise	Maureen	Roma	Deb
Coffee	Maureen	Randall	Mark	Roma	Louise

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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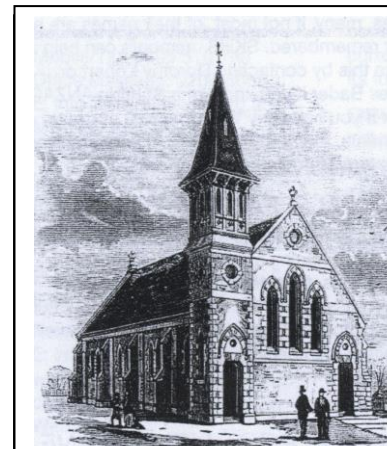
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VISION STATEMENT:

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 20th March 2022

LENT 3

This Sunday we will be gathering together on ZOOM – Alex is in Covid isolation so will be conducting the service from home. The invitation link has already been sent out so if it hasn't arrived in your inbox and you would like to join us please email: desleighk@ozemail.com.au or message 0413158855.

***Readings for this Sunday* – Isaiah 55: 1 – 9; Psalm 63: 1 – 8; 1 Corinthians 10: 1 – 13; Luke 13: 1 – 9.**

From Alex: Blessings all

I have been working online this week as we have been sent into the outer darkness by the Covid Fairy.

We are all fine thanks to luck and science and privilege!

We are very grateful to have had such a mild time of it.

I will be set free from Lockdown on Wednesday and look forward to getting back on site to hang out at the Engagement Hub and be out and about in St Kilda.

I will be meeting with Reps from our Presbytery later this week to continue conversations about possible future directions for our wee community in relationship with our context and our communities.

Hope to see you all on Zoom tomorrow.

Blessings. Alex

Hymns/Songs : online

NOTICES:

LENTEN REFLECTION STUDY SPACE

'I live my life in ever widening circles'
Rilke

When: This Wednesday: March 23rd at 7.30pm

Where: Everywhere! Zoom

What: Deep dive discussion on what it means to continue to be stretched by each other. The wild Conversation will springboard off: **On Being** PODCAST with Joanna Macy (link below)

<https://onbeing.org/programs/joanna-macy-a-wild-love-for-the-world/>

Who: All welcome, bring a friend, bring a cuppa (or a glass of wine) bring your heart.....Alex



UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA To make a donation to support those affected by floods in NSW and SE Qld, by contributing to the Assembly's National Disaster Relief Fund. Direct Deposit Westpac BSB: 032 003 Ac No: 269941

Ukraine appeal: ACT FOR PEACE appeal to support the people of Ukraine fleeing the war.

According to the UN refugee agency, 2.7 million people have now fled their homes in Ukraine to neighbouring countries, in search of safety. With an estimated further 2 million people displaced within Ukraine.

The scale of this crisis is unlike anything seen in Europe since the Second World War.

Our **ACT Alliance** partners in neighbouring Hungary have already sent truckloads of relief to support families forced to flee their homes due to the war. The shipments include 178 tons of canned food, flour, sugar, oil, rice, pasta, biscuits, long-life milk, tea and hygiene products which will be distributed at the Beregszász and Uzhhorod reception centres in Western Ukraine.

But much more help will be needed. To donate, go to the Act for Peace website:

<https://actforpeace.org.au>, or call free call no: 1800 025 101

CHURCH COUNCIL is asking our community to suggest ways in which our 6% gross annual income can support valuable work being done by local, international and Aboriginal and Islander agencies. Please talk to Alex or a church council member if you would like to suggest a beneficiary.

The BRIGIDINE ASYLUM SEEKERS PROJECT (BASP) First Discussion

Meeting for the year, with an update on the situation of asylum seekers.

Next Wednesday 23rd March: 2 – 3.30 pm at 54 Beaconsfield Pde., Albert Park

The latest copy of their newsletter is on the Notice Board. Please read and pass on or check the website.

www.BASP.org.au



NEXT WEEK SUNDAY 27th MARCH 2022 @ 4:00PM-5.30PM - ZOOM

"AFTERLIVES: Jesus in Global Perspective" an international collection of essays exploring the impact of Jesus within and beyond Christianity during the past 2,000 years. **Speakers: Rev Drs Greg Jenks, Lorraine Parkinson, David Cohen and Rod Pattenden.**

This event follows on from the February meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88695732283?pwd=QkFCZ2pSWVkyT2lQeWYwZlNBc0xUUT09>

EASTER arrangements this year:

THURSDAY 14th April: 7.30pm Service of the Shadows. Our church.

GOOD FRIDAY 15th April: 9.30am Ecumenical gathering at neighbouring Holy Trinity Anglican Church Balaclava where Alex will give the reflection.

EASTER SUNDAY 17th April: 10am Dare to dance with HOPE: a light shines in the darkness! Our church



CELEBRATING TRANS & GENDER DIVERSITY IN THE CHURCH

with Rev Dr Jo Inkpin & Pastor Steff Fenton

A LIVE WEBINAR CONVERSATION BETWEEN TWO GENDER-EXPANSIVE CHRISTIAN MINISTERS



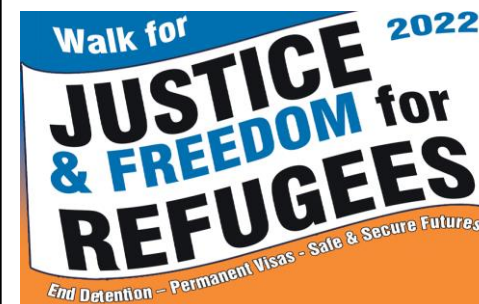
WEBINAR: Celebrating Trans and Gender Diversity in the Church.

Tuesday 5th April: 7 – 8.30pm

Speakers: Steff Fenton, Co-pastor of New City Church GlebeNSW. Rev Dr Josephine Inkpin, minister of Pitt Street Uniting Church in Sydney and National Co-Chair of Equal Voices.

Tickets \$25.

<https://www.steffenton.co/gender-diversity-webinar>



PSALM SUNDAY APRIL 10th 2pm
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