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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

| Date | July 31 | August 7 | August 14 | August 21 | August 28 |
|------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <i>Worship (10am)</i> | Alex | Alex | Alex | Alex | Alex |
| <i>Assistance</i> | Desleigh | Wendy | Laura | Roma | Desleigh |
| <i>Welcome at door</i> | Wendy | Maureen | Louise | Wendy | Louise |
| <i>Flowers</i> | Maureen | Roma | Desleigh | Maureen | Desleigh |
| <i>Coffee</i> | Maureen | Roma | Louise | Randall | Mark |

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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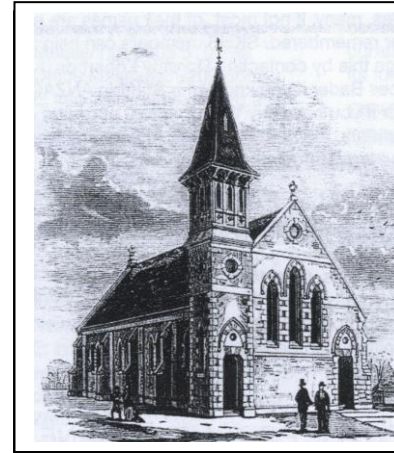
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VISION STATEMENT:

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 31st July 2022

Pentecost 8

National Tree Day

*For **NATIONAL TREE DAY** today Alex is assisting with the City of Port Phillip Tree-planting. There will not be the usual gathering in the church at 10 am but the church will be open for anyone who wishes to drop in.*

Lectionary for this Sunday – Luke 12:13 – 21; Hosea 11: 1 – 11; Psalm 107: 1 – 9, 43; Colossians 3: 1 – 11.

From Alex: This Sunday is National Tree Day.

Just recently I heard about a new edition of the [Oxford Junior Dictionary](#) in which over 120 words about nature have been slashed out of the book. The publishers made this choice because they no longer thought that these words are relevant to ‘modern day childhood’

The deletions included:

*acorn,
ash,
beech,
bluebell,
buttercup,
kingfisher and willow.*

The words taking their places in the new edition included:

*blog, broadband,
bullet-point, celebrity,
chatroom,
cut-and-paste and voice-mail.*

Cont...

Cont... National Tree Day was established over 20 years ago and has been witness to the planting of 22.3 million trees.

All of these trees have names. Devil's Peak Mallee, Ghost Mallee, Honey Box....

My Grandpa, a timber worker with Clydesdale and axe, in the great Black Forests of the Daylesford dark, knew these trees by name and would call them out as we travelled through the bush. This would delight me. It seemed a holy thing. To know the names of trees!

If we look back to one of the first stories from our tradition the story of Adam naming creation we are struck by the simple power that God is giving the human in the story..

'Here' God is saying:

'Name this, know this, love this, take responsibility for this'.

And yet, this 'taking responsibility' is exactly what so many of us seem to find so difficult to do. We get paralysed by the overwhelming loss that looms ahead of us and so we turn away in a type of apathetic numbness.

The challenge of climate change in particular - is that, unlike belching coal or blackened lakes- it is, in a way, invisible.

So if we can't see it and we no longer have language (bluebell, mink whale, pink heath) for the creatures and landscapes, that it is destroying, then maybe, it is nor really there.

And it is not until climate change becomes local and specific and named that we pay attention.

'The reef' we cry, 'the reef'...even though it has been dying for years. My 12 year old wakes at night with dreams of pollution, of black skies and of hot winds.

So this Sunday, with other folk from all over Australia, we shall go and plant a tree.

And we will learn its name and we will bless it. This will be our worship. This will be part of her 'modern day childhood'.

This will be part of our prophetic act of love. Will you join us?

NOTICES:

NATIONAL TREE PLANTING DAY TODAY SUNDAY 31 JULY 2022.

Alex represents our church on the Multi-faith Network (MFN) of the City of Port Phillip and in conjunction Ecocentre, Earthcare St Kilda and Citywide, we are all invited to take part a **Community Tree Planting TODAY 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 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.

For further information and to Register visit the EcoCentre website: <https://www.ecocentre.com/events>



Just a reminder to everyone that it is recommended we wear masks inside particularly while singing. Hand sanitizer available in the foyer.

FUTURE VISIONS. Congregation members have been sent an email inviting them to share their vision for what a future working together with South Port Uniting Churches might look like. Responses have been requested by **next Friday 5th August.**

If you have not received an email and would like to share your ideas please speak/email Alex: alisangster@gmail.com

OPEN HOUSE MELBOURNE
Saturday 30 July and Sunday 31 July

St Kilda Synagogue

Sunday 31 July: Tours run at 12pm, 12.30pm, 3pm and 3.30pm
Running for 30 minutes. **Bookings**
Meet at gate 2, near the administration building. Men are required to wear head covering inside.

St Kilda Cemetery

Sunday 31 July. Tours run at 2pm and 3pm. Running for 45 minutes in groups of 10 people. The friends of St Kilda Cemetery Inc. is open now for bookings. Ple
Meet at the Dandenong Road gates. Comfortable and sturdy shoes are recommended.

All Saints Church East St Kilda

Sunday 31 July. Worship featuring All Saints Choir, 10am.
Visitors welcome. Open 11am-4pm
Representatives available for informal tours in the church on both days.

Jewish Museum

Sunday 31 July. Behind the Scenes With the Curator talks run 10am, 1pm, 4pm. Runs for approx. 30 min. **Book**

Victorian Pride Centre

Sunday 31 July: 10am-5 pm
Tours run 11am, 1 pm, 3 pm, 5 pm
Running for 40 minutes. Bookings available, or turn up on the day.
Tours will depart from the front desk.

Janet and Brian send greetings from the Unities States. *It has been great to spend time with Trude and Tom(from our Zoom church)in Boulder and up at their mountain house at Winter Park. The Rocky Mountains are fantastic and we have enjoyed getting to know this area. Photo 1: Mt Evans 14, 278 ft Arapaho National Forest. Janet and Brian* ❤️



Lyn and Steve Kroker are also travelling and are currently in West Australia. We wish them safe journeying.