

BASP (Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project) LETTER WRITING : The next letter writing morning will be **this Friday, June 30 at 10am at 54**

Beaconsfield Parade Albert Park. We will supply the necessary materials and the names and addresses of relevant parliamentarians.

An email from Hank! He is enjoying his time in Jogjakarta with AVI undertaking a language course and expects to be back in Jakarta in mid – July.

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 25	July 2	July 9	July 16
<i>Worship. W. Assist.</i>	David Melissa	David Desleigh	David Randall	David Andrej
<i>Welcome at door</i>	Louise	Roma	Roma	Annie
<i>Pre-Service Prayer</i>	Roma	Mary	Mary	Beverley
<i>Flowers</i>	Desleigh	Desleigh	Mary	Beverley
<i>Coffee</i>	Louise	Mary	Roma	Andrej

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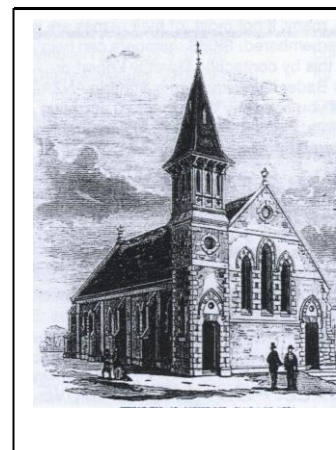
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VISION STATEMENT: As a community of faith, the St Kilda Uniting Church Parish Mission strives to do what is just, to show constant love and to walk humbly with God.

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**

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PENTECOST 3

You are most welcome to the service today. Rev. David Pargeter will lead our worship. After church today the Drama group from the Engagement Hub will perform. Please stay if you can.

**Bible Reading: Exodus 24: 15 – 16. Exodus 40 ; 34 – 37
Daniel 7: 13 – 14. Luke 9: 28 – 36**

Rev. David Pargeter:

The other day a Christian friend sent me a copy of his personal credo – a statement about what he believes. It had all the hallmarks of a faith crafted out of years of experiences. Shaped and etched like a coastline caressed and cut by the oceans that throw themselves upon its shore.

Like all personal statements that try to capture something of what a person holds dear and wishes to believe, knowing the person gives it a depth and honesty that is compelling. Owned and lived. Reading it reminded me of the need and the importance of making time to think about the deeper things of life. What gives it meaning and shape?

What do I believe today – if anything? What don't I believe today?

In an age of contrasting and complementary world views, religious and otherwise, it's important to navigate this landscape of possibilities. Taking seriously what we have learned and discovered or discarded along the way. Allowing fresh insights to shift perspectives. Discovering new words to talk about and describe what faith looks and feels like, and what kind of life it creates.

I know that at the end of the day, and indeed at the end of our days, faith is personal but I'm also sure that even among a diverse community there are some things held in common; stepping stones that we can identify that make crossing the river just a little bit easier.

Identifying what those things are seems to me to be one of the tasks of the gathered community as it wrestles with its doubts and with what it does and doesn't believe, whilst in humble ways declaring that the idea of God still means something.

David

Songs/Hymns

TiS 526: Living Lord.

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

PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIAN NETWORK meeting is **today: Sunday 25 June, 3.00pm to 5.00pm.**

The topic is: **"Practical Implications of a Progressive Christian Understanding of The Bible"**.

Ewing Memorial Centre of Stonnington Uniting Church - Cnr Burke Road and Coppin Street, Malvern East.

Celebrate **WORLD REFUGEE WEEK** at an evening screening of **"Constance on the Edge"** is **today 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.

2017 NAIDOC WEEK begins on Sunday 2 July with a film launch: **'Ties that Bind: From Auschwitz to Cummeragunja'**, directed by Viv Parry. The film documents a conversation between Auschwitz survivor Moshe Fiszman and grandson of William Cooper, Uncle Boydie. The event also includes Holocaust themed art by Aboriginal men from Galiamble and didgeridoo playing by Stan Yarramanua Venue: Jewish Holocaust Centre, 1315 Selwyn Street, Elsternwick. Time: 2.30pm to 4.30pm. For further information: 9528 1985 or admin@jhc.org.au

FLAGRAISING event Monday 3 July: including launch of Council's second Reconciliation Action Plan, a welcome to country by Boon Wurrung Arweet Carolyn Briggs, a smoking ceremony, didgeridoo playing, acoustic performance by Brett Lee, traditional dancers from Boon Wurrung Foundation, poetry by Dennis Fisher, followed by community lunch. Venue: Front Lawn, St Kilda Town Hall, 99a Carlisle Street, St Kilda. Time: 11am to 1pm. For further information contact: Todd Condie, Indigenous Policy Officer on 0403 606 559 or email: tcondie@portphillip.vic.gov.au

TABLE CONVERSATIONS. SHARING FOOD – SHARING IDEAS The next **163 Table Conversations** will be **Tuesday July 18th at 6.15pm.** The speaker will be the Commissioner for Gender and Sexuality, Ro Allen. **All welcome - bring your friends!** For catering purposes **rsvp to Mary:** brimary@iprimus.com.au /phone 9529 6927 or 0409060846 Donation to cover the cost of dinner BYO drinks or a bottle to share.

READING GROUP: The **Reading Group** met last Thursday where we discussed an article: *Spiritual but not Religious: What are today's "New Pilgrims" looking for?* **The next meeting will be on Tuesday 29th August 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.

ADULT'S DINNER this year will be on **Saturday, August 26th at Lou and Matt's home in Mentone.** Please note in your diary! **More information to come.**

The newly renovated **ENGAGEMENT HUB** will be opened on **Thursday July 20th** **More information to come.**