

The slow pace means we have time to notice the world around us - snails making tracks across farm roads, the beautiful flag stones on Roman roads, huge stork nests, old ruined farm buildings, medieval bridges and the everyday lives of the Portuguese people. Slow and steady....it has certainly worked well for us. **As we pass the churches and chapels on the Way, we are reminded of our own faith community back in St Kilda. It is nice to go on a journey knowing that there are those back home sending their love. With love to you all and strength for the journey. Janet and Brian. (More next week).**

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	19 May	26 May	2 June	9 June
<i>Worship Assistance</i>	David/Andrej Zimbabweans LUNCH	David Roma AGM	David Melissa	David Wendy
<i>Welcome at door</i>	Louise	Roma	Mary	Roma
<i>Flowers</i>	Petka	Desleigh	Mary	Roma
<i>Coffee</i>	Louise	Louise	Darren	Roma
<i>Rubbish collection</i>	Andrej	Randall	Roma	Randall

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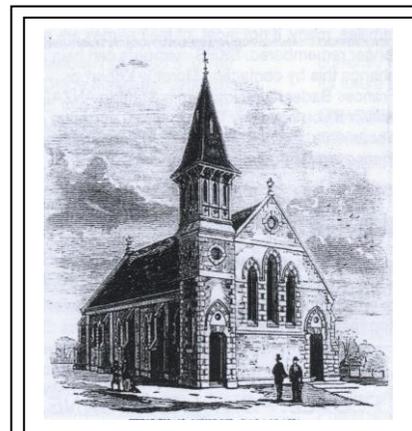
VISION STATEMENT:

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.

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**St Kilda Uniting Church
Parish Mission**

NEWSLETTER

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EASTER 5

Today we are welcoming members of the Melbourne Fellowship of the Methodist Church in Zimbabwe. We also welcome David back after his brief holiday in Japan. He will lead our worship, which includes Communion. Please join us afterwards for tea/coffee followed by lunch together.

Bible Reading: Acts 11: 1 – 18. Pg. 724 The Inclusive Bible

The Next Chapter

The beauty of the Easter season, is that we are reminded that the Church lives *in and with* the spirit of resurrection. That new life can emerge from anywhere once old stones have been moved out of the way, and fears dispelled.

This Sunday, the 19th May, marks the start of a very new and different chapter in the life of our Church on the Corner. In the context of a Communion service we will celebrate the ‘arrival’ of the Methodist Church in Zimbabwe (MCZ) – Melbourne Fellowship.

The congregation is about 10 years old and has been gathering in Prahran, but they are at the stage in their life where they are seeking to be more integrated into the wider life of the Uniting Church in Australia. The Methodist Church in Zimbabwe is a formal UCA Partner Church.

The MCZ – Melbourne Fellowship, will meet every Sunday afternoon at 163 Chapel St, and begin the journey of becoming a Uniting Church Faith Community. However, our two congregations have covenanted to join together regularly for Christian Community, ministry and development.

Just as we recognise and celebrate diversity *within* our congregations, we now have the opportunity to do this and much more *between* our congregations. This is an exciting adventure, the fruits of which will only become clear and tangible as the relationship between the two congregations develops and deepens.

While this *Next Chapter* invites all of us to navigate a very different kind of landscape, a new set of relationships, and a whole new range of possibilities, I am very confident that we will *'strive to do what is just, show constant love, and walk humbly with God'*.

This *'vision'*, which has underpinned our past and shapes our present, now has an opportunity to characterise our future.

Peace

David

HYMNS/SONGS: words on screen

Tunes: TiS: 129 Amazing Grace

TiS: 666 We are Living

TiS: 658 I, the Lord

TiS: 755 You shall go out

READING GROUP This **Thursday 23rd May at 7.30pm at Mary and Brian's.** **David will lead the discussion on *Heretics and Heresies*, the life, death and 'resurrection' of Jesus. There is no reading for the first session. All welcome!**

NATIONAL SORRY DAY is this Friday 24th May. There will be a community luncheon (12 -2pm) at the South Melbourne Community Centre cnr Park St. and Ferrars Pl. organised by the Port Phillip Citizens for Reconciliation. Contact Rosemary Rule 0418 675 734

Our **AGM** is next **SUNDAY 26 MAY AT 9AM. Please come and enjoy a continental breakfast (thanks Louise), while we listen to reports from our community. Usual worship will follow at 10.30.**

PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIAN NETWORK VICTORIA invites you to **"Rediscovering Pilgrimage – Australian Progressives on the Way"** with **Christina Rowntree. Next Sunday 26 May 2019 3.00pm to 5.00pm** at Ewing Memorial Centre of Stonnington Uniting Church Cnr Burke Rd and Coppin St, Malvern East. **Christina Rowntree** works for Uniting Church's *Equipping Leadership for Mission* unit as the Theology and Arts Ministry Coordinator.

South Melbourne Uniting Church is having a **Biggest Morning Tea, next Thurs 23rd May, 10-30am.** Entry by donation and all funds raised will go to the Cancer Council. Downstairs meeting room, Parish Mission Centre, 329 Dorcas St. Sth Melbourne

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK. On Monday May 27 from 11.30am to 2pm there will be a Flag-raising ceremony on the lawn outside the Town Hall, a Welcome to Country, Smoking ceremony then a community lunch in the Town Hall. **Monday June 3 Mabo Day.** Flag-raising ceremony, Welcome to Country and Smoking ceremony followed by community lunch.

UNITING CHURCH 2ND BIENNIAL HISTORY CONFERENCE **'Finding a Home in the Uniting Church'** Conference is being held at Centre for Theology and Ministry **7-10 June.** Keynote speakers include Dr. Meredith Lake, Dr. Joanne Cruickshank and Dr. Graeme Davison. Information and bookings: trybooking.com/book/event?eide485398.

***ON SUNDAY 9TH** attendees to this conference have the option of a tram ride to visit Alma Road's Presbyterian church and then to **OUR CHURCH where they are scheduled to arrive at 3.30 and depart at 4.15. Maureen is looking for volunteers to help her host and serve tea and coffee.**

INVITATION Come to a big birthday afternoon tea with **Coralie** after the matinee performance of the play **"Beachside Stories"** at Gasworks Park 21 Graham St Albert Park. Play at 2pm. **Afternoon tea 3 – 4.30 pm Saturday 15th June. rsvp Coralie: coralieling@gmail.com For play: www.gasworks.org.au**

From JANET AND BRIAN Greetings from the **Caminho Portugues** We are now about **400 km into our 680km pilgrimage from Lisbon (Portugal) to Santiago (Spain).** Some days we think we are a little mad but our feet have obligingly adjusted to walking 17-30 km each day. So much so that we can now walk 12-15 km before we have a stop and our feet don't complain when we get going again after lunch. No blisters yet but there have been a few twinges as various muscles get used to the constant activity. **We have met some lovely people both fellow pilgrims and locals.** It is a joy to get to know new people from across the globe. The scenery has been varied, from the fertile **Tejo valley** where we walked alongside km after km (after km!!) of cropping tomatoes, corn and vines, to the rolling hills past **Santarem** full of old olive groves, cork trees, ancient roads and endless eucalypt forests. **Today** we left the dramatic riverside city of **Porto via the Senda Litoral** (coastal path) along the **Atlantic.** We are enjoying the change of scenery as we walk beside the ocean and a steady supply of great café stops by the beach – perfect!!