

not need to be detailed – making a submission informs the Government this is an issue you are concerned about. You can read the detailed proposal and the explainers and decide to make a submission as an individual or organisation, such as a congregation. **Read the joint UAICC and UCA Assembly submission. Go to the link below and have your say.** <https://haveyoursay.voice.niaa.gov.au/> Helpful information can be found here: <https://ulurustatement.org/interim-voice-report>

CROSSLIGHT. Hard copies of the latest edition of are in the foyer - don't forget to pick up a copy or go online <https://victas.uca.org.au/>

We respectfully acknowledge the Yaluk-ut Weelam 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	4 April Easter	11 April	18 April	25 April ANZAC DAY	2 May
<i>Worship</i>	David	David/ Ishe	David	David	David
<i>Assistance</i>	Desleigh	Wendy	Mary	Roma	Melissa
<i>Welcome at door</i>	Maureen	Deb	Wendy	Melisaa	Roma
<i>Flowers</i>	Deb	Louise	Roma	Desleigh	Mary
<i>Coffee</i>	Louise	Randall	Roma	Darren	Mary
<i>Rubbish collection</i>	Randall.	Louise	Randall	Melissa	Darren

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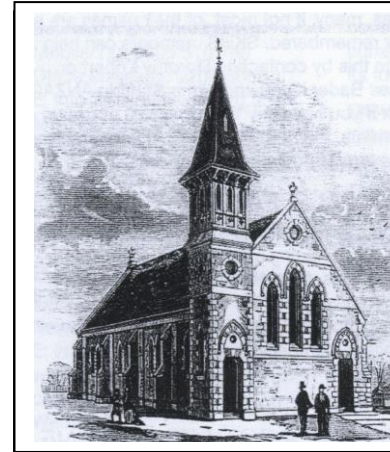
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Contributions to the content are also welcomed.



**St Kilda Uniting Church
Parish Mission**

NEWSLETTER

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Sunday, 4th April 2021

EASTER SUNDAY

A warm welcome to everyone today. David will be conducting the service this morning which will include communion. Please stay afterwards for tea/coffee and conversation. Please remember to sign in when you arrive, either in the book or by QR code, use the hand sanitiser and adhere to safe-distancing. Thank you.

Bible Readings: Ezekiel 2: 4 – 11 pg.302. Mark 16: 1 – 8 pg. 676
The Inclusive Bible

From David: The Crucified and the Resurrected

Writing about difficult news is both stressful and cathartic. How do you begin? Come straight to the point or ‘tread’ gently towards it? Words need to be chosen thoughtfully, avoiding cliches yet communicating with integrity.

As if Holy Week isn't enough to wrestle with theologically and spiritually, on Tuesday I received news that a much-loved participant of the Drop In had decided to end his own life. I had known him from day 1 of ministering in the Drop In, and we had spent many hours chatting. He smoked while I drank coffee. We often just sat in silence. I also spent early mornings on the bench outside the front of the church building talking about life. I know you're not supposed to have favourites in ministry, but Chess Wade has to be one of mine. I used to joke that he had a famous ‘Chess’ move named after him – the Wade defence. He had a wicked sense of humour and quite brilliant mind. We laughed a lot.

Earlier this year he asked me a very interesting question: ‘if I am made in the image of God, does that mean that God also has poor mental health and suffers with paranoia?’ We chewed it over a bit and then he said: ‘that could explain why the world is so &*@!%\$ up!’ **Cont.....**

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He wrote beautifully. He used to be a journalist before his mental health began to deteriorate and he developed Chronic Fatigue. In more recent months he talked about his worries about neighbours and living alone. He was exploring getting a home-support dog.

Chess had just completed his first sci-fi novel and it's a ripper. It's intricate. It hangs together. It's absorbing. It's raw. I was working on a cover image for him and thinking about how to get it published electronically. I really believed that if he hit an especially tough patch he would reach-out. Sadly, he chose not to. I will miss Chess very much. **Like so many others whose lives get disrupted, indeed torn apart by poor mental health, I have great respect for the bravery with which he faced daily living.**

After receiving the call, I put the mobile down and turned my mind back to preparing for Easter Sunday.

I couldn't help but think about the people for whom life is a daily experience of 'crucifixion' – a life of undeserved suffering interrupted by periods of restoration and sometimes joy.

It saddens me that places like the Drop In need to exist, but I give deep deep thanks to God that they do, because within that setting many people just like Chess find companionship and acceptance, and at times, some resurrection. **I also want to give thanks for the life of Chess Wade**

Shalom David

Songs/Hymns:

TiS 382 Now the green blade rises

TiS 276 tune (new words below)

TiS 511 Let us break bread together

TiS 699 A new commandment

A Never Ending Story

(There's a Light upon the Mountains)

She stumbled through the darkness

On that early Easter dawn
With her precious oil and spices
Loving duty to perform.
But she found the tomb was open
And the stone was rolled away
As she cautiously approached it
She could hear a stranger say:

“Why come you to this garden

Faithful Mary in your grief
Will your mourning overwhelm you
Undermining your belief.
Look again inside this darkness
Come and see he is not here.
There's no need for you to worry
And no need for you to fear”

But she thought he was the gardener

Til her name he gently said.
Then she heard a thoughtful question-
“Why seek life among the dead ?”
So she left behind the darkness
Taking Good News to her friends
Of a story so transforming
That it never ever ends.

David Pargeter
Easter 2017

NOTICES:

BIBLE STUDY (via ZOOM).

We are having an Easter break so there will be no study sessions for a couple of weeks. **It's been suggested that when we resume we spend time thinking about and discussing what Progressive Christians think about Resurrection and God.** Should be a very interesting conversation. Enjoy the break.
Shalom David

If you are not already included on the bible study list for these intellectually stimulating studies, let David know via email and he will add you to the invitation list. **They are held on Wednesday evenings from 7.30 to 8.30pm**

For your diary, **Church AGM Sunday May 23rd** starting with breakfast. Reports need to reach David no later than **May 9th.**

WCC, Christian Conference of Asia: “affirm the sanctity of life” in Myanmar



In a joint statement on 31 March, the World Council of Churches and the Christian Conference of Asia

expressed profound dismay at the ongoing violence and the brutal attacks by military and security forces against peaceful protesters in Myanmar.

[Read more](#)



International calls grow for recognizing tie between climate change, human rights

Faith-based and civil groups from around the world are amplifying their call for the UN to more formally recognize the tie between climate change and human rights. A webinar on 26 March convened by the Geneva Interfaith Forum on Climate Change, Environment and Human Rights, reiterated the need for a new position within the UN: a special rapporteur on Climate Change and Human Rights.

[Read more](#)

The Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (UAICC) has called on the Government to ensure a Voice for First Nations Peoples is enshrined in Australia's constitution.

Members of the Uniting Church are encouraged to make their own submissions before the now extended deadline of 30 April. Submissions do