

seven practical actions to help provide safety to those fleeing danger, including additional settlement places for Afghan refugees and permanent protection for those in Australia. *Uniting Church in Australia* <comms@nat.uca.org.au>

If you would consider adding your voice (and everyone counts) - please send a message to:

Prime Minister of Australia: scott.morrison.mp@aph.gov.au

The Minister for Home Affairs: karen.andrews.mp@aph.gov.au

Leader of the Opposition: a.albanese.mp@aph.gov.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	22 August	29 August	5 Sept.	12 Sept	19 Sept
<i>Worship</i>	Andrej Miklosik	Lucinda Malgas	Robert Hoskin	Coralie Ling	Lucinda Malgas
<i>Assistance</i>	Melissa	Mary	Randall	Roma	Wendy
<i>Welcome at door</i>	Maureen	Wendy	Melissa	Mary	Louise
<i>Flowers</i>	Mary	Maureen	Roma	Mary	Deb
<i>Coffee</i>	Mary	Maureen	Darren	Mark	Louise
<i>Rubbish collection</i>	Randall	Roma	Mary	Randall	Darren

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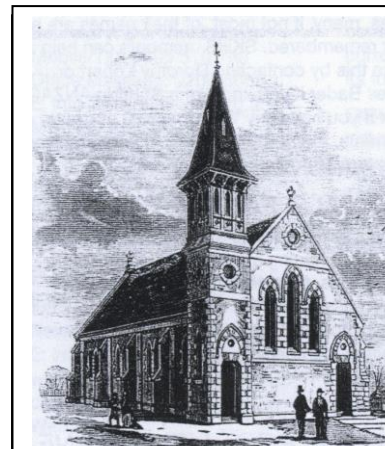
Church phone no.
0493 254 812

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 22 August 2021

Pentecost 13

Our gathering this Sunday will again be via ZOOM. You are most welcome wherever you might tuning in from.

Andrej Miklosik will lead us, with Robert Hoskin as host. The link will be sent on Sunday around 10.10 am.

If you would like to join us, please feel free to connect before the gathering and/or stay afterwards for a chat.

As the lockdown in Victoria continues and ‘lockdown fatigue’ sets in, this would be a good time to remind everyone that the church has a new phone number should you have a need to connect: 0493 254 812

READINGS: 1 Kings 8: 1,6,10 – 11, 22 – 30, 41 – 43. John 6: 56 - 69
The Inclusive Bible

FROM ANDREJ A place of worship, a place to call home

This Sunday, I'd like us to think about the importance of a particular space, a building, for our spirituality. We've always gathered in a church on Sunday and for me, churches have something special to them. Although we can meet and are meeting God anywhere, church building always was a place when I could calm down, soak in the atmosphere, and get closer to God. Church buildings were built from the early Christian times, with Cenacle, the site of the Last Supper, being considered the first Christian church building by many sources.

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Cont... A place of worship was always extremely important for people of faith. Israelites, led by King Solomon, built their first temple in 957 BCE. They placed the Covenant Box and the Tent of the Lord's presence (Tabernacle), in the temple, which served not only as a place of worship but also as a place of gathering. As we will read in today's Old Testament reading, Solomon, in his wisdom, already knew that it was quite unlikely that God would live in an Earthly dwelling, whether it was a tent or a majestic temple. He understood that God could not be contained to living inside of anything.

During the past year or so, when we got used to gathering on Zoom meetings, we are reminded of what Solomon believed some 3,000 years ago. It is great to have a place of worship, it is important and necessary to invest our time and resources to maintain our beautiful church building in St Kilda. At the same time, we can be thankful for having the opportunity to gather as a community in a virtual building, a cyber space. It fulfills everything that a church building can provide us with – it is a space where we meet one another, spend time as a community, and worship God. And God is there, with us. If we want to. Also, today's texts from the Lectionary lead us to think about the

gift of having a home. How blessed we are to have a place to call home, whether it's small or big. Walls around us, a roof above our heads, windows to the outside world. We think of the millions of people who are not as lucky as we are. Our thoughts are with Afghan people whose lives are changing rapidly and for many if not most of them, it's not for the better. We think of all and especially girls and women who are most probably losing a chance to live fulfilled lives with access to education and a career. Let us be thankful for everything we have. Let's stay quiet for a while and think of people who were not so lucky to be born in a country that provides them with opportunities and a chance for a decent life.

Andrej

NOTICES:

BIBLE STUDY (via ZOOM).
Wednesdays 7.30 - 8.30 pm. We expect this will recommence in the coming months.

In the meantime, St Michael's Uniting Church in the city has some zoom Bible studies that you are welcome to join. stmichaels.org.au

They have a repeat of their series: **Searchers "Beyond Belief"- this is a two parts series with Prof Marcus Borg. This is by ZOOM. Cont...**

Part 1 today: August 22 @ 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Part 2 - Next Sunday August 29 @ 4:30pm – 6.30pm.

Anybody can join and/or leave at anytime. Please note these are the videos only. There will be no discussion following the videos.

PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIAN NETWORK VICTORIA (PCNV) TODAY Sunday August 22nd via Zoom at 4pm

Professor Mary Coloe pbvm, BA., BTheol (hons), D.Theol. speaking on: *Mining John's Gospel: Wisdom for our times?*

Mary is an Australian religious sister and New Testament biblical scholar who specialises in the Gospel of John. She is a Professor at Yarra Theological Union - University of Divinity. Mary's presentation will be based on her recently published book, **WISDOM COMMENTARY : John 1- 10.** <https://www.pcnvictoria.org.au/news/>

SPACE2b has set up a program during Covid lockdown: **FROM OUR KITCHEN TO YOURS!** "To support our community, have some fun and bring a bit of joy into our world, we thought that we would share favourite recipes with each other - from our kitchen to yours!! We will be sharing these wonderful recipes on Instagram and Facebook and will presenting them in a group that we have

created **'We Are Connected'**. You will be able to ask questions, comment and share your own recipes. Happy cooking and happy sharing! **JOIN 'WE ARE CONNECTED' GROUP** <https://space2b.com.au/>

PAUSING IN LOCKDOWN. MINDFULNESS BASED STILLNESS MEDITATION MONDAY TO THURSDAY

9.30AM To be held via ZOOM. SouthPort Uniting Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. **Pausing In Lockdown - Online Meditations with John.**

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/96887771248?pwd=L2NabXk0MUZjT3lhaFN6MTdNVFYzZz09> Meeting ID: 968 8777 1248 Passcode: 750657

Teacher: Rev. John Tansey, registered member of Meditation Association of Australia, John has trained as teacher with the Gawler Foundation and has experience leading Meditation in a range of mental health settings. **All welcome**

The UNITING CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA has joined others in calling on the **Australian Government** to show leadership and compassion in its response to the **Afghanistan crisis**. The **Assembly** is one of more than 300 organisations who have signed a letter to all Federal MPs and Senators urging them to take