

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

**CONGRATULATIONS TO SR BRIGID ARTHUR.** Sr Brigid Arthur received an Officer of the Order of Australia (OA) in the 2022 Queen's Birthday Honours for distinguished service to social welfare, particularly asylum seekers and refugees, Sr Brigid co-founded the Brigidine Asylum Seekers' Project (BASP) Albert Park in 2001.

Date	June 19	June 26	July 3	July 10	July 17
<i>Worship (10am)</i>	Alex	Robert H	Alex	Alex	Alex
<i>Assistance</i>	Wendy	Roma	Laura	Wendy	Randall
<i>Welcome at door</i>	Maureen	Louise	Wendy	Roma	Sally
<i>Flowers</i>	Maureen	Roma	Desleigh	Roma	Sally
<i>Coffee</i>	Mark	Randall	Roma	Louise	Maureen

*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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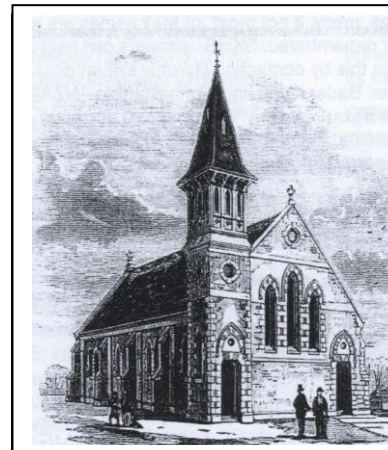
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**VISION STATEMENT:**

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



**St Kilda Uniting Church**

**NEWSLETTER**

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Sunday 19 June 2022

**Pentecost 2**

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

***Lectionary for this Sunday* – Psalm 42 & 43; 1Kings 19:1 – 4, 8 – 15a Galatians 3: 23 – 29; Luke 8: 26 – 39.**

**From Alex: This Sunday is Refugee Sunday -**

the day where we recognise that ours is a world filled with folk who are fleeing their homes and seeking sanctuary..

Australia has had a pretty bleak history when it comes to open heart and open borders but just recently there has been the beginning of a turning ... and for those who have been activists in this space for years ( upon years and years and years) there is a kind of incredulity and wonder - they are allowing themselves to feel something they have not felt for a very long time which is **hope..**

All of us, I imagine, would have been moved by the sight of our new prime minister hugging the mother of the two little girls as they returned to their Queensland home after so long in uncertainty and desperation....

It has been so dark for so long

but here we are

a new dawning

give yourselves the gift of gazing upon the many images that have flooded social media-of two shining little girls their glowing mother and beaming father as the Nadesalingam family return home. Alex.

## **HYMNS:**

*Praise the One who breaks the darkness (Tune TiS 392)*

*TiS 585: I heard the voice of Jesus say.*

*We cannot measure how you heal (Iona Community)*

## **NOTICES:**

### **TODAY: CORACLE COLLECTIVE**

Are you interested in co-creating a new faith community? Come along to a gathering at **Cornish College** the third Sunday of the month, beginning **TODAY Sunday 19 June: 3.00pm-5.00pm**. This is a joint initiative between Cornish College and the Uniting Church – Presbytery of Port Phillip East. More information: Rev Alex Sangster: [alisangster@gmail.com](mailto:alisangster@gmail.com)

**TODAY: CONCERT to raise funds for Ukraine – St Kilda Town Hall**



**Free Gala Public Concert**  
Celebrate Sputnik TV's 25 + 2 years on air  
Outstanding classical & popular music - plus dancing!  
Sunday 19 June, 3-6pm  
St Kilda Town Hall  
Free but bookings essential:  
<https://www.trybooking.com/BZYEW>  
Donations to the victims of war in Ukraine appreciated



The **Uniting Church in Australia** will celebrate **45 years this coming Wednesday 22 June!** A video to mark the occasion with a message from President Rev Sharon Hollis is available <https://vimeo.com/718977814>



**"After the Vote"** - Justice issues for Australians in the light of a Federal Election with Dr Mark Zirnsak **SUNDAY 26TH JUNE 2022 3:00pm to 5:00pm** at Ewing Memorial Centre of Stonnington Uniting Church Cnr of Burke Road & Coppin Street, Malvern East

**St Kilda Gatehouse Winter Appeal 2022** Your donation this winter will support the lives of women and girls who need to know someone is listening. <https://winterappeal2022.raisely.com/>



**Feminist Theologies Event: Changing the game - What next for Queer People and Faith.** The **Australian Collaborators in Feminist Theologies** are pleased to invite you to join them for a meal followed by a presentation from Jo Inkpin, with Penny Jones. Explore the next steps of growing LGBTIQ+ visibility and faith vitality in our churches, playing fields, politics and theology.

**When: Tuesday 28 June 2022**, Pilgrim Theological College, 29 College Cres, Parkville VIC 3052 **Cost: \$50 Bookings:** <https://events.humanitix.com/changing-the-game-what-next-for-queer-people-and-faith>



**This coming week (Sunday 19 through to Saturday 25 June) is REFUGEE WEEK in Australia.** The theme chosen for 2022 is "healing". Australia and the rest of the world have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to hit the reset button on how we behave towards one another. The importance of

human connections has been underscored by the pandemic and such lessons can help us in so many ways. Mainstream and refugee communities alike can draw upon shared hardship to heal wounds, to learn from each other and to move forward. Healing can occur through storytelling, through community and also through realisation of our intrinsic interconnectedness as individuals. Check out the [Refugee Week website https://www.refugeeweek.org.au/refugee-week-theme-2022/](https://www.refugeeweek.org.au/refugee-week-theme-2022/)

The **Asylum Seekers Resource Centre** is holding a Telethon on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June:



[World Refugee Day Telethon](#) is back!

**Uniting Winter Appeal** - Warm hearts and fill bellies this winter. This winter brings an opportunity to share hearty meals with family and friends. But for many people, winter brings a world of worry. With your help, we can provide the comfort and practical support they need to move from crisis to stability. [Winter Appeal | Uniting Vic.Tas \(unitingvictas.org.au\)](https://unitingvictas.org.au)