

Material on front table from **JUSTICE AND INTERNATIONAL MISSION UNIT** of the Uniting Church of Victoria Tasmania– includes a poster from The Uniting Church in Australia Assembly **Seven Foundations for a Just Australia**. Also suggestions for letter writing to politicians re justice issues. Please read, act if you can, and pass on.

Just an early notice that we will have a **CAROL SERVICE** at the church on **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** at 6.30pm.

*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	3 November	10 November	17 November	24 November
<i>Worship</i>	David P Brian	David P Randall	<b>Church Camp</b>	David Roma
<i>Assistance</i>				
<i>Welcome at door</i>	Janet	Wendy		Darren
<i>Flowers</i>	Mary	Deb		Roma
<i>Coffee</i>	Janet	Andrej		Melissa
<i>Rubbish collection</i>	Darren/ Melissa	Brian/Janet		Randall

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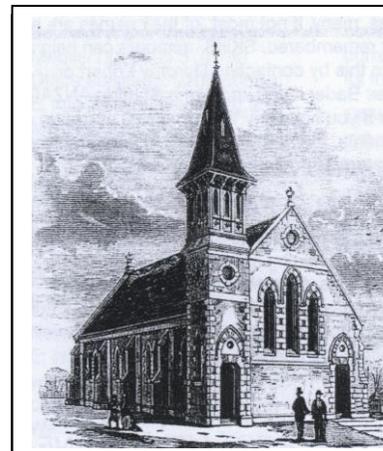
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**VISION STATEMENT:**

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, 3 November 2019**

**Pentecost 21**

**You are all most welcome to our service this morning. Rev. David Pargeter will lead us in worship, which includes Communion. We welcome our Zimbabwean friends also this morning. Please stay afterwards for tea/coffee and conversation.**

**Bible Readings: Isaiah 1: 10 – 20 pg.221 Luke 19: 1 – 10 pg. 692**

*The Inclusive Bible*

**From David.** One of the great scandals of ‘trickle down’ economics is that it seldom, if ever, trickles very far if at all. The other great scandal is that hardly any of it flows into the taxation system.

**Just this week there was a report that Australia’s richest man, Andrew Pratt, pays hardly any tax – personal or corporate – here or anywhere.** Most individuals with obscenely high wealth appear to have very little social conscience when it comes to wealth re-distribution, and governments everywhere are doing virtually nothing to correct this major form of injustice.

In the Gospel of Luke this week we read about Zaccheaus – the chief tax collector in the region. Over the past few weeks I have said quite a bit about the economic context of the Roman Empire, the role of tax collectors and how much they were despised. Which is interesting because in reality they were only collecting on behalf of the Empire.

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But, they were despised because they took advantage of their role and in pursuing their own interests, ruined the lives of others lower down in the 'food chain' of economic survival.

### **But Zaccheaus experiences salvation.**

Not through any theological construct of sacrifice woven into Jesus's crucifixion, but through Jesus entering his house and demonstrating a very public act of inclusion.

He restores Zacchaeus, someone who is lost to the house of Israel, and re-establishes his place in the faith community. He is re-remembered. And in response, Zacchaeus announces a change of heart; by declaring he would undo the harm that he had done.

**Consequently, Jesus says to him, "TODAY salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham.**

Now, that's a change I would like to see and hear more often.

Peace  
David

***HYMNS/ SONGS.***  
***TBC***

### **NOTICES:**

***The next PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIAN NETWORK OF VICTORIA will be on SUNDAY November 24<sup>th</sup> 3 to 4.40pm.***

The speaker will be the author Hugh Mackay, talking about his latest book *Australia Reimagined: Building a Culture of Compassion.*

'This is an intelligent, balanced and detailed analysis of this country today. Its author challenges us to embrace the future as a 'more tolerant, compassionate and just society'. The appeal of this challenge is that it excludes no-one from being immediately involved.

**The clearest signs of the health of our country are to be found in the life of the local community.** In other words the deceptively simple responses to the issues in one's own street and suburb.

One striking comment the author makes (almost in passing) is about attitudes and behaviour. Mackay reverses the popularly held opinion that attitudes can change behaviour. Change doesn't work that way. **It is in the alteration of behaviour that our attitudes change. When we act in a compassionate manner we become more compassionate. Show me what you do and I will tell you where your values lie".**

Ewing Memorial Centre of Stonnington Uniting Church cnr Burke Rd and Coppin Sts. Malvern East. All welcome. \$5 members/ \$7.

**Merricks weekend 15/16/17 November. Those who have indicated their attendance have been sent, via email, the information sheet plus map of the campsite and directions on how to get there. Let Desleigh know if this did not arrive in your inbox. Hard copies are also available on the front table.**

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

**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 24<sup>th</sup> 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>

The **COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL** at Holy Trinity Balaclava will be held from 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> December.

**Thursday and Friday** 10am to 7pm. **Friday night** will be a concert at 7pm with Elwood Community Choir and Friends – supper – gold coin donation.

**Saturday** 10 am to 4pm  
**Sunday** 12md to 4pm followed by **Carols amongst the Trees.**

We will decorate a tree again this year for the Festival – please talk to **Maureen** if you would like to assist.

**UNITING NEWSLETTER** on Notice Board - includes **Christmas card samples.** These can be ordered online at [vt.uniting.org/christmascards](http://vt.uniting.org/christmascards) or see Desleigh. - \$10 for 10 card pack plus p&p. All proceeds to support individuals, families and communities in crisis this Christmas.

**ACT FOR PEACE** also has their catalogue out **GIFTS for PEACE.** On Notice Board

**unHOWsed at Theatreworks** until today 3 Nov. Multi-disciplinary performance work about older women and homelessness. Ph. 9545 3388