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Palm Sunday April 9th - Walk for Justice for Refugees. Gather at 1.30pm at the State Library. Walk at 2pm

March Crosslight available on the front table. March Newsbeat on Notice Board (www.ucappep.org)

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	March 5	March 12	March 19	March 26
<i>Worship. W. Assist.</i>	Simon	Roma	Janet	
<i>Welcome at door</i>	Roma	Beverley	Brian	
<i>Pre-Service Prayer</i>	Beverley	Simon	Roma	
<i>Flowers</i>	Andrej &Petka	Beverley	Maureen	
<i>Coffee</i>	Randall	Melissa &Darren	Louise	

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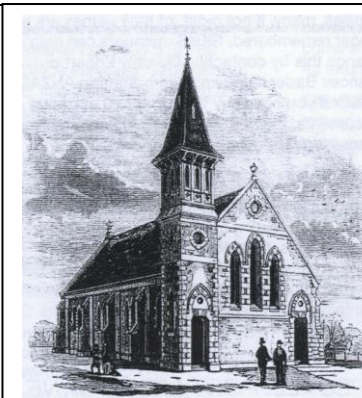
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VISION STATEMENT: As a community of faith, the St Kilda Uniting Church Parish Mission strives to do what is just, to show constant love and to walk humbly with God.

NEWSLETTER DETAILS: 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: March 5, 2017
LENT 1**

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: Exodus 15: 19 – 21 pg. 81
Luke 15: 21 – 31 pg. 1152**

Rev. David Pargeter

I once heard music described as ‘the poetry of the air’. Our gathering theme for March is the **Spirituality of Music**, and we will tune into this poetry and let it carry us through the season of Lent and into Easter.

Unlike Reformed Judaism, the Christian tradition doesn't have a season for celebrating music – we do not have a Shabbat Shirah: the Sabbath of Song. Every year, the Torah reading of the crossing of the Sea of Reeds coincides with Tu B'Shvat, the onset of the blossoming of trees in Israel. In Jerusalem and other parts of Israel the wild almond trees burst into flower during the Tu B'Shvat holiday season. It is these beautiful buds and flowers that create a wondrous landscape over much of the arid land in Israel and enables people to rejoice in the natural rejuvenation that occurs each and every year.

The Torah reading includes the Song by the Sea, sung by the people of Israel in celebration of their redemption from the pursuing army of the Pharaoh.

But humans aren't the only creatures who sing. In London where I first encountered this festival of song, members of the local Jewish community had a custom of feeding the birds just prior to Shabbat Shirah because they also offered praise to God for the miracle of the crossing of the Sea of Reeds.

Since the chirp of song is the special talent of birds, they acknowledged this gift by giving them food.

So, a suggestion. Instead of giving up something for Lent, can I suggest adding something to daily life. Find a moment (or longer if you can) in each day to listen to some of nature's 'poetry of the air'. Is there any more beautiful song than that of the Australian magpie singing early in the morning?

Shalom

David

Songs/Hymns

TiS: 636. God has spoken to his people, hallelujah!

Creation Sings (sing twice)

Creation sings, songs of life and wonder.

Creation sings, through night and day
Creation knows and holds the future
And all of life is singing, just because
She sings. Words: David Pargeter

Notices

Two important events to mark in your church calendar:

1. The **church camp** will be held at the Lancaster's on Phillip Island **Friday 31st March to Sunday 2nd April**. To assist with planning please

let Beverley know if you will/will not be there. More information will be available next week.

2. Sunday, May 21st is the **140th Anniversary celebration of our church and the launch of the book of its history, written by Maureen. This will be a very special day! we will need many helpers to prepare the church so a **working bee** is being organised. The day before and on the day we will need helpers so please talk to Louise, Sally, Maureen or Desleigh. More information later for these events.**

We are making a list of people to invite so if you know of anyone who might like to come, please send email (or postal address) information to Desleigh.

The Pulse Beating Hearts Concert, next Sunday 12 March, 2pm St Silas' Church, 99 Bridport Street, Albert Park. Guest speaker Julian Burnside QC. \$25 waged, \$10 unwaged/ concession. Extra donations welcome, cash donations over \$2 tax deductible. Afternoon tea included. Raising funds for Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project and Asylum Seeker Pathways Project.
Facebook.com/SongsForUsAll

163 Table Conversations. Sharing Food – Sharing Ideas. The next *Table Conversations* will be on **Tuesday 21st March at 6.15pm.**

Emeritus Professor Joseph Camilleri, OAM, La Trobe University. Some thoughts on the Middle East. This conversation will be from his extensive knowledge of the countries in the Middle East.

Bring your friends. All welcome! Please rsvp to Janet: 0417 670 132. Donation to cover the cost of dinner BYO drinks or a bottle to share

This year, the Uniting Church Lenten Offering will aid four projects: **Days for Girls**, an international NGO that provides hygiene kits for girls in developing countries; **Ministry training** in the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress; **Assist the Hamilton Uniting Church to live stream** their services to local hospitals, aged care facilities and homes; **Community garden facilitator in Tasmania.** **Envelopes available.**

UnitingWorld also has an appeal **Lent Event (www. Lentevent .com)** from **1st March - 15th April** that raises funds for various projects - envelopes on front table. **This is the international partnerships agency of the Uniting Church in Australia.** For more information:
<http://www.lentevent.com/>

Sharing Lent Together:

Next Sunday 12 March at worship, we will be joined by some members of the Sacred Heart Church. We look forward to them being with us.

The Spirit of Things: Sunday 5 March 6 05pm repeated:

Wednesday 1pm. Presented by Dr Rachael Kohn. **Robot Religion** The first woman to be both theologian and co-creator of a robot, Dr Anne Foerst believes humanoid robots are not only loveable, they can teach profound truths about the human condition and spirituality.

You are invited to hear Mark Yettica-Paulson who is the Joint Campaign Director for **RECOGNISE** at the Community Church of St Mark 100 Hodgkinson St, Clifton Hill. **Thursday 23rd March 2017 at 7.00pm** Mark will be speaking about RECOGNISE, which seeks the recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Australian Constitution, and the acknowledgement of the oldest living cultures on the planet, which span back tens of thousands of years. Questions will be taken from the floor after his address. Entry by donation to cover the costs of the event. Replies essential for seating arrangements. To book, phone the church office on 9486 3131 or