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| Date                      | 14 April        | 21 April<br>EASTER | 28 April                | 5 May                 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| <i>Worship Assistance</i> | David<br>Andrej | David<br>Randall   | Coralie Ling<br>Melissa | Robert Hoskin<br>Roma |
| <i>Welcome at door</i>    | Louise          | Maureen            | Roma                    | Mary                  |
| <i>Flowers</i>            | Petra           | Maureen            | Roma                    | Wendy                 |
| <i>Coffee</i>             | Louise          | Maureen            | Roma                    | Mary                  |
| <i>Rubbish collection</i> | Andrej/Petra    | Randall            | Darren/<br>Melissa      | Randall               |

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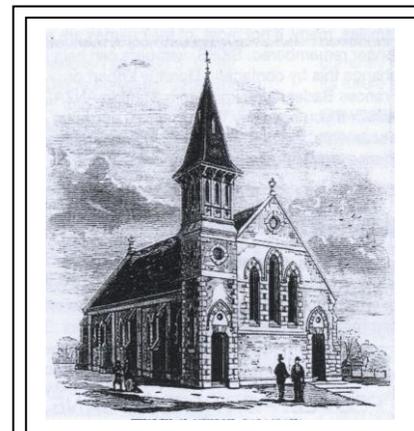
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#### **VISION STATEMENT:**

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](mailto:desleighk@ozemail.com.au)  
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**St Kilda Uniting Church  
 Parish Mission  
 NEWSLETTER**

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**Sunday, 14 April 2019**

**Lent 6**

**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 19 28 – 40 pg. 693**

#### **From David - Does opportunity always knock?**

Over the past week I have had a number of conversations in which the word ‘opportunity’ has come up. It’s like a theme was emerging. A more memorable mention of the word came whilst sitting on the bench out the front of 163. ‘Linda’ was having a quiet smoke. I’d never seen her before. I think she was just waiting for a tram. We sat in silence for quite a while and let the autumn sun warm our faces. I checked my phone while she drew on her cigarette. Then she broke the silence by saying, “If you hear a knock on your door how can you tell if its opportunity knocking or not?”  
 “Hmm,” I said, “Not sure I know the answer to that one, but I suppose opening it first might provide a clue”.  
 “There’s a risk in that”, she replied.  
 “There’s always a risk with everything we do” says I.  
 “More risky if you’re a woman”, says Linda.  
 “Sadly, that’s very true”, I said.

Silence returned for a while. I checked my phone she puffed smoke.

Linda then began to talk about times in her life when an opportunity presented itself and she didn’t take it up for all sorts of reasons; some sensible some irrational. Then she spoke about times when she had seized the opportunity and it had all gone pear-shaped.

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We ended by agreeing that opportunity doesn't always knock, and that you have to go through life looking for it. Sometimes it stares you in the face and sometimes it doesn't. And then sometimes you just have to create your own opportunities.

I don't know what it is about that bench out the front, but I sure have some fascinating chats on it. People are amazing aren't they.

Peace  
David

#### ***HYMNS/SONGS:***

***TiS 161: Tell out my soul***

***Give me Joy in my heart*** (Tune:TiS 52)

**Give** me joy in my heart, keep me praising,  
Give me joy in my heart, I pray;  
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,  
Keep me praising till the break of day:

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
Sing hosanna to the King of kings.  
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
Sing hosanna to the King.*

**Give** me peace in my heart, keep me loving,  
Give me peace in my heart, I pray;  
Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,  
Keep me loving till the break of day:

**Give** me love in my heart, keep me serving,  
Give me love in my heart, I pray;  
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,  
Keep me serving till the break of day:

***TiS 357 When his time was over***

#### ***NOTICES:***

***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 April 18<sup>th</sup> (this week) 7pm.*** at the church we will have 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 19<sup>th</sup> GOOD FRIDAY, a gathering of worshippers from all the local churches 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.**

The next meeting of the **PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIAN NETWORK OF VICTORIA** is on **Sunday 28 April, 3 to 5pm** at **Ewing Memorial Centre of Stonnington Uniting Church** cnr Burke Road & Coppin Street, Malvern East. The speaker will be Dr Rachael Kohn. **"Why faith still matters: Rachel Kohn reflects on 21 years of 'The Spirit of Things'** Rachael has had a distinguished career as the presenter of the ABC program "The Spirit of Things" since 1997. She has interviewed a great variety of people from a wide range of religious and spiritual backgrounds. Her academic qualifications and wide experience give her a unique perspective on the current 'religious' scene in Australia. She has agreed to reflect on her experience and draw some personal conclusions about religion in the contemporary world.

***The next 163 CONVERSATIONS will be on Tuesday May 14<sup>th</sup> 6.15 for 6.30pm.*** The speakers will be Amaryl and Sue whose topic will be **Climate Change**. Spread the word! Please **RSVP** to Mary 0409 060 846

**On Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup> we will have a group of Zimbabweans join us for worship. Please check separate attachment.**

**For your diary.** 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.

**Reading Group 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 7.30pm at Mary and Brians.** Material for discussion to be distributed beforehand

**FYI:** David will be on leave after Easter until **May 19<sup>th</sup>** See roster for those who will be leading our worship..

There are still some **pews** available to purchase so if you are interested please talk to a Church Council member.

Still looking to purchase your Easter Eggs for 2019? Did you know that not all eggs are slavery-free? You will enjoy your **Easter Eggs** even more if you know that the eggs you purchase are free of child slavery and help farmers to earn a living wage. ACRATH and STOP THE TRAFFIK have been campaigning for slavery free chocolate for many years. Progress has been made but there is still a long way to go. To find out more about where your chocolate comes from: [acrath.org.au/are-your-easter-eggs-slavery-free/](http://acrath.org.au/are-your-easter-eggs-slavery-free/).