

Uniting Church Justice and International Mission CONFERENCE will be held on Saturday SEPTEMBER 7th 9am to 4pm, at the Centre for Theology and Ministry, 29 College Crescent, Parkville.

The topic is: A Climate for Change – Tomorrow’s Moral Imperative Today.
 Cost: Metropolitan \$40. Concession and non- metro: \$30. See Notice Board for brochure and registration

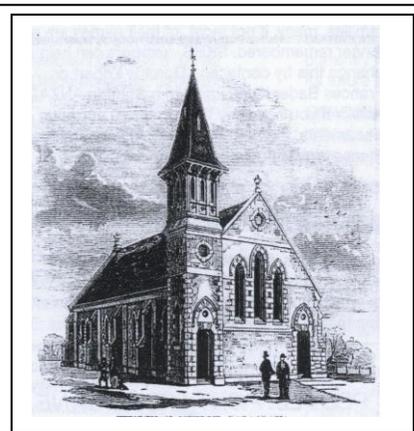
We respectfully acknowledge the Yalukit Willam clan of the Boon Wurrung – the Traditional Owners of Port Phillip. We pay our respects to their Elders and community - past, present and emerging. We acknowledge and uphold their continuing relationship to this land.

Date	07 July	14 July	21 July	28 July
Worship Assistance	David Randall	David Melissa	David Andrej	David Roma
Welcome at door	Louise	Darren	Roma	Wendy
Flowers	Roma	Deb	Petra	Roma
Coffee	Louise	Darren	Roma	Wendy
Rubbish collection	Darren/Melissa	Randall	Andrej	Roma

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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, 7 July 2019**

You are most welcome to our service this morning. The Rev. David Pargeter will lead our worship. We welcome the Zimbabwean Methodist Fellowship with us this morning. Please join us afterwards for tea/coffee and conversation.

**Bible Reading: Isaiah 1: 1 – 17 pg. 221.
 Luke 10: 1 – 20 pg. 685. The Inclusive Bible**

From David: Red sky at night

I was struggling to find a clear topic this week. Just as I settled upon one idea, another would come along and like a dodgem car, nudge it out of the way. I won't bore you (or intrigue you) with the possibilities; they were numerous. But none 'attached' themselves to me with anything resembling commitment. I was floundering. This was a really unusual situation for me. But instead of choosing any old topic just to get the job done, I thought I would explore why I was struggling.

So, I went for a walk which usually helps. A long walk. I left Jack our greyhound at home. Too many stops and starts with that old fella! I really needed a steady uninterrupted amble. One of those steady-rhythm mind-emptying walks where one foot mechanically follows the other. One of those walks where the mind begins to empty itself. And, like a homing pigeon I found myself heading toward a clear view of the sea and the glow of a soft orange sun melting slowly into the horizon.

Towards the end of my walk I grabbed a takeaway coffee from the café on the corner and sat on a bench overlooking the bay. The small wooden bench had a little memorial plaque on it – in memory of 'Daisy'. Unknown to me she was clearly loved by someone. I was thankful for this little bench facing west. PTO

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Lovingly located in a place special to 'Daisy' for reasons now lost in the passing of time. It had been a long day; the day of David Lancaster's funeral. Indeed, it had been a long few weeks in which grief, personal grief connected with friends and family, had been a feature of most days. It was a quiet evening. No wind and hardly anyone else was out and about. I absorbed the stillness and watched the day slip noiselessly away. I must have been a bit weary because, just as noiselessly, my eye lids closed and I slipped into one of those little micro naps. **After a few minutes, my eyes opened and I was confronted by a sky that had turned the brightest and deepest red I had ever seen, or can remember seeing. It was stunning.**

I resisted the urge to capture the scene on my phone. Instead I just watched and soaked up the full rich slowly fading beauty of it. It was in that moment that I realised I had not allowed myself to fully feel the sadness that had been accumulating within me. I took some time to let some tears run down my cheeks and as they ran I could feel the sadness slipping away. I sat a bit longer on that memorial bench and gave thanks for all the rich beauty that the loved and gone had brought into my life. Even the unknown 'Daisy' whose company I shared that evening. What a sweet and comforting language creation can speak, when you are least expecting it.

