

**READING GROUP** The next Reading and Discussion Group is on **Thursday July 4<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm** at Mary and Brian's. All welcome.

**ON SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> June** some attendees at the *Uniting Church 2<sup>nd</sup> Biennial Conference* in Melbourne, will take a tram ride to visit the Alma Road Presbyterian church and then come on 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.

*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	26 May	2 June <i>LUNCH</i>	9 June	16 June
<i>Worship Assistance</i>	David Roma <b>AGM</b>	David Melissa	David Wendy	David Randall
<i>Welcome at door</i>	Roma	Mary	Roma	Maureen
<i>Flowers</i>	Desleigh	Mary	Roma	Deb
<i>Coffee</i>	Louise	Darren	Roma	Mark/Ruth
<i>Rubbish collection</i>	Randall	Roma	Randall	Andrej

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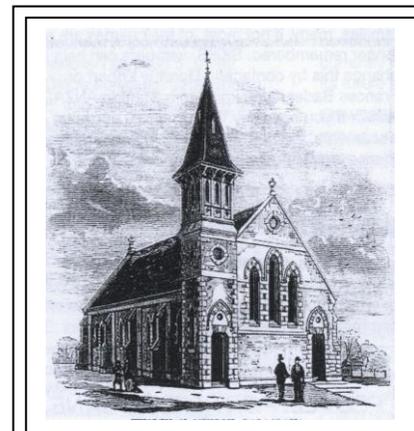
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**VISION STATEMENT:**

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](mailto:desleighk@ozemail.com.au)  
Contributions to the content are also welcomed.



**St Kilda Uniting Church  
Parish Mission**

**NEWSLETTER**

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**Sunday, May 26 2019**

**EASTER 6**

**You are most welcome to our service this morning. Rev. David Pargeter will lead our worship. Please join us afterwards for tea/coffee and conversation.**

**Bible Reading: John 14: 23 – 29 Pg. 711. The Inclusive Bible**

***Our first joint service***

It's impossible to talk about last Sunday without struggling to find the right words. As one person said, "It's been a long time since we've had young children running through the building like that" - said while a string of young boys raced through the back door and out into the courtyard behind the church building. It wasn't just that the Zimbabwean community swelled our numbers or stunned us with their beautiful red outfits or captivated us with their friendliness and smiles.

***I have to say it – it was the vibe. It was the whole experience.***

The coming together of two very different faith communities. The whole thing felt natural and right. Genuine and not contrived. Real and rejuvenating.

But it was the song that got me - it also moved quite a few others to tears.

Sung in the Shona language. It began with a burst of energy, movement and pace. Drumbeats focussing our attention. Song and dance wrapping themselves around each other. Like a stirring wind it gained momentum and swept us into its embrace, and we found ourselves swaying with its rhythm and poetry. After a while the tempo relaxed and released its grip. Then, with an unexpected yet mesmerising softness, the song began to caress us with its gentleness; carrying us away on the invisible wings of a prayer. Taking us to a place where neither language nor culture was a barrier.

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The song becoming an expression of faith flowing from the hearts and voices of a community for whom God is neither abstract nor absent, but real and present.

***Such a moment cannot be engineered, and probably not produced again.***

But that's ok. It was a moment of transfiguration and we were able to share in it. The ordinary was transformed into the sublime and the only way to honour such a moment was with silence. A reverential time of stillness. A time in which two very different communities came together as one.

It's a moment that will stay with me for a very very long time.

Shalom  
David

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

**TiS 607 Make me a Channel of your peace**

**Tune TIS 276. A Never Ending Story.**

**Mary** stumbled through the darkness  
On that early Easter dawn  
With her precious oil and spices  
Loving duty to perform.  
But she found the tomb was open  
And the stone was rolled away  
As she cautiously approached it  
She could hear a stranger say:

**“Why** come you to this garden  
Faithful Mary in your grief  
Will your mourning overwhelm you  
Undermining your belief.  
Look again inside this darkness  
Come and see he is not here.  
There's no need for you to worry  
And no need for you to fear”

**Mary** thought he was the gardener  
‘Til her name he gently said.  
Then she heard a thoughtful question-  
“Why seek life among the dead”  
So, she left behind the darkness  
Took Good News to all her friends  
Of a story so transforming  
That it never ever ends.

Words: David Pargeter

**TiS 586. Abide with me**

**Cov 14. Let there be peace on earth.**

Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me  
Let There Be Peace on Earth  
The peace that was meant to be  
With God as Creator  
Family all are we  
So let's walk together  
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me  
Let this be the moment now.  
With ev'ry step I take  
Let this be my solemn vow  
To take each moment and live  
Each moment in peace eternally  
Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with

***Our AGM was held this morning – thanks to Louise and Matt for providing breakfast.***

**PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIAN NETWORK VICTORIA** invites you to **“Rediscovering Pilgrimage – Australian Progressives on the Way” with Christina Rowntree. TODAY 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.

**NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK starts TOMORROW Monday May 27 and finishes on Monday June 3 – MABO DAY.** On both **Mondays**, 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** ending with a **community lunch** in the Town Hall.

**163 CONVERSATIONS.** The next 163 Dinner & Conversation is on **June 11 at 6.15pm.** The guest speaker will **Karen Sait**, the Executive Officer of the Port Phillip Community Group. All welcome but please **rsvp** to Mary Heinemann: 0409 060846 for catering purposes. Donations accepted.

**A PRAYER FROM BRIAN WITH SUPPORT FROM JANET – on the Camino**

*In the beginning  
Do we find the end?  
Where do we see the origin of what we want to be?  
What have we left behind?  
What will we continue to carry with us on the journey?*

*Our feet may be worn, our muscles feel weary,  
We yearn for simple comforts, and wonder where we will lie down to rest.  
Why start the journey when you know the pain to come?  
Why stay with that which is safe when you know the potential within?*

*The people we meet give us great hope and sometimes despair.  
Help us to find those that inspire and the capacity to motivate others.  
Help us to focus on understanding our motivations and their effect on others.*

***In the end***

***Do we find the beginning?***

**INVITATION:** Coralie invites you to a big birthday afternoon tea 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 15<sup>th</sup> June. rsvp Coralie: coralieling@gmail.com For play: [www.gasworks.org.au](http://www.gasworks.org.au)**