

supper'. Please bring a contribution to the meal eg. dips, fruit (fresh and dried)

**April 19<sup>th</sup> GOOD FRIDAY**, an **Ecumenical** service will take place at our church at **9.30 am. We will provide morning tea**

Usual service in our church on **EASTER SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> April at 10.30a.m.**

**CONFERENCE: EARTH@PEACE – towards a Just and Ecologically Sustainable Peace. April 23 – 24<sup>th</sup> 9am to 5pm both days.** Pilgrim Theological College – Centre for Theology and Ministry, 29 College Crescent Parkville.

*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 March	24 March	31 March	7 April
<i>Worship Assistance</i>	David Randall	David Mary	David Roma	David Janet/Brian
<i>Welcome at door</i>	Maureen	Mary	Wendy	Roma
<i>Flowers</i>	Desleigh	Mary	Deb	Louise
<i>Coffee</i>	Maureen	Mark/Ruth	Wendy	Roma
<i>Rubbish collection</i>	Roma	Melissa/ Darren	Randall	Randall

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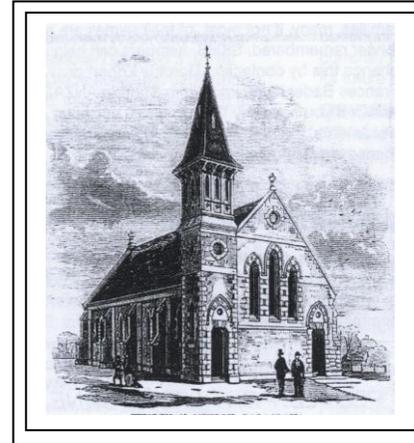
**VISION STATEMENT:**

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:**

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Contributions to the content are also welcomed.



**St Kilda Uniting Church  
Parish Mission  
NEWSLETTER**

**Volume 54, Issue 8**

**Sunday, 17 March 2019**

*Lent 2*

**You are most welcome to our service today. Rev. David Pargeter will lead our service. Please stay afterwards for tea/coffee and conversation.**

**Bible Reading: Luke 13: 31 – 35 The Inclusive Bible: pg. 689**

**From David -** This is not the article that I put to bed around 5pm on Friday. That will now be next week's contribution to the newsletter.

The event in Christchurch New Zealand cuts across everything. It cannot be left to one side. It needs to remain front and centre and occupy our thoughts for some time to come. Because our interfaith consciousness will need to be strengthened and not weakened by what happened in two mosques 2,400 Km's away.

And, I'm sure it will remain with us, because we are very sensitive to the world around us.

What took place in Christchurch is an unimaginable tragedy but it was no aberration; no brain-snap by an unhinged malcontent. I'm aware that we have very little detail and can't leap to too many conclusions, but we can leap to at least one. This was the consequence of a seed of hatred sown years ago by people frightened by diversity; watered diligently by right-wing media and its commentators, and fed regularly on fear and resentment, by white (often Christian) supremacist blog sites, and their adherents.

The murder of so many innocent people in New Zealand quite clearly needs to generate our compassion but that is not enough. This tragedy needs to arouse outrage, and then our Christian faith needs to convert that outrage into positive relations with women, children and men of other faiths. The Muslim community in Australia has been marginalised, vilified and vulnerable for too many years, and we need to help bring that to an end.

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But for the moment, this Sunday especially, I'd like to invite each of us to imagine what it must feel like to be a Muslim in Australia and New Zealand today. Let us walk in their shoes for a while and let that imagined experience inform both our prayers and our actions.

*Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God.*

PS. I've just hit 'send', and a strongly worded email has just landed in Senator Fraser Anning's inbox. His 'tweets' straight after the incident are an appalling display of thoughtless and reckless conduct by an officer of the parliament. David

#### **HYMNS/SONGS**

**Shalom:** Tune: Melita TiS 138

**Creator spirit** heal this land  
She's wounded now by human hands  
We've scarred the hills, removed the trees

Destroyed the air and killed the seas  
We hear her pain; her weeping soul  
With love and care she will be whole.

