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**ON THE NOTICE BOARD** is a flyer for the Port Phillip Citizens for Reconciliation – Reconciliation Writing Competition. This is open to all Victorians. The theme is the 2022 NAIDOC theme “Get Up, Stand Up, Show Up. Entries close Friday 2 September 2022. Entries to be submitted to [writingcomp2022@gmail.com](mailto:writingcomp2022@gmail.com)

| Date                   | July 24         | July 31  | August 7 | August 14 | August 21 |
|------------------------|-----------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Worship (10am)</b>  | Coralie<br>Ling | Alex     | Alex     | Alex      |           |
| <b>Assistance</b>      | Roma            | Desleigh | Wendy    | Laura     | Roma      |
| <b>Welcome at door</b> | Louise          | Wendy    | Maureen  | Louise    | Wendy     |
| <b>Flowers</b>         | Desleigh        | Maureen  | Roma     | Desleigh  | Maureen   |
| <b>Coffee</b>          | Mark            | Maureen  | Roma     | Louise    | Randall   |

*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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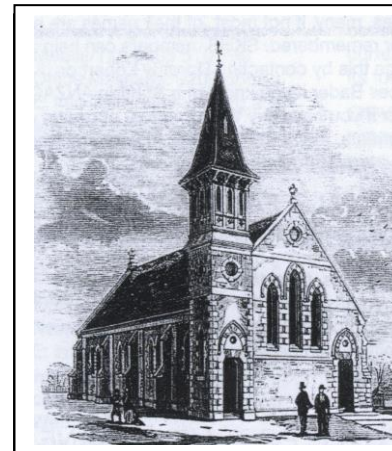
[www.stkildaunitingchurch.org.au](http://www.stkildaunitingchurch.org.au)

**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 25

**Sunday 24th July 2022**

**Pentecost 7**

**A warm welcome to everyone to our gathering today. Rev Dr Coralie Ling will lead the service with Roma assisting.**

***PLEASE NOTE: Next week is NATIONAL TREE DAY and as Alex will be assisting with the City of Port Phillip Multi-faith Tree-planting there will not be the usual gathering in the church at 10 am– more information over page***

***Lectionary for this Sunday –Luke 11: 1-13***

From Coralie:

As a cold tongue of air from the Antarctic has been resting over us we have been shivering in zero temperatures. Yet a warm glow comes to our area with the golden blooming Cootamundras on Canterbury Road near the light rail. And there is a warm haze of purple from the Hardenbergias climbing over the fence of the St Kilda Botanical Gardens.

**The just released State of the Environment Report is shocking in its information about the destruction of the environment.** One thing it notes is that there are now more imported species of plants in our land than native species which are so important for our wild life.

**Next Sunday the Ecocentre is arranging the planting of 1,000 native saplings and the City of Port Phillip Multifaith Network including our congregation will join with the Ecocentre to make this much needed contribution to our environment. Coralie.**

## Blessed be doors – Glyn Cardy

Blessed be Doors,  
big ones and blue.  
Or round and rainbow, or  
Ones that look like you.

Blessed be doors,  
That open us onto new paths  
Of thought, being and acting,  
If we walk through.

Blessed be doors,  
That attract no attention,  
But are there as a pointer  
To a different way.

Blessed be doors,  
That open when we least expect it.  
Inviting us into a new place  
Suggesting we stay.  
And blessed are we  
When we do.

### HYMNS:

**TiS 418: She sits like a bird**

**TiS 182: Bring many names**

**TiS 473: Community of Christ**

### **Chant: We are a wheel**

We are a wheel, a circle of life.  
We are a wheel, a circle of power.  
We are a wheel, a circle of light,  
Circling the world, this sacred hour.  
(Betty Wendelborn from Hildegard  
of Bingen)



**Just a reminder to everyone that it is recommended we wear masks inside – particularly while singing. Hand sanitiser is also available in the foyer – feel free to use.**

### NOTICES:



**TODAY SUNDAY 24th July 2022  
from 4:00pm to 6.00pm**

**"The view from where I stand today"  
- Reflections on life, context, and  
theology with Dr Val Webb.  
(A 'Zoom only' meeting)**

**Dr Val Webb** is an Australian theologian who has worked in the USA and Australia and written ten books. Val has a long association with PCNV, having attended its inaugural meeting and spoken here many times.

**In this video made last year during COVID for Perth Progressives**, Val reflects on issues on her mind. What made each of us “us”, the good and the bad? How have our minds changed over the years and why?

**She reflects on ageing** - agreeing and disagreeing with books written about it. She talks about losses with retirement and wonders about our “spirituality” if our minds diminish.  
**And what of churches** - institution, congregations, ordination - as numbers decline?  
Given institutional emphasis on attracting the young, what of the elderly holding these churches together while waiting for the young - *their* financial and physical struggles while also caring for partners?

**The Zoom link for this meeting is  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85307260734?pwd=Zy9JN0NuaHFzVWVYMDRseDgwFBkdz09>**

**NATIONAL TREE PLANTING DAY:  
NEXT SUNDAY 31 JULY 2022.** Alex represents our church on the **Multi-faith Network (MFN) of the City of Port Phillip** and in conjunction with the Ecocentre, Earthcare St Kilda and Citywide, we are all invited to take part in a Community Tree Planting event next **Sunday 31 July from 9 am to 12 md** at MO Moran Reserve, Elwood. MO Moran Reserve is on Marine Parade, Elwood.

**Alex and Rabbi Abe will be the MFN representatives who will host a multi-faith prayer dedication at 9.30am and you are all invited!**

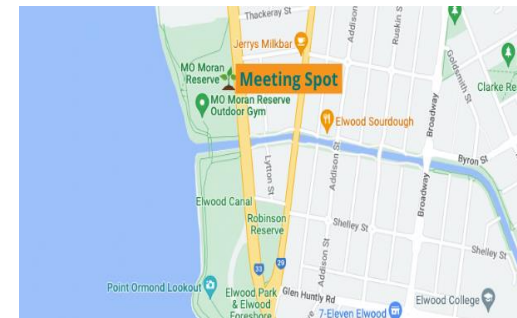
There will be about 1000 indigenous saplings to plant. Equipment will be provided. The weather is forecasted to be a sunny 17 degrees!

**For further information and to register visit the EcoCentre website:**

<https://www.ecocentre.com/events>

or email them at:info@ecocentre.com

**There will be NO formal gathering at church next Sunday but the doors will be open should you be unable to attend the tree planting and wish to have some quiet time. Tea and coffee will be available.**



**SYNOD 2022** The Synod of Victoria & Tasmania met recently and dealt with a range of issues including a responses to Tasmania’s voluntary assisted dying legislation, homelessness, Uniting Aboriginal & Islander Congress, worship in different formats, succession planning, ministry pathways and a whole lot more. **A recap of each day, with pictures, can be found on the Crosslight website, [https:// crosslight.org.au](https://crosslight.org.au).**

**ST KILDA GATEHOUSE 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service at the Baptist Church, 9 Pakington St., St Kilda. Sunday August 7<sup>th</sup> 3:00pm HAS BEEN CANCELLED**