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unHOWsed at Theatreworks 23 Oct to 3 Nov. Multi-disciplinary performance work about older women and homelessness. Ph. 9545 3388

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	27 October	3 November	10 November	17 November
Worship	David P Andrej	David P Brian	David P Randall	Church Camp
Assistance				
Welcome at door	Louise	Janet	Wendy	
Flowers	Petka	Mary	Deb	
Coffee	Louise	Janet	Andrej	
Rubbish collection	Randall	Darren/Melissa	Brian/Janet	

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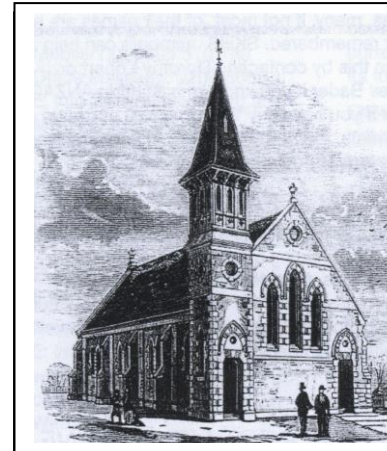
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VISION STATEMENT:

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, 27 October 2019

Pentecost 20

You are all most welcome to our service this morning. Rev. David Pargeter will lead us in worship. Please stay afterwards for tea/coffee and conversation.

Bible Readings: Joel 2: 23 – 32 pg 339. Luke 18: 9 – 14 pg. 691

The Inclusive Bible

From David: The Kingdom of Heaven is like.....

Jesus mostly talked about the Kingdom of Heaven in the form of parables. In their uninterpreted form they provide us with the best raw material in the bible for understanding Jesus's ministry and agenda.

But parable, as a form of communication, is not unique to Jesus. His are powerfully different but other figures in history have used them. For example, the Chinese philosopher Confucius used parables. A good example can be found with this heading 'The Story of the Lu-Liang River'. You can find it on the internet and it's worth reading.

I regularly wonder what a 21st Century parable would look or sound like.

So, I thought I would have a go (in all humility) based upon something have observed often at St Kilda UCA.

PTO

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“The kingdom of heaven is like a bench outside a church building. Because it’s been there for such a long time nobody really notices it any more; the bench that is. But every day and night people use it. At night, it is a bed and safe place for a homeless man. In the morning the sleeper moves away and two companions rest for a while sharing the space with a cup of coffee, a chat and a smoke. A tram rattles past and the pigeons strut their stuff on the lawn. Last night’s bottles of grog lean against the wall. Cigarette butts litter the ground reminders of yesterday’s sojourners. Throughout the day, those who feel lost find a place of welcome on the old bench’s weather worn timber. The lady who spends her day collecting used cigarette ends, sits by herself and drawing deeply on a freshly rolled smoke finds some peace.

The bench is seldom without its friends”.

In a spirit-filled world there are many benches. They don’t all look the same but some people everywhere recognise them for what they are.

David

HYMNS/ SONGS.

TiS 474: Here in this place

TiS 741: O Lord hear my prayer

Search Me O God. (screen)

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: Shanghai or Muscat

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

Maybe Christian or Buddhist or Jew

We arrive without any world view
And the road that we take, will alter our shape

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; to 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.

Words and music David Pargeter 10 August 2019

NOTICES

The PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIAN NETWORK OF VICTORIA will hold their meeting today 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. Everyone is welcome even if only for a short time! Information will be emailed out to everyone today.

The next 163 CONVERSATION and last for the year, is on Tuesday, November 19th. 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 24th starting at 1.15pm.** The event is free but bookings are essential.