

**CALL to ACTION.** UCA President Dr Deidre Palmer has urged all people of the Uniting Church to sign up to global action on Climate Change as Pacific nations have declared a "climate crisis". She has asked us also to take part in the **GLOBAL CLIMATE STRIKE Friday 20 September**. Time and place yet to be announced. **Information** [www.unitingworld.org.au/climatestrike](http://www.unitingworld.org.au/climatestrike)

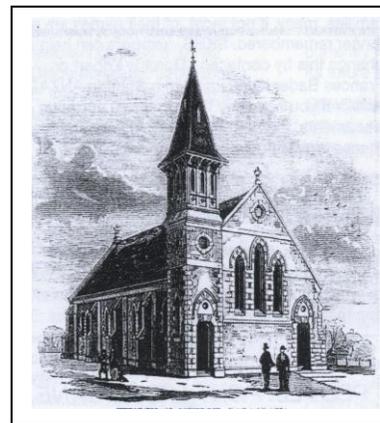
*We respectfully acknowledge the Yalukit Willam clan of the Boon Wurrung – the Traditional Owners of Port Phillip. We pay our respects to their Elders and community - past, present and emerging. We acknowledge and uphold their continuing relationship to this land.*

Date	25 August	1 September	8 September	15 September
<b>Worship Assistance</b>	David P Rev Amos Muzondiwa Melissa	David P Andrej	David P Roma	David P Mary
<b>Welcome at door</b>	Darren	Maureen	Wendy	Roma
<b>Flowers</b>	Petra	Maureen	Louise	Roma
<b>Coffee</b>	Darren	Roma	Mark/Ruth	Andrej/Petka
<b>Rubbish collection</b>	Mary	Darren/ Melissa	Randall	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:**  
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Contributions to the content are also welcomed.



**St Kilda Uniting Church  
Parish Mission**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
**Volume 54, Issue 27**  
**Sunday, 25 August 2019**  
***Migrant and Refugee Sunday***

**You are all most welcome to our service this morning. Rev. Amos Muzondiwa – Zimbabwean minister from NZ and Rev. David Pargeter will lead our worship. Please stay afterwards for tea/coffee and conversation.**

**Bible Readings: Hebrew 12: 18 – 29 pg. 779  
Luke 13: 10 – 17 pg. 688 *The Inclusive Bible***

**From David: An Accident of Birth**

Well, a productive couple of weeks study leave - imagining, listening, thinking and writing - has come to an end. It was a great experience; first time ever that I have set aside time to just focus on lyric writing.

Some of the material works with familiar tunes or pieces of familiar music that will need some slight re-arrangements. I will introduce them over coming weeks.

This one (over the page) titled: ***An Accident of Birth*** doesn't have any music yet (I'm not a composer) but I do have a basic melody in mind. I wrote the lyrics in response to a deep concern about a very disturbing rise in nationalism, identity politics and white supremacy. I'm also working on a 'bridge' to break the sections up.

PTO

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### **An Accident of Birth**

No, we don't get to choose where we're born.

We just turn up some place that's for sure.

It's as random as that: a mouse or a cat  
No, we don't get to choose where we're born

**Maybe** Christian or Buddhist or Jew.

We arrive without any world view  
So many things shape us, each road will take us

No, we don't get to choose where we're born

We get language and custom and skin  
From the people we get to call kin  
We are different that's true, I don't look like you.

No, we don't get to choose where we're born.

**Underneath** we are simply the same.  
With a heart and a pulse and a brain.  
Yes, we all need to feed, when cut we all bleed

No, we don't get to choose where we're born

We may live in a house or a hut.  
Have great wealth or just not very much  
Maybe healthy and poor, or wealthy and sore

No, we don't get to choose where we're born

We belong to the one human race  
And racism is such a disgrace  
It just does not make sense to build such a fence'  
Cos' we don't get to choose where we're born.

**But** we do get to choose how we live.  
We can learn to accept and forgive.  
We can rise above pride; see what's inside

Yes, we do get to choose how we live.

**And** the world is a much better place  
When acceptance is seen on each face  
It can turn upside down the darkest of frowns.

Yes, we do get to choose how we live.

David Pargeter 10 August 2019

### **HYMNS/ SONGS**

**An Abundant World: Tune: TiS 276** (There's a light upon the mountain)

Where the beaches greet the ocean,  
And the mountains meet the sky.  
Where rosellas sip the nectar,  
And the eagle loves to fly.

*R There's a world that's full of wonder  
So much life for us to see.  
That's what Jesus tried to teach us:  
'Go and live abundantly'.*

Where the hermit crab finds shelter,  
And the possums build their drey.  
Where the Golden Orb weaves magic  
And the blue wrens like to sway. **R**

Where the magpies live to warble  
And the surf sings deep and long.  
Where the wombat grunts and burrows,  
And the gum tree has its song. **R**

Life is full of strange encounters  
Magic moments dipped in pain  
Let's be thankful for creation  
Both the splendid and mundane

*It's a world that's full of wonder  
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That's what Jesus tried to teach us:  
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**TiS: 442. All Praise to our Redeeming Lord**

**TiS: 658. I, the Lord of Sea and Sky**

**TiS: 217 (1). Love Divine**

### **NOTICES:**

**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.  
**TOPIC: A Climate for Change – Tomorrow's Moral Imperative Today.**  
**Cost:** Metro \$40. Conc. and non- metro: \$30. Registration form on Notice Board

**UNITING CHURCH JUSTICE AND INTERNATIONAL MISSION UNIT** is conducting a Synod (Vic/Tas) wide **ZOOM** meeting for all people interested in campaigning on the issue of 'people seeking asylum' and 'refugees'. Campaign actions, working groups and volunteering will be discussed. Choose either **Monday 6pm (Aug 26) or Thursday 10am (Aug 29)**. To join the call, simply go to this link to download the ZOOM app and join the call: <https://zoom.us/j/9542050447>

The next **163 CONVERSATIONS** is on **Tuesday September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6.15pm.** **Our guest speaker will be the** award-winning author and clinical psychologist, Jill Giese. She will take us on a journey back to the early lunatic asylums in nineteenth century Victoria. This was a booming time of golden wealth, but dwelling among the prosperity was an alarming fact – **Victoria officially had the highest rate of mental illness in the world.** As a response, the proud colony embarked on a grand asylum project, aiming to cure insanity with an enlightened treatment. It is a little known slice of Melbourne's social history with surprising humanity and striking contemporary relevance. Jill Giese's extensive career in mental health encompasses many years of clinical practice, as well as senior executive roles in policy and advocacy. **Jill's recent book, "The Maddest Place on Earth," won the Victorian Premier's History Award in 2018. For catering purposes please RSVP to Mary 0409060846.** Bring the usual donation and drink to hare. Come around 6 to 6.15, to finish at 8.30. We are looking forward to seeing you!

**Coralie** is leading studies on **THE SPIRITUALITY OF RESISTANCE** with reference to biblical and contemporary women. Last session this **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> 1:30 - 3pm.** at the **Kildara Centre** rear 41 Stanhope St Malvern, next to St Joseph's Church. \$10 per session