

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

The Uniting Church *Lenten Offering* envelopes are on the front table.

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	April 9 Palm Sunday	April 16 Easter	April 23	April 30
<i>Worship. W. Assist.</i>	Mary	Melissa	Andrej	Brian
<i>Welcome at door</i>	Maureen	Maureen	Louise	Roma
<i>Pre-Service Prayer</i>	Janet	Mary	Beverley	Simon
<i>Flowers</i>	Mary	Desleigh	Andrej&Petka	Maureen
<i>Coffee</i>	Mary	Randall	Roma	Mark&Ruth

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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, 9 April

LENT 5: Palm Sunday

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

Bible Reading: John 12: 12 – 18 pg.

Rev. David Pargeter: Reconciliation

It's April. It's Lent. It's Easter

During this time we are invited to think about what it means to participate in reconciliation - our theme for the next month.

To be reconciled with others, ourselves, the world and with the mystery that sits at the heart of our faith - the mystery we have come to know and call 'God'.

Like Christmas, **Easter** is fast becoming a cultural event and another opportunity to have a break either at home or away. But for people trying to be faithful in the 21st Century, Easter remains a pivotal moment in the life of Jesus, his disciples and the Church that emerged out of the experience. It is a period full of confrontation, grief and destructive politics.

It is a story of power and control, fear and betrayal. Love. Hopes raised and hopes dashed. The end of things and the beginning of things. And at the heart of it all rests the wonder and inspiring tragedy of a faith-filled life. The Church's history is built upon this story and is sustained by it.

David

Songs/Hymns

You were in this place - but we never knew

**At the dawn of the ages,
you pulled land from the sea.
With your word you invented
all we know, all we see:
Creek and desert and forest,
red and grey kangaroo.
You were in this place— but we never knew.**

**Paintings seen on the rock face,
footprints left in the sand.
Campfire next to the river,
songs that rise from the land:
Signs that seem so elusive,
shadows just out of view.
You were in this place — but we never knew.**

**Do we take after Jacob,
blind to what lies at hand.
needing dreams to inform us God is
here in this land?
See him suffering and dying,
bread and wine tell the news.
You were in this place— but we never knew.**

**Jesus, open our senses,
help us see you today
in the person beside us,
as we work, as we play.
While we love you and serve you,
may it never be true:
You were in this place — but we never knew.**

Robin Mann

TiS 658: I the Lord of Sea and Sky

TiS 276: There's a Light upon the Mountain

Notices

The **Church Camp** was held last weekend at the Lancasters on Phillip Island and was a great time of conversation, discussion, reflecting, walking, swimming (Randall!) and sharing meals. From all of us we say thanks so much to David and Shirley for their hospitality.

CHURCH AGM. This will be held immediately after church on **Sunday April 30th**. Please forward reports to Simon by 16th April and do hope you can come.

SUNDAY, May 21st is the **140TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF OUR CHURCH AND BOOK LAUNCH.** By now many people would have received a personal invitation – some might be depending on snail mail – but if you haven't received one or perhaps know of someone who would like one, please talk to Maureen or Desleigh

We will have a **WORKING BEE** here at the church on **Saturday 29th April** starting at 10am – any contribution of time will be greatly appreciated. **BYO cleaning gear.**

On **Saturday 20th May** we will also need people to help set up the church.

163 TABLE CONVERSATIONS. SHARING FOOD – SHARING IDEAS

The next *Table Conversations* will be next **Tuesday: April 11th** at 6.15pm. John Enticott - General Manager of St Kilda Community Housing Ltd will speak on *A Future for Affordable Housing in Australia*. John has had 40 years' experience in housing. He is passionate about housing and believes the Housing Crisis is hitting its peak. Everyone is looking for solutions. **All welcome!** Please **rsvp** to Janet: 0417 670 132. Donation to cover the cost of dinner BYO drinks or a bottle to share

PALM SUNDAY PEACE MARCH: Walk for Justice for **Refugees. TODAY Sunday April 9th** Gather at **1.30pm** at the State Library – walk 2pm. We are invited to meet under the Synod banner.

Spirit of Things: Rachael Kohn **PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIAN NETWORK** is on **Sunday April 23 at 3.00pm.** Speaker(s) yet to announced. **Venue:** Ewing Memorial Centre of Stonnington Uniting Church, corner of Burke Road and Coppin Street, Malvern East. Melway 59 G12

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE will be at **Christ Church Anglican in Acland Street at 9:30 am.** This will be followed at 11am by the walk through St Kilda stopping at a number of places.

EASTER SUNDAY service will be here at **10:30 – Rev. David Pargeter**

Last Wednesday some intrepid hikers from our church community – Ethan, Tobias, Alex, Robert – led by Brian, Randall and Matilda, walked about 13km at Murrindindi. Sounded like a great day was had by all. Pictures soon I hope.

JUSTICE AND INTERNATIONAL MISSION UNIT of the Synod of Vic/Tas has a day **Convention on Saturday May 27 from 9.30 to 4.15** at the Centre for Theology & Ministry, Parkville. The topic is ***Building Bridges not Walls*** The keynote speaker will be Joe Camilleri OAM, Emeritus Professor at La Trobe – and a recent speaker at our Table Conversations! See notice board for flyer and registration form.

Act for Peace - the International Aid Agency of the National Council of Churches has an appeal for Syrian refugees. See notice board.