

THE JEWISH CHRISTIAN MUSLIM ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (JCMA) invites you to spend an afternoon **walking together in friendship and goodwill** between a church, synagogue and a mosque **Sunday November 24th starting at 1.15pm**. The event is free but bookings are essential. <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/jcma-friendship-walk-24th-november-2019-tickets-67976909767>

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	20 October	27 October	3 November	10 November
<i>Worship Assistance</i>	David P Denham Grierson Roma	David P Andrej	David P Brian	David P Randall
<i>Welcome at door</i>	Brian	Louise	Janet	Wendy
<i>Flowers</i>	Deb	Petka	Mary	Deb
<i>Coffee</i>	Mark/Ruth	Louise	Janet	Andrej
<i>Rubbish collection</i>	Brian/Janet	Randall	Darren/ Melissa	Brian/Janet

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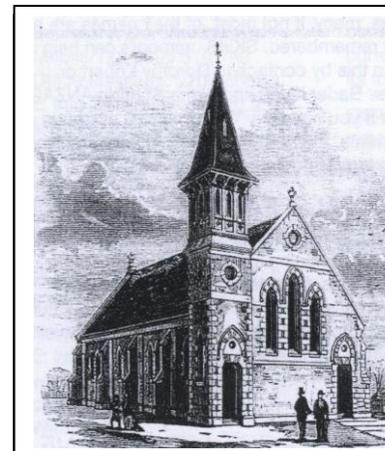
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VISION STATEMENT:

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
Contributions to the content are also welcomed.



**St Kilda Uniting Church
Parish Mission**

NEWSLETTER

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Sunday, 20 October 2019

Pentecost 19

You are all most welcome to our service this morning. Rev. David Pargeter will lead us in worship assisted by Rev Dr Denham Grierson. Please stay afterwards for tea/coffee and conversation. This will be followed by lunch.

**Bible Readings: Psalm 139: 1 – 12 pg. 421.
1 Corinthians 12: 27 – 31 pg 742. Luke 18; 1 – 8 pg 691**

The Inclusive Bible

From David: Digging

One of my favourite poets is the late Seamus Heaney, and one of my favourite poems is Digging. As poetry, it does many things: it brings to life a hint of nostalgia from childhood memories, it reminds me of the dogged graft of labourers from a previous generation, and then it reminds me to be thankful for the opportunity and the courage to become what I chose to be. Here are the final verses from *Digging*.

*The cold smell of potato mould, the squelch and slap
Of soggy peat, the curt cuts of an edge
Through living roots awaken in my head.
But I've no spade to follow men like them.*

*Between my finger and my thumb
The squat pen rests.
I'll dig with it.*

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It's a poem about his father, and his father's father. Both of whom spent much of their lives behind a spade. Digging.

Digging is about a poet-son's relationship with his father and the sense that the working-class son, by choosing the vocation of the poet, is choosing a path very different from his father's, and *his* father's before him. Heaney decides to use his pen as his digging tool, and spends his life performing a very different kind of excavation from that practised by his forefathers.

And we are so much richer and deliciously informed through this poet's life and work.

Indeed, humanity has been so wonderfully blessed by the work of poets through the ages who have enabled poetry to come to life through them.

Shalom David

HYMNS/ SONGS.

Doubts and Faith

Words: Helen Wiltshire:
Tune: TIS 341 Love Unknown

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.

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Search me, O God Robin Mann

Search me, O God, and know my anxious heart ,
Behind me and before me,
you lay your hand upon me

Where might I hide to flee your tender touch ?

No darkness or the ocean
hides me from your devotion.

You know my every need:

you know my thoughts, my joy, my crying.

God, your wisdom ways surround me
at my birth , my dying

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NOTICES

At last I can report some good news about the church property.

Permission has been given for the repairs to the tower to go ahead – not sure when but the wheels are turning! We also have a permit (at last) for an electronic sign out the front. We'll keep you posted.

The FILM GROUP will meet **this Tuesday at the Elsternwick Classic Cinema.** The films to choose from are *Ride Like a Girl* or *Working Woman* at 2.20p.m / 2.25p.m. finishing at the same time. We'll have a cup of coffee together after the show which lasts an hour and a half. Ring Mary on 9529 6927 if you would like more information.

The PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIAN NETWORK OF VICTORIA will hold their meeting next **SUNDAY October 27th 3 to 4.40pm**

Topic: 12 Women, 3 Faiths and 1 City. Ewing Memorial Centre of Stonnington Uniting Church cnr Burke Rd and Coppin Sts. Malvern East. **Speakers:** Di Hirsh OAM a Vice president of the International Council of Jewish Women; Anushe Khan - Project Manager of Salamfest, Muslim Creative Arts and Cultural Festival; Rev Dr Julie Hall, Minister at Bentleigh Uniting Church. All welcome. \$5 members/ \$7. This will be followed by the AGM.

REMINDER: Church gathering at Merricks for the weekend of 15/16/17 November. Could EVERYONE please fill in the form on the Notice Board so we know who will be coming and when. Please also indicate if you are NOT coming. Everyone is welcome even if only for a short time! More information next week.

The next 163 CONVERSATION and last for the year, is on Tuesday, November 19th. Maureen is organizing a quiz so come and join the fun! 6.15 for drinks/nibbles followed by light meal – finish 8.30pm. BYO drinks plus a donation. RSVP Janet 0417670132