

You might be interested in looking up the *Uniting Church in Australia Assembly* <https://assembly.uca.org.au/> There is a Pre-election Vision Statement for 2019. A *Vision for a Just Australia brochure* is available. This week the focus is on: **A First Peoples Heart** - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, nurtured and sustained by God before colonisation, are celebrated at the very heart of what it means to be Australian. **As First and Second Peoples**, we walk together, creating socially just and culturally safe relationships, listening and learning from one another.

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	28 April	5 May	12 May	19 May
<i>Worship Assistance</i>	Coralie Ling Melissa	Robert Hoskin Roma	John Cranmer Mary	David/Andrej Zimbabweans
<i>Welcome at door</i>	Roma	Mary	Wendy	Louise
<i>Flowers</i>	Roma	Wendy	Deb	Petka
<i>Coffee</i>	Roma	Mary	Mark/Ruth	Louise
<i>Rubbish collection</i>	Darren/ Melissa	Randall	Roma	Andrej

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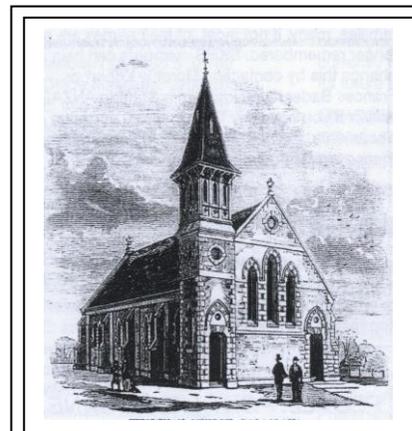
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VISION STATEMENT:

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

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Sunday, 28 April 2019

EASTER 2

You are most welcome to our service today. Rev Dr Coralie Ling will lead our worship. Please stay afterwards for tea/coffee and conversation.

Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 20 and 35 – 38. John 15: 1 – 5 and 11,12

From David - "Peace be with you".

John 20:19-31 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side.

I wanted to write about this text before heading off on leave. **The events of last Sunday in Sri Lanka have rocked both the country and the diaspora living in Victoria and around the world.** Sadly, just as Sri Lankans from all faith groups (and none) were starting to re-settle back into Sri Lanka to help with the rebuilding of the country, terrorists strike at the heart of this long-suffering people – at their faith life.

I know the St Anthony's congregation. A church known for its work among the poor. I once extended a greeting during worship from the UCA while doing some ministry there with colleagues and others involved in the National Christian Council of Sri Lanka and its work in peace-building. *A work that involved transforming wounds into scars; scars into memories, and memories into stories that could be told honestly and without fear.*

Texting and talking over the past few days with friends, made through several visits to that beautiful country, I get the sense that old fears have been re-awakened, old ghosts have risen from their graves, and old suspicions re-activated.

10 years of faithful and thoughtful work around peace-building, nurtured on the ground by all the faith communities, threatened by one day of intentional carnage.

I say threatened, because deep within my heart, I know that this work will now proceed with even greater passion and determination – that's the kind of people they are. They will not let this event turn back the clock. They will instead dig deep and draw upon their different faith stories to fuel and sustain their resilience.

The Christian communities in particular, will draw upon this text from the Gospel of John and use it to inspire their ministry of peace-making in that land.

They will also use it to comfort the grieving and the broken-hearted of whom there are far too many. Today, let us find some space to pray for Sri Lanka and its different faith communities.

Shalom
David

Tonight at 6pm, ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL will hold a Solemn Choral Evensong commemorating those who perished in the acts of terror in Sri Lanka on Easter Day. It will be attended by Sri Lankan consular representatives and members of Melbourne's diverse and vibrant Sri Lankan community. Although this will be a Christian service, those of any faith, or of no particular faith, are warmly welcome to attend. **Doors will open for the service at 5.15pm.**

HYMNS/SONGS:

Because you live O Christ

Because you live O Christ,
The garden of the world has come to flower,
The darkness of the tomb
Is flooded with your resurrection power

*The stone has rolled away
And death cannot imprison!
O sing this Easter day
For Jesus Christ has risen, has risen,
has risen!*

Because you live, O Christ,
The spirit bird of hope is freed for flying
our cages of despair
No longer keep us closed and life denying –

Because you live O Christ,
The rainbow of your peace will span creation,
The colours of your love
Will draw all humankind to adoration

In the bulb there is the flower

In the bulb there is the flower;
In the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the coldness of the winter there's a
spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season, something
God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds a mystery,

Unrevealed until its season, something
God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our
time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing; in our
life, eternity,
In our death, a resurrection;
At the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season.
Something God alone can see.

Sophia Wisdom shows the way

Sophia Wisdom shows the way to
liberating life.
To caring for creation now, so earth
will long survive.
Awake to work and advocate to save
earth's treasures rare
Protecting all the living ones, all
nature everywhere.

The land is scarred and fractured
deep; pollution fills the air,
And poisoned oceans threaten life; it's
time to show we care.
Sophia wisdom calls to us to stop
destructive ways,
To work with Her in saving life, to act
without delay.

Sophia Wisdom still creates new
beauty every day,
The golden trees, the dancing deer, the
flowers' wild display;
Come, join Sophia nurturing Her
precious gifts for all
Conserving life in every form fulfils
our sacred call.

-NOTICES:

FYI: David is on leave **until May 19th**
See roster for those who will be leading
our worship..

The next meeting of the
**PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIAN
NETWORK OF VICTORIA is today,
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'**

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

**On Sunday May 19th we will have a
group of Zimbabweans join us for
worship. Please come if you can to
make them welcome. We will have
COMMUNION** during the service, **plus
LUNCH** together afterwards – please
bring a contribution.

**READING GROUP 23rd May at
7.30pm at Mary and Brian's.** Material
or discussion to be distributed
beforehand.

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.