

April 19th 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 21st April at 10.30a.m.**

CONFERENCE: EARTH@PEACE – towards a Just and Ecologically Sustainable Peace. April 23 – 24th 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	24 March	31 March	7 April	14 April
Worship	David	David	David	David
Assistance	Mary	Roma	Janet/Brian	Andrej
Welcome at door	Mary	Wendy	Roma	Louise
Flowers	Mary	Deb	Louise	Petra
Coffee	Mark/Ruth	Wendy	Roma	Louise
Rubbish collection	Melissa/Darren	Randall	Randall	Andre/Petra

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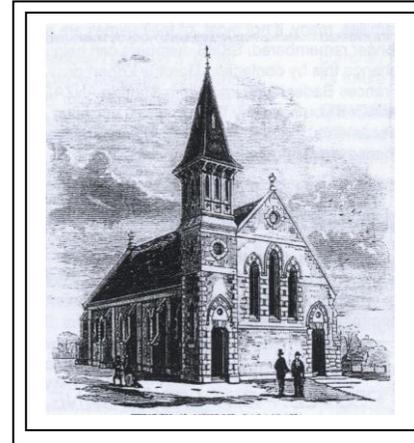
VISION STATEMENT:

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, 24 March 2019

Lent 3

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: 1 - 9 The Inclusive Bible: pg. 688

From David - Politicians are clearly in pre-election mode but so far there is a notable absence of any party-political slogans for 2019. No doubt they will emerge shortly – so stand by.

‘Slogan’ is a strange word. It comes from the Scottish Gaelic *sluagh-ghair* which was a highland battle-cry designed to stir the hearts of warriors and urge them into battle. My God-father, Uncle Ken, served with the famous Highland Black Watch and fought in the battle of El-Alamein in 1942. He was very proud of the regiment’s history and we had some ‘interesting’ conversations when I expressed my views about the reason for its formation; it was cobbled together in 1725 out of Royalist Clans for the specific purpose of subduing and repressing rebellious Highlanders who had been involved in the Jacobite Rebellion. Uncle Ken maintained that the name Black Watch was ‘slogan’ enough to promote fear in the hearts of others. Some slogans work like that; ‘silent’ dog whistles or symbols and are used very effectively to mobilise communities for bad and for good.

Over the years there have been some memorable party-political *sluagh-ghairs* designed to ‘mobilise’ the loyal followers.

Who can forget Gough’s *It’s Time* ? Do you remember the Australian Democrat’s *Keep the bastards honest?* (I think we should bring that one back!). Or, Andrew Peacock’s *The Answer is Liberal*’, to which Hawke replied “It must have been a %#!* stupid question”. Then there was Rudd’s 2007 catchphrase ‘Kevin 07’. And then of course we had *Stop the boats* and *Axe the Tax*. Clearly, some slogans are more effective than others, and speak to different parts of the voting community. What will 2019 offer us?

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It will be interesting to see which slogans the campaign managers come up with. Personally, I'd like some short punchy ones. Something like 'Cut the Crap', or 'Truth not lies'.

As Jesus rallies his followers and steadily makes his way to Jerusalem for Passover, a campaign manager for Jesus's recruiting strategy in Judea would probably come up with something like *Preaching truth to power*. I reckon that would fit rather nicely on the side of a camel or a donkey, it might even just fit on the top of a cross. Not sure it would attract many followers though – much too risky. David

HYMNS/SONGS

God's spirit is in our heart

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S(H)e calls us and sets us apart
This is what we have to do
What we have to do

***Go into the world with good news for 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;
a struggle sometimes to feel glad
Looking for light in the dark
For light in the dark. **Chorus:**

Courage is what we all need
To challenge the gospel of greed
Through sharing the world has enough
The world has enough. **Chorus:**

Many Gifts, One Spirit

God of change and glory,
God of time and space,
When we fear the future,
Give to us your grace.
In the midst of changing ways
Give us still the grace to praise

***Many gifts, one Spirit,
One love known in many ways.
In our difference is blessing,
From diversity we praise
One giver, One Lord,
One Spirit, One Word
Known in many ways,
Hallowing our days.
For the giver, for the gifts,
praise, praise, praise!***

God of many colours,
God of many signs,
You have made us different,
Blessing many kinds.
As the old ways disappear
Let your love cast out our fear
Refrain

Freshness of the morning,
Newness of each night,
You are still creating
Endless love and light.
This we see, as shadows part,
Many gifts from one great heart.
Refrain:

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Notices:

TODAY Sunday 24th March 3pm THE PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIAN NETWORK OF VICTORIA 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.

TODAY Sunday 24 March 3pm 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"** now at **ST KILDA TOWN HAL (was Baptist Church)** Seats \$20, includes refreshments. Tickets via www.trybooking.com Enquiries Judi 0409866107

LENTEN STUDIES continue – the next is this Thursday 28th March and then 4th & 11th 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

BRIGIDINE ASYLUM SEEKERS PROJECT – Discussion night this Wednesday 27th March 7.30 to 9.30pm at St Joseph's Hall 274 Rouse Street Port Melbourne (back of bluestone church). **Arnold Zable**, acclaimed writer and friend of Behrouz Boochani who wrote *No Friend but the Mountains* will speak about Manus Island and his interactions with the men on the Island. There will be an update on BASP and the general situation for asylum seekers in Australia.

Our next 163 CONVERSATIONS will be on Tuesday April 9th 6.15 for 6.30pm. The speaker is Dr Cate Banks who is a lawyer in the Seniors Law Team at Justice Connect. - **Justice Connect** helps people and community groups connect with free legal help, so everyone can have a fair chance at a better life. Please **RSVP** to Mary 0409 060 846

PALM SUNDAY April 14th Walk for Peace. 2pm State Library Walk for Justice for Refugees – for a fair and welcoming society – close Manus and Nauru – Bring them here.

MAUNDY THURSDAY: Thursday 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'. Please bring a contribution to the meal eg. dips, fruit (fresh and dried)