

For your diary: March date: Tuesday 12 March 2019 - 6.15 pm for a 6.30 pm start. Conversation: What does it mean to be a Mormon in Australia? Is there such a thing as a progressive Mormon? Our guest speaker couple will help us understand this what it means to be a Mormon.

The next Church Council meeting is on Tuesday: February 5

Next week is our monthly Communion service followed by LUNCH.

Please stay if you can.

We respectfully acknowledge the Yalukit Willam clan of the Boon Wurrung – the Traditional Owners of Port Phillip. We pay our respects to their Elders and community past, present and emerging. We acknowledge and uphold their continuing relationship to this land

Date	27 January	3 February	10 February	17 February
<i>Worship Assistance</i>	David Andrej	David Randall	David Melissa	David Andrej
<i>Welcome at door</i>	Louise	Janet/Brian	Mary	Roma
<i>Flowers</i>	Louise	Deb	Maureen	Petra
<i>Coffee</i>	Louise	Janet/Brian	Mary	Mark/Ruth
<i>Rubbish collection</i>	Roma	Janet/Brian	Randall	Roma

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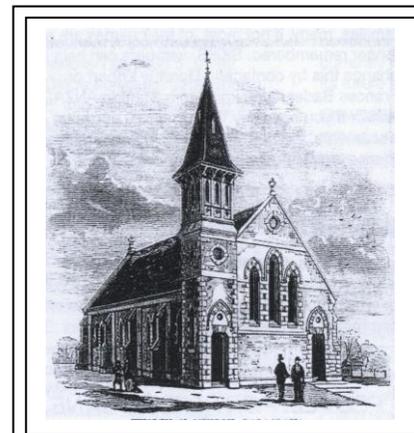
VISION STATEMENT:

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:

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**St Kilda Uniting Church
Parish Mission**

NEWSLETTER

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Sunday, 27 January 2019

Welcome to the New Year! You are most welcome to our worship service. Rev. David Pargeter will lead our service today. Please stay afterwards for tea/coffee and conversation.

Bible Reading: Luke 4: 14 – 30 pg. 1129

From David:

Over my holiday break I read a very little book by Frederick Franck. The book was given to me by a dear friend who said, “Eat this while in Thailand, it’s nourishment for head and heart”.

I say read but what I really mean is still reading. 7 weeks later and I’ve only just reached page 36. It’s not that I am a really slow reader but rather I can’t turn the page until I have fully absorbed what I have just read. I get through 3 or 4 short reflections and have to stop. Very few books have that effect on me. Poetry does. Some theology too. But this little book of distilled wisdom is enchanting both in style and depth. It’s called: ‘A Little Compendium on That Which Matters’

The foreword describes it as a ‘profound confrontation with the human within oneself and others’. The book may be little in size but it’s mind-blowingly huge in terms of content – a life time of emerging wisdom beautifully but honestly captured in 62 pages of text interspersed with simple sketches.

Frederick served as a doctor on Albert Schweitzer’s staff in Africa. A dental surgeon by profession but best known for his love of art, writing and interest in human spirituality.

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He once said that “Art is neither a profession nor a hobby. Art is a way of being”. I first met Frederick, not personally, but through his book *The Zen of Seeing*. He died in 2006 at the age of 97.

One of his phrases I love very much goes like this: "Pacem in Terris (Peace on Earth) is not tied to any particular religion, but to all... and to none. For I hope that it may speak also to those who, while shunning religious labels, share fully in the specifically human quest for meaning and for values to live by. For to be human or not to be, that is the question!"

He advocated that the meaning of life is to See – to see within, see through and see beyond.

I hope that as we make our way through 2019 we will continue to develop our capacity for ‘seeing’ not so much with the eye but with the heart.

May this coming year be kind to the world in which we live.

Shalom David

THE THEME for FEBRUARY is HUMOUR. We will have a look at the nature of comedy and its ability to expose the truth of things. We will use some scenes from that ground-breaking movie *The Life of Brian* to illustrate how humour can capture

some thought-provoking perspectives on history, society and theology.

SONGS

TiS 690 Beauty for Brokenness

In the Bulb there is a flower

In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there’s a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

There’s a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
There’s a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our
time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing; in
our life, eternity,
In our death, a resurrection; at the
last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

Words and music Natalie Sleeth, 1986

God’s Spirit is in my heart

God's spirit is in my heart
S(H)e has called me and set me apart
This is what I have to do
What I have to do

*He sent me to give the good news to
the poor
Tell prisoners that they are prisoners
no more
Tell blind people that they can see,
And set the downtrodden free
And go tell everyone
The news that the kingdom of God has
come
And go tell everyone
The news that God’s Kingdom has
come.*

Notices:

**READING AND DISCUSSION
GROUP - includes studies for LENT**
Our **Easter** preparation for this year
will weave into our **Reading and
Discussion Group**

The first meeting is on **Thursday,
February 7th at 7.30p.m.** at Mary
and Brian’s house. We will focus on
heresy and what the context was for
something being determined as
‘orthodox’ while other perspectives
were proclaimed and suppressed as
being heretical. We will also try to
make sense of biblical history so that
we can develop a deeper appreciation
of context and why some material

made it into the New Testament
while some didn’t.

There will be an **Ash Wednesday**
service on **March 6th** and then we
will have **5 weekly Lenten studies**
held at the church on **Thursdays:** 14,
21 and 28 March, and 4, 11 April.
These sessions will be entitled
“Dreaming our way to Easter”.
Times to be confirmed. **All welcome**

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SWING into a New Year of fantastic
conversations in 2019
We are back into the **SWING** of
things on **Tuesday 12 February 6.15
pm for a 6.30 pm start**
February Speaker: Allan Snashall
Specialty subject: Swing Dancing
Learn about SWING dancing and
hear about Allan's adventures
attending SWING dancing events
across the world. What are the
origins of SWING dancing? What are
the different forms of SWING
dancing? If you’re game - there will
be a chance to 'have a go' !
A great way to get our conversations
going for 2019.
Please RSVP Janet loves to know
you are coming well ahead of time as
it helps her and Brian to plan and
prepare our dinner.
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0417 670 132 **Don't Forget:**
BYO own drinks to share
Make a donation for dinner plus a
thank you gift for the speaker.