

The President of the Uniting Church in Australia, Dr Deidre Palmer, is inviting UCA members to take part in the **GLOBAL CLIMATE STRIKE on Friday 20 September 2019**. <https://www.unitingworld.org.au/climatestrike>

**Fundraiser film night: *The Australian Dream*: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August, 7pm, at the Classic Cinema in Elsternwick** for Friends of Suai/Covalima (Timor Leste) *With One Seed* project (tree planting). Tickets are \$25 each. For more information and to buy tickets, please visit <https://theaustdream.eventbrite.com.au>

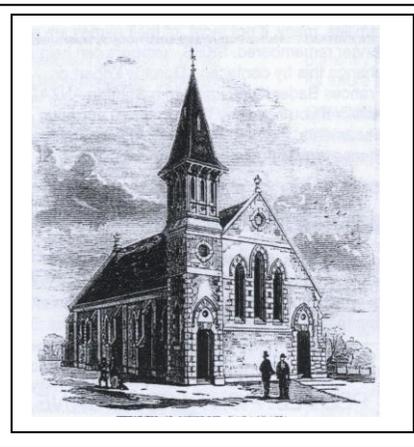
*We respectfully acknowledge the Yalukit Willam clan of the Boon Wurrung – the Traditional Owners of Port Phillip. We pay our respects to their Elders and community - past, present and emerging. We acknowledge and uphold their continuing relationship to this land.*

Date	28 July	4 August	11 August	18 August
<i>Worship Assistance</i>	David Roma	David Mary	Robert H Wendy	Coralie Ling Randall
<i>Welcome at door</i>	Wendy	Melissa	Roma	Louise
<i>Flowers</i>	Roma	Mary	Deb	Desleigh
<i>Coffee</i>	Wendy	Andrej/Petra	Mark/Ruth	Louise
<i>Rubbish collection</i>	Roma	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](mailto:desleighk@ozemail.com.au)  
Contributions to the content are also welcomed.



**St Kilda Uniting Church  
Parish Mission  
NEWSLETTER  
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Sunday, 28 July 2019**

You are most welcome to our service this morning. The Rev. David Pargeter will lead our worship. Please join us afterwards for tea/coffee and conversation  
**Bible Reading: Matthew 6: 9 – 13 pg. 647 *The Inclusive Bible***

**A Little Noisy Miner – from David**

I was walking on Monday afternoon, when a little Noisy Miner bird fell out of the sky and landed on the road just ahead of me. It had died in flight. Not a sound. Not a final chirp (I love the song they make). I stepped into the road, picked it up and gently laid it by the trunk of a nearby tree. I stopped to think about this little life and gave thanks for it. It didn't feel right that its dying should go unrecognised.

I continued on my walk and a very old song my mother used to listen to by George Beverley Shea came to mind. 'His eye is on the sparrow'. The song referring of course to the idea that somehow G-d is interested in and concerned with every life – human and otherwise. Such an idea comes to the foreground especially when we conduct funerals and celebrate a person's life. A significant part of the Christian ritual is about commending them into G-d's care – whatever that means for each of us.

We've done a bit of that commending just lately and hosted some large gatherings of friends and families who wanted to honour the life of one who was dearly loved and will be deeply missed. PTO

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The death of the little Noisy Miner reminded me, by way of contrast, of the funerals I have conducted over the years for those who had no family or friends to mourn their passing. Sometimes, it was just me, the casket and a couple of funeral directors. In those moments, I try to affirm that whilst some people appeared to have no-one to remember them, we carry the hope that no-one, nothing, slips from the memory of G-d. The G-d in whom we have placed both trust and confidence, and from whom no living thing can be separated. Not even by death. This is a hope expressed in every religion.

**I know there are many opposing views about what happens when we die, and each one is equally valid in the face of no objective evidence either way. We will all find out eventually.** But, at the end

of the day, we hold on to what resonates with us individually. Personally, I can't quite see the point of faith if it doesn't give birth to a hope that we are all somehow caught up in the cosmic mystery of life itself. Why it began. Why it ends. Although I call myself progressive, the idea of 'from love I came, and to love I return', sits ok with me.

Shalom  
David

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

#### **Come to a Sacred Space**

**Come** to a sacred space with open heart and mind;  
come willing to explore and seek a living faith.

In this new space, we long to gain a faith that touches joy and pain.

**We come** with questions deep; we come with answers few,  
yet longing for some light to shine upon our quest.

We take the risk of losing faith,  
yet we can walk no other path.

**We gently** put aside concepts and creeds of old,  
yet seek some ancient wisdom that our hearts may hold.

From seeds of doubt, new life may flow,  
if given care and space to grow.

**Finding** a bridge of faith that has integrity,  
we'll work with all who seek to walk with honesty.

With openness and hearts of grace,  
we touch the wisdom of each faith.

**We honour** Muslim prayer and treasure Hebrew thought.

We see the noble pathway that the Buddhist treads.

A Christian hymn, a Hindu prayer,  
speak of a sacredness we share.

**What** do we hold as true? Compassion for each one,  
justice and love for ev'ry creature on this earth;  
the sacredness of human care;  
this is a path that all may share.

Words: Helen Wiltshire. Tune TiS 341

#### **TiS 452. God of Mercy, God of Grace. (tune: Crescent Road )**

### ***NOTICES:***

After church **TODAY** Randall will give an update on property issues.

**The DATE for the CHURCH CAMP** had to be changed (requested by the UC Merricks camp administration) The **CAMP** will now be held from **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 17 November**. Come for the whole weekend or part of it – whatever you can manage you would be most welcome. More information to come.

**PUBLIC LECTURE: "WHAT SHE MAKES": 5th August, 7:30pm**  
**Koonung Heights Uniting Church**, Cnr of Belmore and Winfield Roads, Balwyn East. 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.** **Contact:** Ian 0438 118 995 or [iananderson@sandi.com.au](mailto:iananderson@sandi.com.au)

**163 CONVERSATIONS: The next Conversations evening will be on Tuesday AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup>. Anne Cowden will be the speaker.** She will explore the principles of animal first aid and the practicalities of what to do if we find an animal in trouble. Nibbles 6.15, light meal. **RSVP Mary 0409 060 846**

**COMMUNITY CONVERSATION**  
**The City of Port Phillip Citizens for Reconciliation** invites you to a community conversation on **TREATY**.  
St Kilda Town Hall, Carlisle St.

**Thursday 22 August , 6,30 to 8.30pm.** Victoria is in the process of developing a Treaty with Aboriginal people and is the first state in Australia to enter into formal Treaty negotiations to recognise and celebrate the unique status, rights, cultures and histories of First Nations people. Free event – refreshments provided. All welcome.

**READING AND DISCUSSION**  
*evening will now be on Friday August 23 at 7.30pm at Mary and Brian's.*  
*Please talk to David if you work like some reading material.*

**UNITING CHURCH JUSTICE AND INTERNATIONAL MISSION CONFERENCE** will be held on **Saturday SEPTEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>** 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. **Notice Board**