

The **PCNV** (Progressive Christian Network Victoria) will hold their next meeting (via ZOOM) on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September: 4 – 5.15.**

**TOPIC: THE END OF RELIGION: THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN STATES, RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS AND GENDER POLITICS** with **Dr Kathleen McPhillips**. Kathleen will discuss themes of a new book she co-edited, titled *The End of Religion: Feminist Reappraisals of the State* edited by Kathleen McPhillips and Naomi Goldenberg (Routledge 2021) In the book, 11 authors grapple with the relationship between states, religious traditions and gender. **Flyer (including Zoom connection) will be sent out with next week's Newsletter.**

*The St Kilda Uniting Church respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land on which we meet, and we pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.*

Date	12 Sept	19 Sept	26 Sept	3 October Daylight Sav.	10 October
<b>Worship</b>	Coralie Ling	Lucinda Malgas	Lyn Kroker	Mark Lawrence	Janet & Brian SW
<b>Assistance</b>	Roma	Wendy	Randall	Mary	Wendy
<b>Welcome at door</b>	Mary	Louise	Maureen	Wendy	Roma
<b>Flowers</b>	Mary	Deb	Roma	Louise	Desleigh
<b>Coffee</b>	Mark	Louise	Roma	Maureen	Roma
<b>Rubbish collection</b>	Randall	Darren	Randall	Roma	Roma

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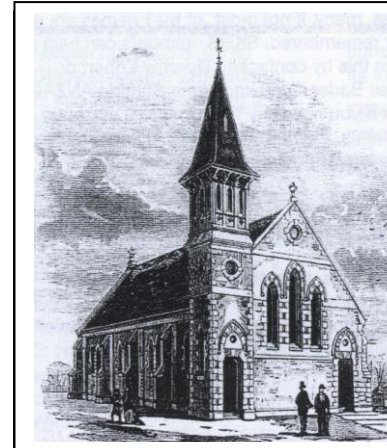
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**VISION STATEMENT:**

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](mailto:desleighk@ozemail.com.au)  
Contributions to the content are also welcomed.



**St Kilda Uniting Church  
Parish Mission**

**NEWSLETTER**

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**Sunday 12 September 2021**

**Humanity Sunday**

**This Sunday we will continue our gathering on Zoom and Coralie Ling will lead us, assisted by Roma and supported by Robert. Please feel free to connect before the gathering and/or stay afterwards for a chat. You are most welcome wherever you might be – it is great to have you with us!**

**READING: Genesis 1: 26 – 28. Mark 10: 42 – 45. The Inclusive Bible**

**FROM CORALIE:**

**We are in the Season of Creation.** This season dates from September 1<sup>st</sup> to October 4<sup>th</sup> (St Francis Day). The idea for this season came from the Adelaide scholar Norman Habel and the Uniting church piloted the idea back in 2003 and 4. Since then this season has been adopted by the Catholic and Orthodox churches and the World Council of Churches.

**The aim of the season is to foster our understanding and actions to recognise the sacred in our environment.**

**This year the theme of the season is ‘a home for all’.** We recognise that the earth is God’s household with a place for all the diversity of creation. Each of the four Sundays in the season has a particular theme. Last Sunday was Earth Sunday, this Sunday (Sep12) is Humanity Sunday, next Sunday is Sky Sunday and the fourth Sunday is Blessing of the Animals Day. Following the common lectionary of readings 3year cycle, there are different readings and themes for each of the three years.

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**Cont...** Since the devastating bushfires in 2020 and the current pandemic and the International Panel on Climate Change IPCC report, it is clear how necessary it is that we take up the theme of 'a home for all' We lost so much of our environment in the fires from humans to animals, to plants and the soil, and now we are aware in this Covid 19 pandemic, of people without homes or proper housing. The need to respond with 'a home for all' is urgent.

Here is a quote from the poem 'Season of Creation, Spring has called us' (UCA Resources)  
By Lutruwita (Tasmanian) woman  
Alison Overeem

*If we listen carefully we will be  
guided by the call of the ocean,  
The gentle breeze of the trees  
The surrounds and sights  
abounding us,  
Calling us to care for,  
To be with,  
To learn from, to protect.....  
BEING,BELONGING,CONNECTI  
NG – TO ALL CREATION*

Coralie

Order of Service for today –  
including hymns - separate  
attachment

### **NOTICES:**

#### **\*Congregational Meeting Sunday 19 September\***

**Next Sunday 19 September at 11.45 am there will be a congregational meeting to consider and vote on a recommendation from the Joint Nominating Committee (JNC) for our next minister.**

Rev James Douglas, chair of the JNC, and chair of the Presbytery Pastoral Relations Committee (PRC), will join us on Zoom.

**The JNC will tell us the name of the person being recommended and provide other information at the meeting.**

Zoom has a "Poll" facility which will enable a vote to be taken. A necessary prior step is for the PRC to give the green light. It is expected that the PRC will meet this coming week.

**This is an important and exciting opportunity in the life of our congregation. Regular members of the congregation please stay on Zoom at the end of next week's service.**

#### **PODCAST Discussion Group via ZOOM.**

Janet and Brian have organised our next series of 5 Wednesday evening discussions around a series of Podcasts beginning this Wednesday 15 September at 7.30 pm. Cont.....

#### **Separate attachment with this Newsletter.**

**Please email or phone/message Janet: [janetsnashall@gmail.com](mailto:janetsnashall@gmail.com) or Brian: [bsnashwood@hotmail.com](mailto:bsnashwood@hotmail.com) if you would like to be part of this group to be included on the ZOOM list or if you have any problems accessing the Podcast.**

#### **QUIZ NIGHT**

Janet and Brian are organising a **Zoom Quiz Night** – just your household (no breakout groups)

A short sharp social gathering to get you laughing and a little bit thinky  
Nothing too tricky - just a bit of fun to suit all ages, stages and abilities! **This Friday 17 September : 7 -8,30**

**RSVP: To Janet 0417 670 132 or Brian 0407 426 601 to be added to the zoom invite list. Or email Janet: [janetsnashall@gmail.com](mailto:janetsnashall@gmail.com)**

**ALL WELCOME**

#### **PAUSING IN LOCKDOWN. MINDFULNESS BASED STILLNESS MEDITATION MONDAY TO THURSDAY 9.30AM 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**

**LEADER:** Rev. John Tansey, registered member of Meditation Association of Australia, **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** urging them to help provide safety to those fleeing danger, including offering 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 - please send a message to: Prime Minister of Australia: [scott.morrison.mp@aph.gov.au](mailto:scott.morrison.mp@aph.gov.au)  
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Leader of the Opposition: [a.albanese.mp@aph.gov.au](mailto:a.albanese.mp@aph.gov.au)**

#### **ACT for PEACE Afghanistan Emergency**

<https://www.actforpeace.org.au/>  
Help provide urgently needed food, shelter and health supplies to the thousands of displaced families in Afghanistan.

**For those who would like to support the work of the St Kilda Uniting Church, your contribution/s would be gratefully accepted via banktransfer: 013 427 310834465. Reference "offering"**