

homes; **Community garden facilitator in Tasmania. Envelopes available.**

**UnitingWorld** also has an appeal *Lent Event* ([www.lentevent.com](http://www.lentevent.com)) from **1st March - 15th April** that raises funds for various projects - envelopes on front table. **This is the international partnerships agency of the Uniting Church in Australia.** For more information: <http://www.lentevent.com/>

**World Day of Prayer is this Friday 3rd March, 1pm**, Church of Sts. Peter and Paul, Dorcas St, South Melbourne. All welcome.

**We respectfully acknowledge the Yalukit Willam clan of the Boon Wurrung. We pay our respects to their Elders and community past and present. We acknowledge and uphold their continuing relationship to this land.**

Date	February 26	March 5	March 12	March 19
<i>Worship. W. Assist.</i>	Brian	Simon		
<i>Welcome at door</i>	Janet	Roma		
<i>Pre-Service Prayer</i>	Mary	Beverley		
<i>Flowers</i>	Beverley	Andrej & Petka		
<i>Coffee</i>	Brian & Janet	Randall		

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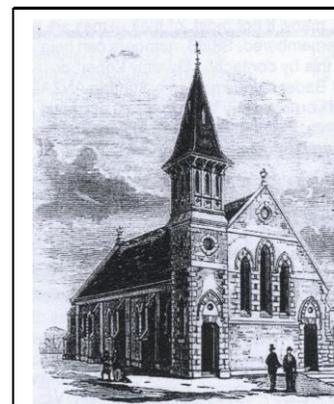
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**VISION STATEMENT:** As a community of faith, the St Kilda Uniting Church Parish Mission strives to do what is just, to show constant love and to walk humbly with God.

**NEWSLETTER DETAILS:** The newsletter editor is Desleigh Kent. Contributions are welcome and can be sent to her at [desleighk@ozemail.com.au](mailto:desleighk@ozemail.com.au) If you would like to be part of a growing congregational email list (and receive a full colour copy of the church newsletter in pdf format), please contact Rob Hess at [Robert.Hess@vu.edu.au](mailto:Robert.Hess@vu.edu.au)



**St Kilda Uniting Church  
Parish Mission**

**NEWSLETTER  
Volume 52, Issue 5**

**Sunday, 26 February 2017**

**You are most welcome to the service today. Rev David Pargeter will lead our worship. Please join us afterwards for tea or coffee.**

**Bible Reading: 1 Timothy 1: 3 – 7. Pg 1328**

#### **Rev. David Pargeter**

Last century, in the early days of dial-up services to access the internet ( still common in rural areas) dropping out and losing connection was the source of much frustration. Today, if we have data as part of our telephony package, we have uninterrupted connection to the World Wide Web. If we don't, then we think nothing of walking into cafés, asking for a WiFi code and conducting 'business' over a nice flat white. Accessing Facebook, sending emails, writing notes, reading the latest news. Constant connection and when I look around the trains and trams I often wonder what people used to do before they had the latest generation of mobile phones. Talk to one another? Hmmm, don't remember people doing too much of that either. Most people sat in the comfort (or discomfort) of their own world.

However, while I was on the train today, I observed something quite different. There I was, hurtling toward Balaclava station, sending an email to my brother who lives in Eshowe in Zululand. I was asking him about the rhinos that were killed for their horns in an orphanage near where he lives. I was connecting with South Africa. But all around me was about a dozen year 11 (?) students connecting to each other; talking very animatedly and with some anger, about the story of that little girl who was recently killed in the battle for Mosul.

No mobile phones. No iPads. Just good old eye to eye conversations about one of the greatest [man] made tragedies of our recent times. Listening in to those young people displaying so much concern lifted my spirits enormously.

But for all our technology and access to billions of bits of information, we still don't know the name of that little girl who died. However, at least 12 young students remembered her and thought about her.

Peace  
David

### Songs/Hymns

#### **The Mystery of Faith:**

(words: Brian Wren/ tune:TiS 654)

How great the mystery of faith,  
how deep the purposes of God,  
in birth and ageing, life and death,  
unveiled, yet never understood!

Attracted by life's deepest claim  
we wait, assembled in this place,  
with needs and hopes we cannot  
name,  
a thirst for healing, truth, and grace.

The best that we can do and say,  
the utmost care of skill and art,  
are sweepers of the Spirit's way  
to reach the depths of every heart.

Come, walk among us, Holy Friend,  
as all are gathered and prepared,  
that scattered lives may meet and  
mend,  
through open Word and table shared.

#### **TiS 465 Father in Heaven** (adapted)

Our God of wonder,  
grant to your people,  
mercy and blessing,  
songs never ceasing,  
love to unite us, grace to redeem us;  
Our God of wonder, our God of love.

Jesus, Redeemer, may we remember  
your gracious passion,  
your resurrection;  
worship we bring you,  
praise we shall sing you,  
Jesus, Redeemer, Jesus, our Lord.

Spirit descending,  
grant us your blessing,  
strength for the weary,  
help for the needy;  
sealed by adoption,  
we are God's people;  
Spirit descending, Spirit adored.

#### **Blessing:**

(tune:Edelwriess/ words: D. Pargeter)

Go in peace, perfect peace,  
finding grace for tomorrow.  
Show you care, every where  
bringing comfort to sorrow.  
Spirit of hope may you bloom and  
grow, bloom and grow forever.  
Go in peace, grow in peace  
showing love for the other.

### Notices

**Ash Wednesday is this coming week. A service of quiet reflection will be held here from 7 – 8pm.**

#### **Two important events to mark in your church calendar:**

1.The **church camp** will be held at the Lancaster's on Phillip Island **Friday 31st March to Sunday 2nd April.**

2.Sunday, **May 21<sup>st</sup>** is the **140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of our church and the launch of the book of its history, written by Maureen. This will be a very special day!** Thanks to those who have already offered to help but we will need many more to prepare the church and on the day, so please talk to Louise, Sally, Maureen or Desleigh. More information later for these events.

#### **This Sunday, February 26, 3pm**

at the St Kilda Library Community Room the **St Kilda Historical Society has Rob Hess as their speaker.** He will talk about his recent book: *Play On. The Hidden History of Women's Australian Rules Football.*

Also, the present display at the library has been curated by Rob.

#### **The Pulse Beating Hearts Concert, Sunday 12 March, 2pm**

**St Silas' Church, 99 Bridport Street, Albert Park.** Guest speaker Julian Burnside QC. \$25 waged, \$10 unwaged/ concession. Extra donations welcome, cash donations over \$2 tax deductible. Afternoon tea included. Raising funds for Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project and Asylum Seeker Pathways Project.  
Facebook.com/SongsForUsAll

#### **163 Table Conversations. Sharing Food – Sharing Ideas.** The next **Table Conversations** will be on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 6.15pm.**

Emeritus Professor Joseph Camilleri, OAM, La Trobe University. Some thoughts on the Middle East. This conversation will be from his extensive knowledge of the countries in the Middle East. **Bring your friends. All welcome!** Please rsvp to Janet: 0417 670 132. Donation to cover the cost of dinner BYO drinks or a bottle to share

**This year, the Uniting Church Lenten Offering** will aid four projects: **Days for Girls**, an international NGO that provides hygiene kits for girls in developing countries; **Ministry training** in the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress; **Assist the Hamilton Uniting Church to live stream** their services to local hospitals, aged care facilities and