

Holocaust-inspired art by Galiamble Aboriginal men. **Entry is free.**

The next *Progressive Christian Network* meeting is **Sunday 25 June, 3.00pm to 5.00pm**. The topic will be: "**Practical Implications of a Progressive Christian Understanding of The Bible**". **Ewing Memorial Centre of Stonnington Uniting Church** Corner of Burke Road and Coppin Street, Malvern East.

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	June 18	June 25	July 2	July 9
<i>Worship. W. Assist.</i>	David Mary	David Melissa	David Desleigh	David Randall
<i>Welcome at door</i>	Mary	Louise	Roma	Roma
<i>Pre-Service Prayer</i>	Roma	Roma	Mary	Mary
<i>Flowers</i>	Mary	Desleigh	Desleigh	Mary
<i>Coffee</i>	Mark & Ruth	Louise	Mary	Roma

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PENTECOST 2

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

Bible Reading: Job 38.1-18 ‘The Mysteries of Creation. Pg.588
Luke 5.1-11 ‘Facing the Deep’ pg.1130

Rev. David Pargeter:

Even though we are focussing on planet earth in our time together on Sundays in June, it's important to recognise that **18 – 24 June is Refugee week**. Planet earth is the only home we have and its home to humanity in all its variety of cultures, religions, languages and world views. And I'm still naïve enough to be puzzled as to why we just can't get along with each other. Why do some humans make it so hard for other humans to lead simple lives or simply live.

Since the end of the 2nd World War more than **7 million people have come to Australia as new settlers**. About 800,000 of them under humanitarian programs. Initially as displaced persons and more recently as refugees. That may seem a lot but under ‘our’ humanitarian program that works out to be about 11,000 per year since 1945.

The UNHCR reported recently that we are now witnessing the highest levels of displacement in human history. As a direct consequence of conflict and persecution 34,000 children, women and men are forcibly displaced every day. That's twice the number of people who live in St Kilda.

An unprecedented **65.3 million** people around the world have been forced from home. Among them are nearly **21.3 million refugees**, over half of whom are **under the age of 18**. There are also **10 million stateless people** who have been denied a nationality and access to basic rights such as education, healthcare, employment and freedom of movement.

The top hosting countries for refugees are:

Turkey – 2.5 M

Pakistan – 1.6 M

Lebanon – 1.1 M

Islamic Republic of Iran – 979,400

Ethiopia – 736,100

Perhaps during refugee week we could try to contrast our own lives with those looking for somewhere safe to live and possibly some daily bread. **What must it be like to be one of the 65.3 M people forced to leave their home and hoping that some neighbouring country might take them in.** David

Songs/Hymns

Called by earth and Sky

*Called by earth and sky,
promise of hope held high.*

*This is our sacred living trust,
treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.*

*(Last time repeat last line)- “called
by earth and sky”.*

Precious these waters, endless seas,
deep oceans' dreams.

Waters of healing,
rivers of rain,
the wash of love again.

Precious this gift, the air we breathe,
wind born and free.

Breath of the Spirit

blow through this place,
our gath'ring and our grace.

Precious these mountains, ancient
sands,
vast fragile land.
Seeds of our wakening,
rooted and strong,
creation's faithful song.

Precious the fire that lights the way,
bright the dawning day.
fire of passion,
sorrows undone,
our faith and justice one.

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Creator and Poet.

Father and Mother, Creator and Poet,
Speaking your wisdom in forest and
glade:
Telling your glory in ocean and river
Pouring your pleasure on all you
have made.

Christ of the cosmos, you sang into
being,
Galaxies spinning through
measureless space;
Coming among us, and sharing our
weakness;
Singing your songs of redemption
and grace.

Spirit, you danced at the dawn of
creation,
Rising, rejoicing on jubilant wings.
Yours is the rhythm of cycle and
season,
Yours is the heartbeat of all living
things.

God, you have made us of stardust
and spirit.

Etching your image on every cell.

We are your love song, your poem
and rhythm.

All co-creators, your story to tell.

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Notices

**MAUREEN'S BOOK: Campaigns
Causes and Commitments: the
Continuing Story of the St Kilda
Uniting Church in the Balaclava
Community,** is available from the
church @ \$25 a copy or 2 for \$40.
Please see Maureen/Desleigh/Sally
/Louise if you would like a copy.
Maureen would be very happy to sign
it for you!

TABLE CONVERSATIONS. SHARING FOOD – SHARING IDEAS

The next **163 Table Conversations**
will be **this Tuesday June 20th at
6.15pm.** The speaker will be **Rev.
Barbara Allen** who will be talking
about the place of animals in
different religions. **All welcome!**
Please **rsvp** to Janet: 0417 670 132.
Donation to cover the cost of dinner
BYO drinks or a bottle to share.

HOMELESS MEMORIAL. This is
the evening when we remember those
who have died whilst homeless. **Next
Wednesday 21st June 4.30pm -7pm**

Peanut Farm Reserve. Enquiries:
Deb McIntosh 9525 1300.

READING GROUP: You are
welcome to join the **Reading
Group.** It will meet once a month,
with the first meeting for this year
to be **this Thursday June 22nd at
7.30pm at Mary and Brian's.**
David will circulate an article
before then to anyone interested so
please see him if you would like to
come along.

Celebrate **WORLD REFUGEE
WEEK** at an evening screening of
**“Constance on the Edge” next
Sunday June 25th 7.30—9.30pm
St Kilda Baptist Church.** This is a
very moving story about a families
flight across Africa to eventually
settle in rural Australia.

TIES THAT BIND is a short 9-
minute film/ documentary created
and directed by Vivian Parry, past
Board member of the **Jewish
Holocaust Centre (JHC)** and
chairperson for the Child Survivors
of the Holocaust. Produced by
award-winning screen play
writer/director: Justin Olstein. The
film will be launched at the **JHC
Elsternwick on Sunday 2 July
2.30 pm** as part of the **‘From
Auschwitz to Cummeragunja’**
program. A didgeridoo interlude by
celebrated Aboriginal artist Stan
Yarramunua will be included plus