

The **West Papua Council of Churches** has detailed ongoing violence and marginalisation experienced by indigenous Papuans. **Uniting Church in Australia President, Rev Sharon Hollis**, has encouraged UCA members to pray for peace and justice in West Papua, that human rights be upheld, and the desires of indigenous Papuans be heard and realised.

To support the work of the **UNITING CHURCH here in ST KILDA**, the banking details are :**St Kilda Uniting Church, BSB 013 427 Acct. 3108 34465. All contributions gratefully received. Thank you.**

Date	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29 th <i>AGM</i>
<i>Worship</i>	Alex Sangster	Alex Sangster	Alex Sangster	Alex Sangster
<i>Assistance</i>	Wendy	Roma	Louise	Desleigh
<i>Welcome at door</i>	Maureen	Deb	Roma	Wendy
<i>Flowers</i>	Louise	Deb	Roma	Roma
<i>Coffee</i>	Louise	Randall	Maureen	Roma

The St Kilda Uniting Church respectfully acknowledges the traditional Owners and Custodians of the land on which we meet, the people of the Yaluk-ut Weelam Clan of the Boon Wurrung. We pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging. We acknowledge and uphold their continuing relationship to this land.

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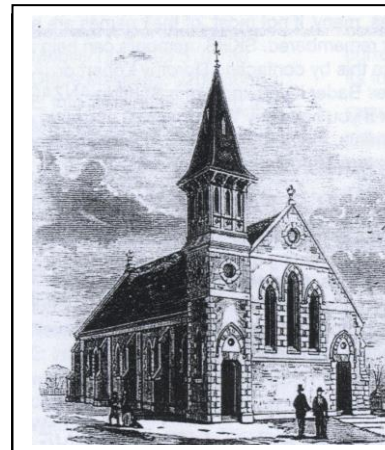
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VISION STATEMENT:

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 Newsletter are also welcomed.



St Kilda Uniting Church

NEWSLETTER

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Sunday 8th May 2022

EASTER 4

A warm welcome to everyone to our gathering today. Rev Alex Sangster will lead us assisted by Wendy.

***Lectionary readings for this Sunday* – Acts 9: 36 - 43; Psalm 23; Rev. 7: 9 – 17; John 10: 22 – 30.**

From Alex:

He shakes my hand.
Wild old man - beard whipping in the wind.
We are all strung out against the fence at yet another climate action.
The Australian Federal Police look bored.
The grandmas look determined and this Quaker, the one with the beard, is shaking my hand.

'I got arrested with a Quaker once'

I say

'I think that was me'

he responds,

'Yes, it was me!'

Over five years have passed since we stood together on the Adani Blockade.

Over five years.

And still we are witnesses to this 'great unmaking'.

Cont...

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Which is how ecologist Deborah Bird Rose describes the unfolding cascading climate crisis.

The great unmaking

She also writes:

'The beauty and greatness of life on earth is not a problem to be studied and resolved, but actually entails a particular kind of ethics – an obligation to keep faith with life by participating in and contributing to its immensity.'

God
I feel
so
sad
today.

Standing in the wind with a daughter by my side and faithful older activists to my right and to my left and a quaker gripping my hand. Is this action a participation in immensity?
Perhaps.
Perhaps.

Hymns/Songs :

TiS: 156 – tune: Morning has Broken - words on screen

TiS: 647 – Comfort, comfort

TiS: 418 – She sits like a Bird

NOTICES:

You will be pleased to hear that last Sunday's *EMPTY SKY* event with Kavisha, Matthew and Arnold raised \$501 net for the Ukrainian Refugee Relief Fund. We thank everyone for their donations!



DONATIONS to support the relief effort in *UKRAINE* can also be made *online* through Act for Peace. AFP is the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches Australia - they have formed a new coalition called the Emergency Action Alliance (EAA) who are partnering with 14 other Australian-based member charities <https://actforpeace.org.au> > Ukraine

REMINDER that our **AGM** is on Sunday May 29th at 9am. Come and share breakfast, prepared by Louise, and join in the discussion as the reports are presented. Reports need to be in to Randall by next Sunday 15th May – thank you.

Also a **REMINDER** that we still need to be aware of being **COVID** safe. Our Covid Safe Plan is on the Notice Board. Please do not attend church if you are feeling unwell and keep your distance from others. If you become ill with Covid after attending church we would be grateful if you could let us know so that we can pass on the message.



The Parramatta Nepean Presbytery NSW joyfully inducted Rev Dr Solmon Zwana as National Chaplain for the Zimbabwean Methodist Fellowship of Australia on 22 April - the first role of its kind. A past Presiding Bishop of the Methodist Church in Zimbabwe, Rev Dr Zwana will minister to the Zimbabwean Faith Community in relationship with Liverpool Uniting Church in NSW, and to all Zimbabwean Methodist communities around the country – this of course includes our Zimbabwean congregation here. Our Church Council looks forward to meeting Rev Dr Zwana in July.

The Best of Times, the Worst of Times – Navigating Life at the Crossroads.



Conversation at the Crossroads presents an international, innovative series to stimulate, inform and upskill. Conducted by Professor Joseph Camilleri: 26 April - 7 June (7 x 3hr. sessions Tuesdays)

https://crossroadsconversation.com.au/?page_id=1229

This Tuesday May 10th the conversation will be on *Education and Media – Vested Interest versus Common Good.*

ASRC - Macnamara Candidates Forum: This Thursday 12th May, 5.30 -7.30 pm at the South Melbourne Uniting Church

The Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC) will be holding a Macnamara Candidates Forum on refugee policy: Moderator - Kon Karapanagiotidis OAM, CEO and Founder of the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre. To book a free ticket go to:

[Macnamara Forum - ASRC Campaigns](#)

The **ASRC** is also calling for voters to pledge to vote with refugees. To sign the pledge go to: **Election Pledge - ASRC** <https://asrc.org.au/>

NATIONAL SORRY DAY is on **Thursday 26th May**. To mark this occasion, the Port Phillip Citizens for Reconciliation is holding a lunch 12.30 to 2.30 at the South Melbourne Community Centre cnr Ferrars Place and Park Street Sth Melbourne. You are most welcome to attend but bookings must be made by May 18th to rosemary.rule@gmail.com. Gold coin donation appreciated

Online Meditations with John Tansey, Mon-Thurs 9.30 am

<https://zoom.us/j/96887771248?pwd=L2NabXk0MUZjT3lhaFN6MTdNvFYzZz09>