**We know** that much is very wrong  
The little birds have lost their song  
The oceans churn with toxic waste  
And mountain streams have lost their taste

We hear her pain; her weeping soul  
With love and care she will be whole.

**As glaciers melt** and waters rise  
The 'Pollies' play with truth and lies  
And while they sing their empty songs  
Her Island homes will soon be gone.  
We hear her pain; her weeping soul  
With love and care she will be whole

**Creator spirit** heal this place  
Inspire in us the love and grace  
That this land needs to live again  
The soothing touch of gentle rain  
We hear her pain; her weeping soul  
With love and care she will be whole

**An Easter Faith:** Tune: O Waly Waly. TiS 654

**An Easter faith** comes mixed with fear.

Its sacred cross is always near.  
We feel its pain and hostile breath.  
This Easter faith still speaks of death.

**We gaze upon** its outstretched form,  
Aware at last of death's great storm.  
Our mortal lives brought face to face;  
The end of life meets endless grace

**An Easter faith** with life is filled.  
Such dreams of hope cannot be killed  
They will rise up and live again.  
They will not die, they have no end.

**We gaze upon** its empty tomb.  
We see beyond the gath'ring gloom.,  
Within the light of early morn,  
The hope of life has been reborn

**And so,** we walk renewed and healed.  
In broken bread; His life revealed.  
'Remember me' is all he said.  
And thus recalled: he is not dead.

David Pargeter 15th March 2019

#### **The Pen is Poised**

**The pen** is poised to write a prophet's word  
A tale of what is right and should be heard.

It flies above injustice like a bird.  
Speaking truth to power can't be wrong.  
Speaking truth to power can't be wrong.

**The politics** of power shape our lands  
Corruption leaves its stain on bloodied hands

The despots fight to guard their shadowlands.  
Speaking truth to power can't be wrong.  
Speaking truth to power can't be wrong.

**Prophet's** come to us in every age  
Leave their mark on history's tragic stage  
Liberating truth from liar's cage.

Speaking truth to power can't be wrong.  
Speaking truth to power can't be wrong.

**So why** do prophets bite with wisdom's tooth?

Why do they dare to speak forbidden truth?

What drives them in this bravest of pursuits?  
Speaking truth to power can't be wrong.  
Speaking truth to power can't be wrong.

**So, let us honour** now the Prophet's song.

And let their music linger loud and long.  
And hold them in our prayers and keep them strong.

Speaking truth to power won't be wrong  
Speaking truth to power won't be wrong

David Pargeter – 6 March 2019

#### **Notices:**

**Church Council met last Tuesday.** It was decided that this year our 6% would follow last year's decision:

**\$2000 each to Act for Peace, Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project, Boab Network of the Mowanjumb Aboriginal Community WA**

**LENTEN STUDIES began last week – the next one is this Thursday 21st then 28<sup>th</sup> March and 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> April: 7 pm to 8.30pm at the church.**

**Entitled: *Dreaming our way to Easter.*** These will be led by Rev David Pargeter and Rev Dr Robert Hoskin.

**THE PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIAN NETWORK OF VICTORIA will meet next Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 3pm** at Ewing Memorial Centre of Stonnington Uniting Church East **for the second in the series *Possibilities for the Future of Christianity in Australia.*** The second panel of speakers will be Rev Dr Philip Hughes, Rev Dr Coralie Ling and Rev Dr David Merritt.

**1835 THE FOUNDING OF MELBOURNE** St Kilda Baptist Community invites you to a presentation by **James Boyce, the author of "1835 The Founding of Melbourne and the Conquest of Australia"** **Sunday 24 March 3pm now at ST KILDA TOWN HAL (was Baptist Church)** Seats \$20, includes refreshments. Tickets via [www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com) Enquiries Judi 0409866107

**PALM SUNDAY Walk for Peace. Notice board**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY: Thursday 7pm April 18<sup>th</sup>.**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