

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	31 March	7 April	14 April	21 April EASTER
<b>Worship</b>	David	David	David	David
<b>Assistance</b>	Roma	Janet/Brian	Andrej	Randall
<b>Welcome at door</b>	Wendy	Roma	Louise	Maureen
<b>Flowers</b>	Deb	Louise	Petra	Maureen
<b>Coffee</b>	Wendy	Roma	Louise	Maureen
<b>Rubbish collection</b>	Randall	Randall	Andre/Petra	Randall

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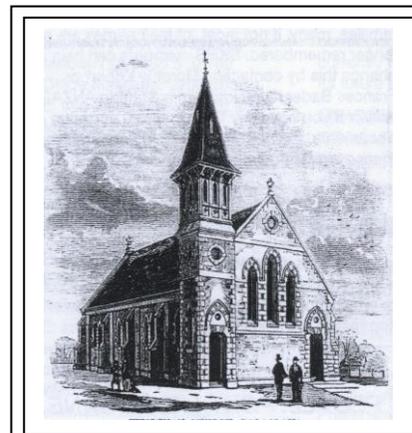
**VISION STATEMENT:**

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:**

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](mailto:desleighk@ozemail.com.au)

Contributions to the content are also welcomed.



**St Kilda Uniting Church  
Parish Mission  
NEWSLETTER**

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**Sunday, 31 March 2019**

*Lent 4*

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

**Bible Reading: Luke 15: 1 – 3 and 11b – 32. The Inclusive Bible: pg. 690**

**From David** - When I look back and forward over weeks past and weeks to come, life resembles one of those carnival rides where you go up and down, round and round, and get off feeling rather dizzy. In ministry there is a regular diet of fixed and unplanned activity: organising things, going to meetings, being the diplomat and the advocate all within the space of an hour, listening to stories of grief and worry, thinking about content for Sunday morning, hearing bits of good news and making time for a walk with the dog, or going to the football. Then there's the unexpected. The phone call or email that cuts across everything else.

But I suspect everybody else's life is a lot like that. Nothing special about mine.

Up and down, round and round. The expected and the unexpected. The past revisited. The future anticipated. And amongst it all sits something called the present moment; that dimension of our lives that is always at risk of being lost, or run over by 'traffic' coming from every direction, or even crucified by the unmerciful tyrants that live within our thoughts. Things we have done or failed to do, and all the things that must get down, sit either side of here and now; like two criminals on either side of the crucified one.

*The crucified one, who turns to the others being crucified, and says, "This day you will be in paradise with me". Paradise which literally means 'where God lives'.*

PTO

At Christmas we celebrate the idea of **Emmanuel – of God with us now.**

Think about that for a moment: *not with us yesterday or tomorrow but today. In this present moment.*

So, as summer slips away and autumn begins to reveal itself in all its colourful glory - and we find ourselves drifting from one season into another, from the past and into the future - let's remember to stop and cherish this day. *Each day.* It is and will be unique. It will not come again. Being alive to what this day might bring is what keeps the past and the future separated. It's the space between the two that is really important. David

#### **HYMNS/SONGS**

##### *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:**

*TiS 474: Here in this place*

*Tis 547: Be Thou my Vision*

*TiS 640: Kneels at the feet of his friends*

#### **Notices:**

**LENTEN STUDIES continue – the next is this Thursday 4 April and then 11<sup>th</sup> April: 7 pm to 8.30pm at the church. Entitled: *Dreaming our way to Easter.* This Thursday Rev Dr Robert Hoskin will guide us in our thinking about Aboriginal Dreamtime.**

**NEXT SUNDAY:**

**COMMUNION during the service.**

**LUNCH together afterwards - if you can please bring something to share.**

**DAYLIGHT SAVING ends!**

**FORUM ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENERGY.** Come and hear what the candidates standing in Macnamara (formerly Melbourne Ports) have to say on Climate Change and Energy and submit questions you would like the candidates to answer. **Next WEDNESDAY 7 – 9pm @ St Kilda Town Hall. Moderator Peter Mares.** [www.forum.org.au](http://www.forum.org.au). All welcome

**FORUM ON ASYLUM SEEKER POLICY. NEXT Sunday, 7 April @2.30 p.m., St Kilda Baptist Church, 9 Pakington Street.** You are invited to hear the candidates of Mcnamara in the next Federal election talk about their policies. It is hoped that this will enhance the community's awareness and move us into a deeper appreciation of the issues and the political approaches. The purpose is not to be political debate but to enable the electorate to hear current policy from the candidates and to ask questions of clarification. Afternoon tea will follow the event to enable continuing informal conversation. All welcome

**BRIGIDINE ASYLUM SEEKERS PROJECT – Discussion night was held last Thursday evening** with an update from Sr. Brigid. The newsletter (on notice board or electronically on [www.BASP.org.au](http://www.BASP.org.au)) highlights many of the issues faced by those seeking refuge in our country eg. more than 6000 people face destitution in our own communities as the government withdraws basic income, case management and torture trauma counselling support to people seeking asylum, many of whom have

difficulty getting full time employment, having been denied the right to work for many years. **Donations of food or money are always gratefully received by BASP..**

**Our next 163 CONVERSATIONS will be on Tuesday April 9<sup>th</sup> 6.15 for 6.30pm.** The speaker will be Dr Cate Banks, 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 14<sup>th</sup> Walk for Peace. 2pm State Library Walk for Justice for Refugees – for a fair and welcoming society – close Manus and Nauru – Bring them here!** **A group from the church will attend so let Mary know if you would like go and we can travel together.**

**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 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**