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Gaia installation extended in St Paul's Cathedral. Luke Jerram's stunning **Gaia** art installation at St Paul's Cathedral, Flinders Street Melbourne, has been extended until **10 July**. A three dimensional representation of the earth floating high above the central crossing of the cathedral, eight metres in diameter, it presents a view of the world as if from space.

Date	July 3	July 10	July 17	July 24	July 31
Worship (10am)	Robert H.	Alex S.	Alex S.	Coralie Ling	Alex
Assistance	Laura	Wendy	Randall	Roma	Desleigh
Welcome at door	Wendy	Roma	Sally	Louise	Wendy
Flowers	Desleigh	Roma	Sally	Desleigh	Maureen
Coffee	Roma	Louise	Maureen	Mark	Maureen

The St Kilda Uniting Church respectfully acknowledges the traditional Owners and Custodians of the land on which we meet, the people of the Yaluk-ut Weelam Clan of the Boon Wurrung. 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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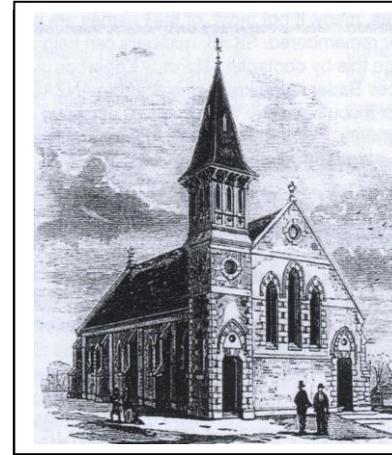
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VISION STATEMENT:

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 July 2022

Pentecost 4

NAIDOC WEEK

A warm welcome to everyone. The Rev Robert Hoskin will lead us today, assisted by Laura. Alex is participating in Synod. We are very pleased to have our Zimbabwean friends with us to share in the service - this includes the Eucharist.

Lectionary for this Sunday – Psalm 30; 2 Kings 5:1 - 14.

From Robert: There's power in the small

The theme of this morning's worship is *There's power in the small* with a reflection based on one of the central figures in the story of Naaman the Leper (2 Kings 5).

The hero figure of the story, though unnamed, is a young slave girl - the least in the Kingdom. **The context of the story is leprosy** which as I will explain has a dark and sinister history in Australia, partly arising from the fear from reading stories such as this.

Many Aboriginal people in the Kimberley were rounded up, put in chains by police and taken to a Leprosarium near to Derby. The Derby Leprosarium, otherwise known as Bungarun, opened in 1936 and cared for Aboriginal people suffering from Leprosy across Western Australia and into the Northern Territory. Closing in 1986 after a cure was found, Bungarun had seen over a thousand Aboriginal people come through its doors. I was surprised to read that leprosy found its way down south as was recorded in a new novel by Eleanor Limprecht who wrote a book called *The Coast* which focused on the leprosy patients at the feared Coast Hospital Lazaret in Little Bay Sydney. Cont.....

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Perhaps these words from Eleanor's book sum up the story's relevance to the theme:

Once a month another doctor visited ... The first time I met him he looked at me through his spectacles as though I was smaller than a grain of sand.

God is with those who consider themselves small in the world's eyes such as those who suffered from leprosy. We will explore this theme in other ways during the service including the thought, that change can happen not only through those who are regarded as small, but through the small things that we might do in life, no matter how insignificant. Robert

HYMNS:

Chant: Come all you people, come and praise your maker.

Community of Christ

Come to the Banquet

TiS 755. We shall go out with joy

Our pianist today is Rev. John Adams who was the minister here from 1985 to 1989. Welcome John!

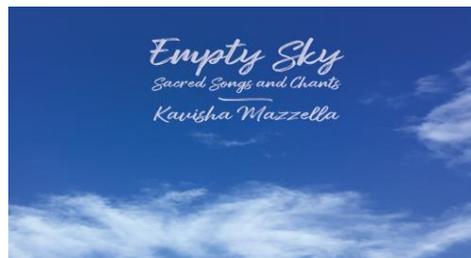
NOTICES:



Uniting Church in Australia
SYNOD OF VICTORIA AND TASMANIA

SYNOD 2022 The 2022 Synod Commenced last Thursday where the Moderator-elect David Fotheringham was installed for the next three years. Meetings have

continued at Box Hill Town Hall. And will conclude this afternoon. I'm sure Alex will be fill us in on all things SYNOD when she returns next week.



TODAY SUNDAY JULY 3RD You are invited to join Empty Sky - silent meditation and chants for peace – Dharma Kavisha Mazzella and Matthew. Doors open at 5pm for 5.30 start. For those who can manage it, an entry donation of \$20 would be appreciated.



NAIDOC WEEK commences today. In the City of Port Phillip there will be a Visual arts installation at Jacka Boulevard by artist Kent Morris. The installation is on the remaining wall facing the St Kilda foreshore. NAIDOC's origins can be traced to the emergence of Aboriginal groups in the 1920's which sought to increase awareness in the wider community

of the status and treatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians. The theme chosen for this year is "Get up@! Stand up! Show up!". We are encouraged to Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up! for systemic change. Whether it's seeking proper environmental, cultural change, a comprehensive process of truth-telling, working towards treaties, or calling out racism—we must do it together. www.naidoc.org.au

Virtual Indigenous Film Festival NAIDOC 2022

The Virtual Indigenous Film Festival (VIFF) NAIDOC Edition is an annual event that takes place during NAIDOC Week. Our mission is to showcase First Nations stories and voices, and invite inclusive and open discussion throughout this important week. This year's winning Australian films; Araatika: Rise Up! Off Country, Wash My Soul in the River's Flow and Where the Water Starts. Each of the films will have a Virtual Screening at 1pm and 7pm on their scheduled day.

[Click here to buy your all access pass](#)

CORACLE COLLECTIVE

Are you interested in co-creating a new faith community? Come along to a gathering at Cornish College the third Sunday of the month – the next one is Sunday 17 July: 3.00pm-5.00pm. This is a joint initiative between Cornish College and the Uniting Church – Presbytery of Port Phillip East. More information: Rev Alex Sangster: alisangster@gmail.com

MOVE BEYOND COAL WEBINAR SERIES Join for the last two sessions of three part Webinar series to learn how we can draw on the lessons and foundations of the #StopAdani campaign to build an unstoppable movement to solve Australia's biggest climate problem by ending funding for coal. Register: [Here](#)
Webinar 2: Our plan to get the big four banks out of coal. Tuesday 12th July 6.30-7.45pm.
Webinar 3: Getting ready for lift off. Tuesday 26th July, 6.30-7.45pm AEST

The next Discussion Session for the BRIGIDINE ASYLUM SEEKERS PROJECT is on Wednesday 13th July, 2 – 3.30pm at 54 Beaconsfield Pde., Albert Park. The Speaker will be Josh Burns – the Federal Member for Macnamara.



You are cordially invited to Robyn's (Horton) solo art exhibition 29th July to August 11th at Louis Joel Arts and Community Centre, 5 Sargood St., Altona. Opening Night Friday 29th at 7pm. RSVP: robynhorton57@gmail.com