

Tomorrow is World Environment Day 2017,"Connecting People to Nature", the theme implores us to get outdoors and into nature, to appreciate its beauty and its importance, and to take forward the call to protect the Earth that we share. This year's theme invites you to think about how we are part of nature and how intimately we depend on it – to cherish this vital relationship.

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	June 4	June 11	June 18	June 25
<i>Worship. W. Assist.</i>	David Janet	David Roma	David Andrej	David Mary
<i>Welcome at door</i>	Annie	Janet	Mary	Louise
<i>Pre-Service Prayer</i>	Beverley	Brian	Roma	Roma
<i>Flowers</i>	Beverley	Maureen	Mary	Andrej & Petka
<i>Coffee</i>	Brian & Janet	Melissa & Darren	Mark & Ruth	Louise

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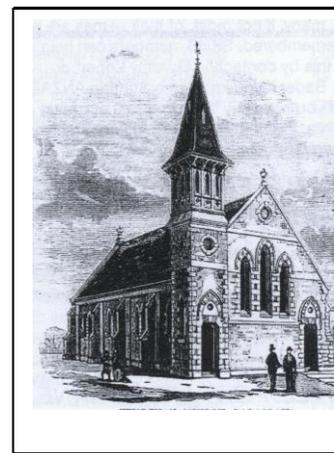
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VISION STATEMENT: As a community of faith, the St Kilda Uniting Church Parish Mission strives to do what is just, to show constant love and to walk humbly with God.

NEWSLETTER DETAILS: The newsletter editor is Desleigh Kent. Contributions are welcome and can be sent to her at desleighk@ozemail.com.au. 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



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Parish Mission**

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PENTECOST

You are most welcome to the service today. Rev. David Pargeter will lead our worship.

Bible Reading: Genesis 1: 1 - 31 pg 1

Rev. David Pargeter:

A recent article in one of the online daily papers posed a thoughtful question – are you suffering from ‘bad news’ fatigue?

I wasn't sure how to answer that question. In some ways, the answer is yes. I am profoundly weary from all the tragic stories that come to us from every pocket of the planet. A young girl killed by a suicide bomber in Baghdad – she was visiting her grandfather and was in an ice-cream shop in the wrong place at the wrong time. Senseless cruelty. Floods that wash away whole villages in Sri Lanka. Hunger that destroys a generation of young children in Malawi. A wild punch that robs a young surgeon in Box Hill of his future. Planes that crash and cars that smash. Explosions in Kabul. This human story keeps repeating itself. Century after century, day after day. The weariness comes from wondering what will it take to break the cycle; to help humankind find a new way of co-existing.

Sadly, how quickly ‘Lest we forget’ becomes ‘Lest we remember’.

In other ways, the answer is no. I'm not suffering from ‘bad news’ fatigue. Because deep down I know it's not the whole story. I know it's the shadow side of human existence. I know that around the world in every culture the good that people do and experience far outweighs any dark and over simplified description of the world that the media in all its forms has to offer us.

Bad news serves no purpose other than keeping me alive to the pain in the world. Sometimes it threatens to overwhelm me; especially when I feel helpless in the face of it. Sometimes it reignites the doubts within me. But always, it stirs up an unquenchable compassion and longing for a better, more peaceful world.

A better world which at the end of the day, I have no power to bring about other than through trying to bring it to life in little simple ways every day through the people I meet. Resisting the urge to become indifferent because life is simpler that way. Instead, remaining 'present' and alive to the now of life.

David

Songs/Hymns

TiS 135. All things bright and beautiful.

Part 1: Verses 1 – 3

Part 2: new verse 4,

4. St Kilda's streets and doorways
It's cafes, shops and trams
Those sleeping in the corners
The parents and their prams.

then 5 & 6

Adaptation of this old hymn: Cherish Mother Earth Sunday:

(TiS 345 – Were you there)

Were you there when our earth began to cry?

Were you there when our earth began to cry?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;

I was there when our earth began to cry?

Were you there when our reefs began to die?

Were you there when our reefs began to die?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;

I was there when our reefs began to die?

Were you there when the seas began to rise?

Were you there when the seas began to rise?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;

I was there when the seas began to rise?

Were you there when the trees began to fall?

Were you there when the trees began to fall?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;

I was there when the trees began to fall?.

Were you there when pollution filled our skies?

Were you there when pollution filled our skies?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;

I was there when pollution filled our skies?

Notices

MAUREEN'S BOOK: Campaigns Causes and Commitments: the Continuing Story of the St Kilda Uniting Church in the Balaclava Community, is available from the church @ \$25 a copy or 2 for \$40. Please see Maureen/Desleigh/Sally /Louise if you would like a copy. Maureen would be very happy to sign it for you!

ST KILDA MULTICULTURAL IFTAR. Tonight: Sunday June 4th from 5 – 8pm at the St Kilda Town Hall. Iftar (Arabic: break – fast) takes place every night during the Islamic month of Ramadan, following prayers. The emphasis is on friendship, simplicity and regard for one's neighbour.

MELBOURNE FAITH AND CIVIL MARRIAGE EQUALITY FORUM
Come to this unique event bringing together guest speakers from across the faith spectrum in Melbourne as we engage in a positive dialogue

about Civil Marriage and LGBTIQ inclusion in our faith communities.
Wednesday, June 7th 2017. 6:30 – 8:30pm at Temple Beth Israel 76 Alma Rd. St Kilda. This is a free event.

PARISH COUNCIL is this Thursday 8th June at 7pm at the church. Please talk to any church council member if you have concern/s you would like discussed.

READING GROUP: The Reading Group met last Thursday night. The decision was made to meet once a month, with the next meeting to be **Thursday June 22nd at 7.30pm at Mary and Brian's.** David will circulate an article before then to anyone interested so please see him if you would like to come along.

TABLE CONVERSATIONS. SHARING FOOD – SHARING IDEAS

The next **163 Table Conversation** will be on **Tuesday June 20th at 6.15pm.** The speaker will be Rev. Barbara Allen who will be talking about the place of animals in different religions. **All welcome!** Please **rsvp** to Janet: 0417 670 132. Donation to cover the cost of dinner BYO drinks or a bottle to share.