Peace
David

HYMNS/SONGS

TiS 156: Morning has broken

Cov. 160: Let there be love.

**TiS 741: O Lord hear our prayer x 5
(led by Glen)**

Deep Stillness (x2)

For you, deep stillness of the silent inland;
for you, deep blue of the desert skies;
for you, flame red of the rocks and stones;
for you, sweet water from hidden springs.
From the edges seek the heartlands,
and when you're burnt by the journey
may the cool winds of the hovering Spirit
sooth and replenish you.

In the name of Christ. (repeat)

(Second time, repeat last line twice)

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NOTICES

David Lancaster was given a fond farewell from this church last Monday – there were many wonderful stories told about his life.

The sad news now is that ROSEMARY EAGLE died last Wednesday, and her funeral will be held at our church THIS WEDNESDAY at 2.30pm. Coralie will conduct the service.

NAIDOC WEEK (National Aboriginal and Islander Week) begins TODAY.
The theme this year is: **"Voice, Treaty, Truth: Let's Work Together for a**

Shared Future". In St Kilda, there will be a Flag Raising event at the Town Hall tomorrow Monday 8th July from 11.30 am to 2pm. **All welcome.**

The CHURCH COUNCIL met last Tuesday. It was decided that we would invite the congregation to stay after church on **Sunday 28th July** where Randall will give an update on property issues.

The next 163 CONVERSATIONS is THIS Tuesday – July 9th. The guest speaker will be **Colleen Pearce**, Victorian Public Advocate. She is empowered by law to promote and safeguard the rights and interests of people with disability. The title of her talk will be *"The Illusion of Choice and Control. The difficulties for people with complex and challenging support needs to obtain adequate support under the NDIS"*. For catering purposes, please RSVP to **Mary. Ph. 0409 060 846** Nibbles 6.15 – Dinner 6.30pm.

PUBLIC LECTURE: In Search Of Australian Spirituality: Learning From Aboriginal People. Dr Jim Bowler This Thursday: 11 July, 2019 Time: 7.30 pm.

Place: St Joan of Arc Church Hall, 120 New St, Brighton, 3188

(enter beside the church on New St)

Inquiries: Helen 0418 999 800

Jim will discuss the big questions, including the formation of the earth and the landscape; the arrival of reflective human consciousness as shown through the Mungo story; Aboriginal people's connection to

country; and the challenges we urban people face in connecting to country and the cosmos.

THIS Friday 12th July at 6.30pm, here at the church, EMOTIONWORKS (who practise in our church) will hold a FREE concert of wonderful singers. Come and have an enjoyable evening.

On Friday, 19 July, (7pm for a 7.30 start) HOLY TRINITY, BALACLAVA, David Johnston, OAM, will accompany classic silent movies, including the 1902 sci-fi film, A Trip to the Moon', on the church's Fincham organ. Cost \$20. Supper.

PUBLIC LECTURE: "WHAT SHE MAKES": 5th August, 7:30pm Koonung Heights Uniting Church, Cnr of Belmore and Winfield Roads, Balwyn East.

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All of us buy clothing which directly connects us to Australia's \$23.5 billion fashion industry. **But do we think about from where it has come? By whom and in what conditions it is made?** Mostly it is produced overseas by women working in exploitative conditions which entrench their poverty. With minimal increased cost to consumers, Oxfam's *What She Makes* campaign is successfully pressing for the major Australian brands to take the action needed to ensure that garment workers making our clothing receive a living wage and work in safer and fairer conditions. **Jointly presented by Maningham and Koonung Heights Uniting Churches and Oxfam.**