

The Church Council has decided to sell the remaining PEWS in the church and to purchase more chairs. They will be advertised in Crosslight etc but before we do, if you would like one (or two...), please talk to David or Randall.

The CAMP date has been booked for October Fri 25th to Sunday 27th at Merricks. Lots of information to come later but you might like to mark it in your diary

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	17 February	24 February	3 March	10 march
Worship Assistance	David Andrej	David Janet/Brian	David Desleigh	David Melissa
Welcome at door	Roma	Louise	Roma	Louise
Flowers	Petra	Deb	Roma	Desleigh
Coffee	Mark/Ruth	Louise	Roma	Louise
Rubbish collection	Roma	Darren/ Melissa	Andrej	Randall

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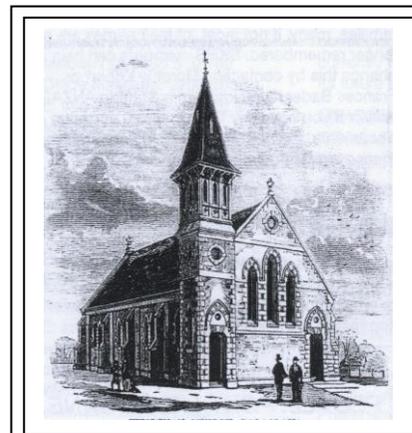
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VISION STATEMENT:

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:

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 content are also welcomed.



**St Kilda Uniting Church
Parish Mission**

NEWSLETTER

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Sunday, 17 February 2019

You are most welcome to our worship service. Rev. David Pargeter will lead our service today – the theme for February being *humour*. Please stay afterwards for tea/coffee and conversation.

Bible Reading: James 2: 14 – 26; The Inclusive Bible

From David:

Today we welcome into our community something that is very symbolic of the kind of Christian community that we are and wish to become. I know that sounds a bit odd - how do you become what you are already! Well, becoming is a process – we are always in a state of becoming and evolving. Through every stage of our lives we are becoming someone else; as we integrate new experiences we are changed. As I said the other Sunday, the Hebrew name for God (YAHWEH) carries within it the concept of unfolding; *of God becoming what God will become*.

Phew, sorry about that, didn't mean to get quite so philosophical.

Back to the symbol. It's something relatively small in size but extremely significant for the faith journey that we are on. Church council has made an investment in a book. Ten books actually. They represent a major step forward in terms of how we understand the literature that underpins our faith story.

At the front of the church there are now 10 copies of *The Inclusive Bible – The First Egalitarian Translation*. The back cover says: *“Intended to free the text from sexist language, gender bias, and social stereotyping and to allow for a full expression of contemporary spiritual struggles and changing social roles.* PTO

Created with a deep respect for, and scholarly reliance on, original Hebrew and Greek texts”.

This a superb translation and a must-read for those who want to take their faith story seriously. It has terrific footnotes and the translators have removed all the paragraph and chapter headings so that the reader can form their own view regarding what the text is about.

This is the translation we will now use for our times together.

I hope you find the translation both helpful and meaningful. David

SONGS

Give me Joy in my Heart.

Tune: TiS 52

Give me joy in my heart, keep me singing.
Give me joy in my heart, I pray.
Give me joy in my heart, keep me singing.
Keep me singing till the break of day.

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna for the gift of life!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna let us sing!*

Give me joy in my life keep me smiling.
Give me joy in my life, I pray.
Give me joy in my life, keep me smiling
Keep me smiling till the break of day.
Chorus

Give me joy in my faith, keep me laughing.
Give me joy in my faith, I pray.
Give me joy in my faith, keep me laughing
Keep me laughing till the break of day.
Chorus

How can I keep from singing?

My life flows on in endless song;
Above earth's lamentations,
I hear the real, tho' far-off hymn
That hails a new creation;
Through all the tumult and the strife
I hear its music ringing;
It sounds an echo in my soul—
How can I keep from singing?

Although the tempest loudly roars,
I hear the truth, it liveth.
But though the darkness 'round me close,
Songs in the night it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that rock I'm clinging;
Since love is lord of heaven and earth,
How can I keep from singing?

When tyrants tremble, sick with fear,
And hear their death-knell ringing,
When friends rejoice both far and near,
How can I keep from singing?
In prison cell and dungeon vile,
Our thoughts to them are winging;
When friends by shame are undefiled,
How can I keep from singing?

God's spirit is in my heart

God's spirit is in our heart
S(H)e has called us and set us apart
This is what we have to do
What we have to do

*God sends us to be 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.*

Life in the world can be sad
It's a struggle sometimes to feel glad
Walking that old extra mile
That old extra mile. *Chorus*

Laughter is what we all need
A giggle is only a seed
A grin is barely enough
The world's just too tough. *Chorus*

Words: Alan Dale/Hubert Richards
Tune: Hubert Richards – arr. Keith Stent

Notices:

***TODAY Sunday 17th February 3 to 4pm
St Oswald's Anglican Church, 100 High
Street Glen Iris.***

LISTENING TO THE STATEMENT FROM THE HEART.

In celebration of **2019 UN World Interfaith Harmony Week** you are invited to join Faith Leaders: Buddhists, Christian, Hindu, Islamic, Jewish, Sikh and other traditions, stop and listen to the voice of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in hope of **reconciliation and healing** our Nation's broken heart.

This will be followed by a facilitated walk in the Reconciliation Garden then refreshments in the hall.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday 7pm March 6th at the church. **Ash Wednesday** is a relatively recent addition to the faith life of the Christian community – about 1000 years ago. Ash is used symbolically to remind us of our mortality, and thus Lent begins: an inward spiritual journey of self-examination.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday before Good Friday 7pm April 18th. at the church.

A candle-lit simple meal allowing us to move gently from light to darkness. A gathering of 'friends' participating in a chaburah meal - a Jewish festive meal usually shared each week before Passover. This meal most probably represents the origin of 'the Lord's supper'

5 LENTEN STUDIES Thursdays 14th, 21st, 28th March and 4th & 11th April: 7 pm to 8.30pm at the church: *Dreaming our way to Easter.* Dreams

play a very important part in all the stories of the great faith traditions. Within Judaism and Christianity for example, dreams have shaped the course of history. In many ways, dreams represent what Celtic Christianity refer to as **thin places**: those moments, experiences or locations where the material and the mystical become one. we will take a look at the place of dreams and dreaming in spiritual life. The Lenten program will be led by Rev David Pargeter and Rev Dr Robert Hoskin.