

overarching shared sense of meaning and boundaries is creating a fragile nation. Psychotherapist Winsome Thomas grew up in the Salvation Army but left it for an expanded spirituality which has helped her heal fragile lives including her own.

Notice Board: Flyers from Baptist Church and Christ Church

We respectfully acknowledge the Yalukit Willam clan of the Boon Wurrung. We pay our respects to their Elders and community past and present. We acknowledge and uphold their continuing relationship to this land.

Date	January 29	February 5	February 12	February 19
<i>Worship. W. Assist.</i>	Janet	Desleigh	Randall	Mary
<i>Welcome at door</i>	Brian	Beverley	Roma	Maureen
<i>Pre-Service Prayer</i>	Simon	Janet	Beverley	Roma
<i>Flowers</i>	Mary	Maureen	Desleigh	Mary
<i>Coffee</i>	Andrej & Petka	Roma	Mark & Ruth	Maureen

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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: The newsletter editor is Desleigh Kent. Contributions are welcome and can be sent to her at desleighk@ozemail.com.au If you would like to be part of a growing congregational email list (and receive a full colour copy of the church newsletter in pdf format), please contact Rob Hess at Robert.Hess@vu.edu.au



**St Kilda Uniting Church
Parish Mission**

NEWSLETTER

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Sunday, January 29: 2017

Epiphany 4



You are most welcome to the service today. Rev David Pargeter will lead our worship. Please join us afterwards for tea or coffee.

Bible Readings: Matthew 4: 12 – 23 pg. 1050

Rev. David Pargeter:

Some ‘typos’ can be funny others can be quite profound.

Last Sunday I shared this one during our gathering time. It was in a printed order of worship a few years back for a service about discipleship. It quoted the familiar passage which describes Jesus walking along the shores of lake Galilee recruiting for the ‘new’ expression of faith movement. Here's the text as it appeared: “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” At once they left their *nest* and followed him.

Leaving their nets to follow him was the original phrase. In so many ways the typo ‘nest’ is probably more in tune with Christian faith in the 21st Century. Very few people these days abandon their professions or tools of trade to ‘follow him’. Many endeavour to exercise ‘following’ within their particular context; their particular ‘work’ environment.

However, the context for the Jesus story is radically different to our own. The fishing industry around Galilee was becoming less and less viable; multiple systems of taxation were exploitative and destructive. The lake was being over-fished to meet the delicacy market of Rome and fish stocks were being depleted. No government industry rescue plan for that community. Following Jesus wasn't an alternative employment opportunity – it was participation in a Galilee-based resistance movement and importantly, a non-violent one. I'm not sure that's how most contemporary Christians understand the meaning of ‘and followed him’ but I'm pretty sure it still involves leaving our nests. Sorry, I mean nets.

Songs:

**TiS 242: Lord of the dance
vs 2,3,4**

Galilee Song:

Deep within my heart, I feel
voices whispering to me.
Words that I can't understand;
meanings I must clearly hear!
Calling me to follow close,
lest I leave myself behind!
Calling me to walk into
evening shadows one more time!

Refrain:

So I leave my boats behind!
Leave them on familiar shores!
Set my heart upon the deep!
Follow you again, my Lord! (repeat)

In my memories, I know
how you send familiar rains
falling gently on my days;
dancing patterns on my pain!
And I need to learn once more,
in the fortress of my mind,
to believe in falling rain
as I travel deserts dry! **Refrain**

As I gaze into the night,
down the future of my years,
I'm not sure I want to walk
past horizons that I know!
And I need to learn once more,
like a stirring deep within,
restless, till I live again
beyond the fears that close me in!

Refrain

TiS 418: She sits like a bird

Notices

The next **Parish Council** will be on **Thursday, February 9** at the Clarke's. If there are any issues you wish to be discussed at this meeting please speak with David Pargeter, or with a Council member.

At the Parish Council the **church camp** will be discussed. The tentative date is **Friday 31 March to Sunday 2 April** at the Lancaster's on Phillip Island.

163 Table Conversations. Sharing Food – Sharing Ideas

The next Table Conversations will be on **Tuesday: February 15th at 6.15pm**. The guest speaker will be Rev. Peter Batten who will speak and discuss the *Spirituality of Play*. All welcome!

For catering purposes please rsvp to Janet: 0417 670 132. A donation to cover the cost of dinner would be appreciated.

BYO drinks or a bottle to share

Progressive Christian Network Vic.

The next PCNV will be on **Sunday 19 February at 3.00pm**. **Julian Burnside will speak: on the way ahead for Australia's treatment of asylum seekers**. **Venue:** Ewing Memorial Centre of Stonnington Uniting Church, corner of Burke Road and Coppin Street, Malvern

East. Melway 59 G12

St Kilda Festival: Quilt Exhibition

You are invited to a **Wine and Cheese Fundraiser** at the Quilt Exhibition at Christ Church Acland Street, **Friday 10 February, 6:30 to 8pm**. Rsvp: 9534 9250 or email communitycentre@christchurchstkiida.org.au

The Quilt Show will be open on Saturday from 11am to 5pm and on Sunday 10:30 am to 6pm. Assorted hand crafted items for sale. Raffle.

Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project.

Please place any items for **BASP** in the box in the foyer so they can be delivered. **How you can help: Advocacy** - Write to your local Member of Parliament (or call in and see them) and ask for a more humane approach to asylum seekers. **Food** that is very welcome: Eggs, sugar, rice, flour, salt, two minute noodles, cooking oil, tea and coffee, long life milk, tuna, canned tomatoes, canned fruit, spaghetti or other pasta, chick peas, canned beans. **Other goods always in demand:** Cleaning materials and dishwashing detergents, toilet paper **Something Special:** A voucher for Coles, Big W, Kmart or similar stores allows asylum seekers the independence to buy

something they really want and need.

It's not too late to donate to the **Christmas Bowl**. Please collect an **envelope from table**. Notice board.

Compass - Olympians 4 Love Mercy. ABC TV

Sunday 29 January 2017 6.30pm

Presented by Geraldine Doogue. When Olympian Eloise Wellings runs for Australia in the 5000m her thoughts for Ugandan runner Julius Achon and their charity *Love Mercy* will be close to her heart.

In a friendship forged through shared misfortune - Eloise dogged by injury and Julius a surviving child soldier, these two have made an extraordinary difference to the lives of hundreds of Ugandan families. *Love Mercy* has raised funds to care for orphans, build a medical centre and is now providing micro loans to Ugandan women in their *Cents for Seeds* initiative.

The Spirit of Things: Radio National: **Sunday January 29 at 6pm**. Presented by Dr. Rachael Kohn. ***How Fragile We Are***. Psychiatrist, Tanveer Ahmed, thinks the decline of religion may be to blame for the epidemic of depression, dysfunction and drug abuse, while the lack of an