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A copy of the latest edition of **NEWSBEAT** – newsletter for the **Presbytery of Port Phillip East** is on the Notice Board. Also at www.ucappep.org

Date	April 3	April 10 Palm Sunday	April 17 Easter Day	April 24	May 1
Worship	Alex Sangster	Alex Sangster	Alex Sangster	Coralie Ling	Alex Sangster
Assistance		Randall	Wendy		Randall
Welcome at door	Maureen	Wendy	Louise	Wendy	Louise
Flowers	Maureen	Roma	Deb	Maureen	Desleigh
Coffee	Mark	Roma	Louise	Maureen	Mark

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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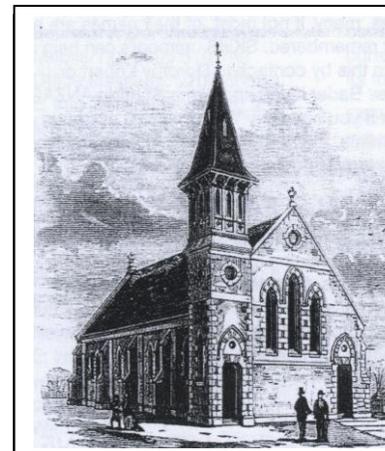
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VISION STATEMENT:

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 3rd April 2022

LENT 5

A warm welcome to everyone, including our friends from the Zimbabwean Methodist Fellowship, to our gathering this Sunday,. Rev Alex Sangster will lead us. Today we will celebrate communion.

***Readings for this Sunday* – Isaiah 43: 16 - 21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3: 4b - 14; John 12: 1 – 8.**

From Alex: In Mary Oliver's famous poem – *The Summer Day*- we are invited into a generosity of accepting the glorious gift of the world. The poet lays in the grass and challenges us to imagine a more powerful way to spend the day. We can all, often, get caught up in the busyness of doing, rather than accepting the challenge of being idle and being blessed.

One of the things that I have been working with these past few months is my compulsion to always be leaping up and 'doing', and hanging out at the Engagement Hub has been a great teacher. Because what people need from me, in many ways, is very simple. They need me to sit. To be idle and blessed. And to listen. What else could I possibly be doing?
all love – Alex

Cont...

The SummerDay

Who made the world?

Who made the swan ,

And the black bear?

This grasshopper, I mean –

*The one who has flung herself out of
the grass.*

*The one who is eating sugar out of
my hand,*

*Who is moving her jaws back and
forth instead of up and down –*

*Who is gazing around with her
enormous and complicated eyes.*

*Now she lifts her pale forearms and
thoroughly washes her face.*

*Now she snaps her wings open, and
floats away.*

I don't know exactly what a prayer is.

*I do know how to pay attention, how
to fall down*

*into the grass, how to kneel in the
grass*

*how to be idle and blessed, how to
stroll through the fields*

*which is what I have been doing all
day.*

*Tell me, what else should I have
done?*

*Doesn't everything die at last, and too
soon?*

Tell me what is it you plan to do

With your one wild and precious life?

Mary Oliver

Hymns/Songs :

TiS 538: Feed us Now

Canticle of the Sun – Marty Haugen

Said Judas to Mary – Sydney Carter

NOTICES:



Call to Peace, the (very timely) Nina Sanadze sculpture was unveiled in South Melbourne (cnr Clarendon & Coventry Strs) last week. From now on, on **Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, 4-6pm, starting 1 April, and going through to October** performers have been invited to come to the sculpture and play music, jam, read poetry and dance in the name of peace. Passersby will be encouraged to leave messages of peace written on pieces of fabric which will be tied to the sculpture. Nina has prepared a six minute video, *Call to Peace: The Project Production Story*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lZcTtc4gtKg>

Nina Sanadze is a Soviet-born, St Kilda-based artist with a Jewish background, who came to Australia as a refugee following the Russian invasion of Georgia.



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.

This Tuesday 5th April: 7 – 8.30pm

Speakers: Steff Fenton, Co-pastor of New City Church Glebe NSW. 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>



Justice and International Mission Convention

Saturday April 30th, 9:30am to 4:15pm

29 College Crescent, Parkville, VIC

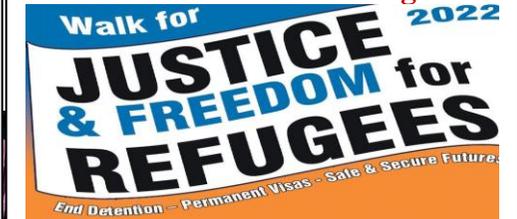
Centre for Theology and Ministry

We are witnessing a rapidly growing scientific understanding of the need to act urgently on environmental challenges we face. How can the Uniting Church can continue to make a difference in how Australia impacts environment issues?

For more details click: <https://victas.uca.org.au/event/justice-and-international-mission-convention-2022/>

**NEXT SUNDAY – Palm Sunday -
10th April –**

WALK for Justice for Refugees



**2pm State Library Victoria, 328
Swanston Street, Melbourne.**



Deterrence Revisited

**Deterrence created by Rev. John Tansey
is being relaunched at South Melbourne
Uniting Church**

Wednesday 13th April at 2.00pm

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**“Deterrence” launch & vigil
Wednesday 13th April at 2pm
Sth Melbourne Uniting Church.**

The sculpture, created by John Tansey, was first erected at St Kilda Uniting Church in 2014. The sculpture brings to the fore the suffering inflicted upon asylum seekers as a deterrent, to “Stop the Boats”.

EASTER SERVICES

**Good Friday, April 15th Ecumenical
gathering at Holy Trinity Anglican
Church, 175 Chapel St. at 9.30am.**

**Easter Sunday - our church at
10am**