

Port Melbourne Uniting Church, 144 Bridge St PM, is joining the **Garage Sale Trail, Sat 19th October 10am – 3pm, Donations welcome** – books (novels or children’s books only), games, children’s items, lemons. (No clothes or household items). There will be a cake stall.

PLEASE NOTE that Daylight Saving commences next weekend.

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	29 September	6 October	13 October	20 October
Worship	David P Bishop Kuda	Robert H Melissa	David P Andrej	David P Roma
Assistance	Wendy			
Welcome at door	Maureen	Louise	Wendy	Brian
Flowers	Desleigh	Mary	Petra	Deb
Coffee	Maureen	Louise	Roma	Mark/Ruth
Rubbish collection	Darren/Melissa	Mary	Randall	Brian/Janet

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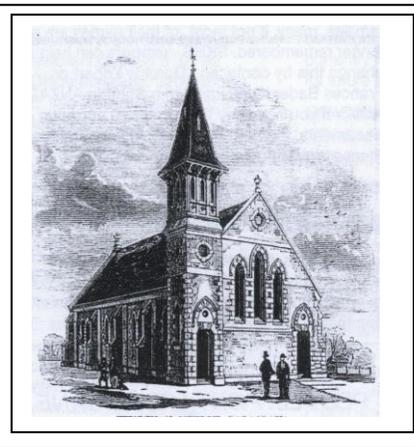
VISION STATEMENT:

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, 29 September 2019

Pentecost 16

You are all most welcome to our service this morning. Rev. David Pargeter will lead our worship assisted by Bishop Kuda Paradza from the Zimbabwean Methodist congregation. Please stay afterwards for tea/coffee and conversation.

Bible Readings: Mark 2: 1 – 7 pg. 665. Hebrews 11: 1 – 2 pg. 778
The Inclusive Bible

From David: Greta Thunberg

So many options for this week’s article and it was a toss-up between Greta Thunberg’s speech at the UN, Boris Johnson’s unlawful ‘cancelling’ of Parliament in the UK, impeachment proceedings against Donald Trump, or Scott Morrison’s absence from the UN climate summit.

Then I realised that all 4 are connected – especially in relation to my understanding of the primary message of Jesus in the Gospels. Together they symbolise how power can be abused and how it can be used. How those in powerful positions enable political interests and self-interests to dictate behaviour, and how one person with hardly any power can bring about change.

I suspect that many of us are familiar with the Greta Thunberg story and how in recent months she has been belittled by media ‘heavy-weights’ like Andrew Bolt and diminished in other parts of the global media for being autistic, gullible and young. Her speech at the UN was even mocked by the President of the USA.

But I know fear when I smell it, and they are frightened of her power. And, they should be. The same kinds of powerful forces were also afraid of Jesus.

The truth is so often very hard to handle.

PTO

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The first time that I read what we have come to know as the sermon on the plain (The Beatitudes), I cried. The power of its simplicity held me in its grasp. When I watched Greta's speech at the UN, I had a similar experience. I cried. And, I cried for 3 reasons in particular.

- One, hearing the eloquent passion and conviction with which she challenged the leaders of many nations (not ours sadly). Speaking truth to power always moves me. What a warrior. "You all come to us young people for hope. How dare you".
- Two, witnessing the courage and confidence of a teenager. A young female who claims her autism as a super-power. You just have to love the tenacity of that approach.
- Three, I cried because I was watching the inspiration behind the biggest global protest in world history. I was witnessing a pivotal moment in the Climate Change story. A moment full of momentum in which 'no' is turning into 'yes'.

When she said, "How dare you come to young people for hope", she was right. We cannot leave it to them to fix the mess we have made and from which we have benefitted; sometimes unwittingly. However, she and her generation of protestors, have given me more hope than I could have hoped for. She has lit a

candle in the darkness for many who were in the grip of despair.

Thank you Greta Thunberg for what can only be described as an awakening..

Peace
David

HYMNS/ SONGS.

TiS:111: Praise to the lord the almighty the king of creation

Shalom

(Tune TiS 138 Eternal father strong to save)

Creator spirit heal this land
She's wounded now by human hands
We've scarred the hills, removed the trees
Destroyed the air and killed the seas
We hear her pain; her weeping soul
With love and care she will be whole.

We know that much is very wrong
The sweetest birds have lost their song
The oceans churn with toxic waste
And mountain streams have lost their taste
We hear her pain; her weeping soul
With love and care she will be whole

As glaciers melt and waters rise
The 'Pollies' play with truth and lies
And while they sing their empty songs
Her Island homes will soon be gone.
We hear her pain; her weeping soul
With love and care she will be whole

Creator spirit heal this place
Inspire in us the love and grace
That this land needs to live again
The soothing touch of gentle rain
We hear her pain; her weeping soul
With love and care she will be whole.

(words: David Pargeter)

TiS: 526: Lord Jesus Christ you have come to us.

NOTICES:

David will be flying to Perth on Thursday, October 3rd, to attend the Zimbabwean Methodist Conference.

TODAY Sunday September 29, the PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIAN NETWORK VIC. will meet at the Ewing Memorial Centre of Stonnington Uniting Church, cnr Burke Rd. and Coppin St. Malvern East, 3 – 5pm.

Rev Dr Sally Douglas will speak about the Early Church Understanding of Jesus as the Female Divine. Members \$5, non-members \$7

163 CONVERSATION The next meeting on **Tuesday 8th October** starting at 6.15p.m. for drinks and nibbles. Our speaker will be **Carlene Harlock who is the Co-ordinator of Friends of Suai/Covalima Timor Leste, for the City of Port Phillip.** It has been 20 years since Timor Leste voted for Independence (from Indonesia) and almost 20 years since

the City of Port Phillip has been assisting and supporting the Suai/Covalima region as it has gradually rebuilt after the turmoil. Carlene will bring a power point presentation about that work - the partnership and relationship. We will have a light meal and our evening will finish at 8.30p.m. BYO drink to share and a donation for the meal. **RSVP Mary 0409 060 846.** We may even see Janet and Brian!

Next Friday evening October 4th there will be a free concert in our church from 7pm. Julie Edwardson a local singing teacher, will have a number of students performing. Come and enjoy

FILM GROUP is up and running with the first outing on **Tuesday October 22nd and then November 26th at Elsternwick Classic Cinema.** Time and film to be decided closer to the time. If you would like to be include please contact Mary 9529 6927

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!