

We have been notified by the *President of the Uniting Church in Australia Assembly – Dr Deidre Palmer* - that the Uniting Church has been officially recognised as an active participant in the National Redress Scheme for people who experienced institutional child sexual abuse.

Lots of good wishes to **Janet and Brian** as they embark on their big adventure this week. While they are away feel free to keep in touch on Instagram: retired_life2019 or Email: janetsnashall@gmail.com.

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	7 April	14 April	21 April EASTER	28 April
<i>Worship Assistance</i>	David Janet/Brian	David Andrej	David Randall	Coralie Ling Melissa
<i>Welcome at door</i>	Roma	Louise	Maureen	Roma
<i>Flowers</i>	Louise	Petra	Maureen	Roma
<i>Coffee</i>	Roma	Louise	Maureen	Roma
<i>Rubbish collection</i>	Randall	Andre/Petra	Randall	Darren/ Melissa

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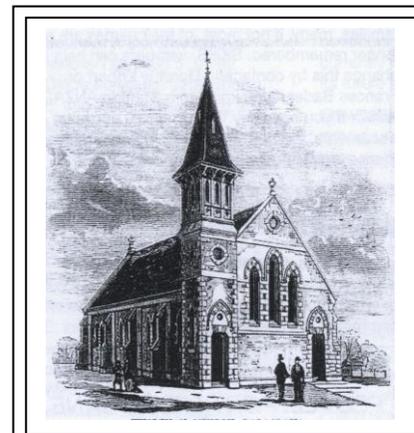
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VISION STATEMENT:

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**

**Volume 54, Issue 11
Sunday, 7 April 2019
Lent 5 - Freedom**

You are most welcome to our service today. Rev. David Pargeter will lead our worship which includes Communion. Please stay afterwards for tea/coffee followed by lunch – there is always plenty of food to share!

**Bible Reading: Deuteronomy 15: 7 – 11 pg. 109 The Inclusive Bible
John 12: 1 – 11 pg. 708**

From David - I've written short stories since I was about 10; which is when I won my first and only literary prize! It was a story about an old green door knocker in the shape of a goblin which once you grabbed it to knock the door, held your hand and wouldn't let it go until you had answered 3 questions.

I think short stories are harder to write than long ones; 400 word articles are even harder. Last week, a couple of people emailed me to express how much they appreciated last week's article in the Newsletter about cherishing the present moment. Nice to get feedback. One person also asked – how do you start your articles?

Here's my attempt at an explanation. You might approach it very differently, but I begin by sitting in front of the computer (sometimes my ipad) and focus on an image on the screen. And, I just sit still for a while. I have always found much pleasure in stillness. Then, a few thoughts begin to emerge, like small clouds on the horizon making their way toward me. *Gathering. Merging. Shifting.*

Also, it's a bit like playing with plasticine (or play-doh) – as you push and poke the material a shape starts to appear, and then imagination takes over and ideas begin to cluster.

PTO

Each **idea** acts like a magnet attracting fresh words and thoughts, and before you know it a short story has emerged. For me, it's as organic as that.

Sometimes a story is activated by an event, or something I've seen, heard, or read about. Often, its theological – triggered by Sunday's texts.

It's always a gentle exercise in extraction and allowing thoughts to come to the surface.

Often, I try to put myself into the mind of the gospel writers and wonder how I would craft a story about Jesus and the kind of world in which he lived. How would I tell the story in such a way that my grandchildren might be inspired to live caring and compassionate lives? What would I try to explain differently?

An exercise in futility? Perhaps.

A fruitful exercise? Probably.

Anyway, I think I would start with an interview:

"So Jesus, you've just turned 30. Why have you chosen right now to go on the road and 'speak truth to power', to confront the people who run the Temple. You must know how that is going to end"?

Peace
David

HYMNS/SONGS

TiS 658. Here I am Lord.

Said Judas to Mary. Cov 39

Said Judas to Mary, "Now what will you do with your ointment so rich and so rare?"

"I'll pour it all over the feet of the Lord and I'll wipe it away with my hair," she said, "wipe it away with my hair."

"Oh Mary, Oh Mary, oh think of the poor -- this ointment, it could have been sold, and think of the blankets and think of the bread you could buy with the silver and gold," he said, "buy with the silver and gold."

"Tomorrow, tomorrow I'll think of the poor Tomorrow," she said, "not today; for dearer than all of the poor in the world is my love who is going away," she said, "my love who is going away."

Said Jesus to Mary, "Your love is so deep today you may do as you will. Tomorrow you say I am going away, but my body I leave with you still," he said, "my body I leave with you still."

"The poor of the world are my body,' he said, "to the end of the world they shall be, the bread and the blankets you give to the poor you'll know you have given to me," he said, "you'll know you have given to me."

"My body will hang on the cross of the world tomorrow," he said, "not today, and Martha and Mary will find me again and wash all the sorrow away," he said, "wash all the sorrow away."

Sydney Carter

Notices:

LENTEN STUDIES—this Thursday 11 April : 7 pm to 8.30pm at the church. Entitled: *Dreaming our way to Easter.* David will guide us through this last session.

The following Thursday is **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)
All welcome!

April 19th GOOD FRIDAY, an **Ecumenical** service will take place at our church at **9.30 am. We will provide morning tea so if you are free to help please talk to Maureen/ Mary**

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

FORUM ON ASYLUM SEEKER POLICY. TODAY - Sunday, 7 April @2.30 p.m., St Kilda Baptist Church, 9 Pakington Street. Afternoon tea will follow the event to enable continuing informal conversation. All welcome

163 CONVERSATIONS this Tuesday April 9th 6.15 for 6.30pm. The speaker will be **Dr Cate Banks**, a lawyer in the Seniors Law Team at Justice Connect.. 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! A group from the church will attend so let Mary know if you would like go and we can travel together.

Our **AGM** will be held on **SUNDAY 26 MAY AT 9AM.** Breakfast will be provided, so come and hear reports from our interesting church community.

The comprehensive **PROPERTY REPORT** prepared by Randall for last week's **Church Council** is available in hard copy today or electronic (let me know). It's an interesting read!