

people have led us in expressing their concern for the life of our Earth.”  
 “They are calling for all of us to work together to respond to the environmental devastation that is having tragic consequences in many parts of our world. **“The Uniting Church joins these voices of young and older people in calling for action. “As we work together, life-giving and life-restoring transformation becomes possible. “Together may we be part of the processes of healing and renewal that Christ is bringing to the world.”**

*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	22 December	22 December	25 December		
<i>Worship</i>	David	Carol Service	<i>Christmas Day</i>		
<i>Assistance</i>	Randall	6.30pm	<i>9.30am</i>		
<i>Welcome at door</i>	Maureen	Roma /Janet	Maureen Roma		
<i>Flowers</i>	Roma				
<i>Coffee</i>	Maureen	Janet/ Brian. Roma			
<i>Rubbish collection</i>	Randall		Whoever is around!		

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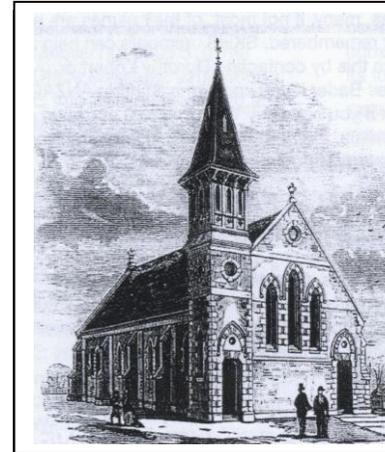
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**VISION STATEMENT:**

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.

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**St Kilda Uniting Church  
 Parish Mission**

**NEWSLETTER**

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**ADVENT 4**

**Welcome to you all to our service this morning. Rev. David Pargeter will lead us in worship. Please stay afterwards for tea/coffee and conversation.**

**Bible Readings: Isaiah 7: 10 – 17pg.225. Matthew 1: 18 – 25 pg 645**

*The Inclusive Bible*

**From David: Hope**

I think **hope** is a lot like a gentle breeze. You can't see it, but you can feel it. Sometimes you can see evidence of its arriving and its passing. As in the following conversation with Jean:

*David: So Jean, what will Christmas Day look like for you?*

Jean: A lot like the day before and the day after. Same, same.

*Will you do anything different?*

Probably not.

*Catch up with family or friends?*

Nope. Don't think so.

*Your choice or theirs?*

Mine really.

**PTO**

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(silence)

Jean: My brother invited me, but I said no. Got something else on.

David: *That's not true though is it?*

No, not really.

*So, what's that about?*

It's all too tiring. All too much.

*Does your brother enjoy having you there?*

He says he does.

*But you don't believe him?*

I do, but why would he want me there?

*You're best placed to answer that one.*

I guess so.

(silence)

I could buy a cake rather than make one.

David Pargeter

### ***HYMNS/ SONGS.***

**TiS 304: O Come all ye Faithful**

**TiS 675: Shine Jesus Shine**

**Who would think that what was needed** (tune: Scarlet Ribbons. John Bell)

**Who** would think that what was needed

To transform and save the earth  
Might not be a plan or army proud  
in purpose, proved in worth?

Who would think despite derision  
that a child should lead the way  
God surprises earth with heaven,  
coming here on Christmas day

**Shepherds** watch and sages  
wonder,

Monarchs scorn and angels sing;  
Such a place as none would reckon  
hosts a holy helpless thing;  
Stabled beasts and passing strangers  
watch a baby laid in hay:

God surprises earth with heaven,  
coming here on Christmas day

**Centuries** of skill and science  
Span the past from which we move.  
Yet experience questions whether  
with such progress we improve.

In our search for sense and meaning,  
lest our hopes and humour fray,  
God surprises earth with heaven,  
coming here on Christmas day

### ***NOTICES:***

***CAROL SERVICE*** at the church  
***TONIGHT Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>***  
***December at 6.30pm. Come and***  
***join the celebration!***

***CHRISTMAS DAY*** service will be at  
**9.30am. Bring yourselves and your**  
**neighbours.**

Our ***CHRISTMAS TREE*** is ready to  
receive gifts for The Engagement Hub  
(Drop – In) participants: socks – all  
adult sizes; undies (male and female) –  
M and L Wrap and identify the  
contents please.

***The ELWOOD SYNAGOGUE will be***  
***holding a public lighting of the first***  
***candle of HANUKAH on Monday***  
***23rd December at the Acland St Plaza***  
***5-30 -7pm.***

***This is the last Newsletter for the***  
***year: back on January 26<sup>th</sup> 2020!***  
***Contributions are always welcome.***

***CHRISTMAS BOWL - the Christmas***  
***appeal of ACT FOR PEACE (the***  
***International aid agency of the***  
***National Council of Churches).*** This  
year is the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the  
BOWL and the donations for  
emergency relief are as important as  
ever. This year your donation will not  
only help to provide life-saving water  
and sanitation facilities to help meet  
the immediate needs of families in  
South Sudan but also to create change  
that lasts. Material available on front  
table. You can place your donation  
(clearly marked) in the offering plate,  
or make your donation online:  
[www.actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl](http://www.actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl)

***SPACE2B'S 3RD ANNUAL***  
***COMMUNITY ART EXHIBITION***  
**100 Paintings for Peace,** An  
inspiring exhibition to spread the  
message of **Peace, Acceptance and**  
**Respect** until Friday 31st January -  
144 Chapel Street (across the road)

***FOR YOUR DIARY (1): Saturday***  
***February 15<sup>th</sup> 2020 the church's***  
***dinner (usually adults only) will***  
***be at Ruth and Mark's house in***  
***Elsternwick. More information to***  
***come. Please keep the date free!***

***FOR YOUR DIARY (2): On***  
***Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup> our worship***  
***service will include the Baptism of***  
***Georgia Grace and Bryan Barass.***  
***Please keep the date free and join***  
***us for this celebration.***

***The PRESIDENT OF THE***  
***UNITING CHURCH IN***  
***AUSTRALIA: DR DEIDRE***  
***PALMER*** has urged Australians to  
work together for life on Earth, in a  
Christmas message focused on our  
care for creation.

“Jesus calls us to be agents of the  
love and care that he embodies. This  
call leads us to work  
compassionately for the life of our  
planet as well as the flourishing of  
all people,” says Dr Palmer. She  
says young Australians expect  
action for the common good. “Over  
the past year, children and young