

**Good Friday service will be at Christ Church Anglican in Acland Street.
Time to be confirmed.**

The **Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project** are asking for contributions of cleaning products, washing powder and toilet paper. Gift cards for supermarkets are also well received. Please leave donations in box in foyer.

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	March 26	April 2	April 9 Palm Sunday	April 16 Easter
<i>Worship. W. Assist.</i>	Coralie/Paulo. Beverley	Church	Mary	Melissa
<i>Welcome at door</i>	Janet	Camp	Maureen	Maureen
<i>Pre-Service Prayer</i>	Brian	No worship	Janet	Mary
<i>Flowers</i>	Beverley	at	Mary	Desleigh
<i>Coffee</i>	Beverley	St Kilda	Mary	Randall

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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 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



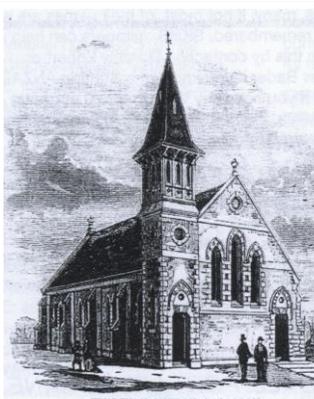
**St Kilda Uniting Church
Parish Mission**

NEWSLETTER

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Sunday, 26 March 2017

LENT 4



You are most welcome to the service today. Rev. Dr. Coralie Ling will lead our worship. We will also hear from the Engagement Hub manager, Paulo Reid. Please join us afterwards for tea or coffee.

Bible Reading: Matthew 26: 6 – 13 pg. 1085

Rev. David Pargeter is away this week – here is his message for April. The theme of **Reconciliation** for the month of April is a complex one. When I think about reconciliation I imagine a tree. A tall tree with deep roots and long branches.

Some of its roots reach right down into our personal lives and relationships, while others reach deeply into the spiritual psyche of what it means to be Australian. Some of its branches reach up and out and form the canopy under which we can sit and think about what it means to be human in a world of other humans. While other branches are home to so many species that we have to ask ourselves what is our relationship to this planet.

As we journey with this theme through April we will focus upon Easter. The big spiritual moment in the Christian calendar around which thoughts about hope and justice, new life and old life, and suffering and reconciliation with God have been faithfully woven. We will ask questions about what it means to be reconciled with self, with others and with the world.

Hopefully, we will come out the other side having experienced liberation and healing, and a faith story that can sustain us for living in a world that is still being made, and as part of a species that constantly damages itself and its human family.

David Pargeter

Songs/Hymns

TiS 172: My soul gives glory to my God

TiS 780: May light come into your eyes

Creation Sings! (Shirley Murray)

Creation sings!

And we are in the music,
The movement of God's energy and art,
A liturgy that links our life to angels,
A litany that rises from the heart.

The Spirit sings!

Through love and lamentation
From Pentecost to joy of Easter Day.
The universe is resonant with music,
The smallest creature dances to its play.

Creation groans at our discordant clashing:
The Spirit comes with music as our friend,
To bring the harmony of peace and beauty,
To teach the textures of the way to blend.

O God, you draw the melody from silence,
You make the instruments of song!
We offer thanks in worship and in wonder,
That such a gift to human souls belong.

Notices

The **church camp** will be held **next weekend** at the Lancasters on Phillip Island. **Friday 31st March to Sunday 2nd April**. Please talk to Beverley if you intend to come.

THERE WILL NOT BE A WORSHIP SERVICE HERE NEXT WEEK. (April 2nd)

CHURCH AGM. This will be held immediately after church on Sunday April 30th. Please forward reports to Simon by 16th April

Sunday, May 21st is the 140th Anniversary celebration of our church and the launch of the book of its history written by Maureen. This will be a very special day! We will need many hands on deck before and on the day so please talk to Louise, Sally, Maureen or Desleigh if you are prepared to help. More information later.

A WORKING BEE here at the church has been planned for Saturday 29th April

163 Table Conversations. Sharing Food – Sharing Ideas

Last Tuesday evening we were so privileged to have Joe Camelleri as our speaker: his power point of the

Middle East is available for anyone interested who couldn't be there – ask David or the team (Janet, Maureen or Mary) for this.

The next *Table Conversations* will be on Tuesday April 11th at 6.15pm John Enticott - General Manager of St Kilda Community Housing Ltd.

A Future for Affordable Housing in Australia

John has had 40 years' experience in housing. He is passionate about housing and believes the Housing Crisis is hitting its peak. Everyone is looking for solutions.

All welcome!

Please rsvp to Janet: 0417 670 132.
Donation to cover the cost of dinner
BYO drinks or a bottle to share

PALM SUNDAY PEACE MARCH: Walk for Justice for Refugees. Sunday April 9th

Gather at 1.30pm at the State Library – walk 2pm. We are invited to meet under the Synod banner.

Lenten Study: On the Way together 2017. This study is at the South Melbourne Uniting Church for two more Wednesdays: 29th March and 5th April at 7pm at the Parish Mission Centre. These are being led by Rev. Ross Carter and Rev. Hoon You,

Progressive Christian Network is on **Sunday April 23 at 3.00pm.**
Speaker(s) yet to announced.
Venue: Ewing Memorial Centre of Stonnington Uniting Church, corner of Burke Road and Coppin Street, Malvern East. Melway 59 G12

Spirit of Things: Rachael Kohn ABC Radio National with Rachael Kohn: The Spirit of Things 6.05pm Sundays. Today: Are You Spiritually Connected?
Its not how spiritual you are, but how you are spiritual. Scientist Lynn Underwood developed the Daily Spiritual Experience Scale, 16 Questions that are not only predictive but have been turned into a spiritual practice.

UnitingWorld has an appeal ***Lent Event* (www. Lentevent .com)** from **1st March - 15th April** that raises funds for various projects - envelopes on front table or in Crosslight. **This is the international partnerships agency of the Uniting Church in Australia.**

<http://www.lentevent.com/>

The Uniting Church *Lenten Offering* envelopes are on the front table.