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**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	3 September	10 September	17 September
<i>Worship Assistance</i>	Coralie Randall	David Brian	David Simon
<i>Welcome at door</i>	Louise	Janet	Beverley
<i>Pre-Service Prayer</i>		Simon	Beverley
<i>Flowers</i>	Desleigh	Beverley	Deb
<i>Coffee</i>		Brian/Janet	Beverley

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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:

Desleigh Kent is the editor of the Newsletter. **Contributions are welcome and can be sent to her at [desleighk@ozemail.com.au](mailto:desleighk@ozemail.com.au)**

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You are most welcome to the service today. The Rev. Dr Coralie Ling will lead our worship. Please stay afterwards for tea/coffee.

**Bible Reading: Exodus 3: 1 – 15 pg 64**

Message from David:

As soon as the days started to get a bit warmer and longer, my brother and I would take off for the whole day. Leaving home at dawn and returning at dusk. A bag of sandwiches - usually thick sliced bread with marmalade would last us most of the day. We carried nets made from an old pair of mum's stockings. Long sticks, and a jam-jar. Oh, and gumboots.

It was tadpole time - March in England. Springtime.

We never thought of tadpole time as announcing the start of a season. But when you think about it, it makes sense. Here in Melbourne, Poonnet or tadpole season is just one of several signals that Spring is on its way.

The Kulin calendar, like all Aboriginal seasonal knowledge, is defined by the interactions of plants, animals and weather, as well as the length of the days and the movement of the stars. The cold, wet time of year – Wombat season – lasts from April until July. Days are short and nights long, and wombats emerge to bask and graze when it's sunny. Next, around August, Orchid season lasts only a month. Wattles bloom, orchids flower, and at night, male koalas bellow and the caterpillars of the common brown butterfly feed on grass.

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Then, in September and October,  
Poonet or Tadpole season arrives, in  
which days and nights are of equal  
length and the pied currawongs call  
loudly and often.

We have a pair of Pied Currawongs  
nesting nearby and just this week they  
have started washing themselves in  
our bird-bath. One keeping watch  
while the other bathes.

So much is going on in the garden.  
Spring is arriving. The land is  
awakening. Dormant trees are  
bursting into bud. The days are  
getting longer

Enjoy

David

### ***Call to Worship***

The bending trees, opening buds  
and sprouting grasses,  
The caroling magpies, soaring  
seagulls and chirping chicks,  
The balcony pot plants,  
Call us to this Spring worship.

### ***Songs/ Hymns:***

***Weave our lives together (tune TiS 600***  
based on psalm 119, by Helen Wiltshire)

Weave our lives together, sinew,  
blood and bone;  
Shape us in completeness, secret and  
yet known.

Knit our souls together, spirit, mind  
and heart;  
Weave us in the darkness; craft our  
every part.

Hold us in enchantment; nurture us in  
grace;  
Search us in our being; carve for us a  
place.

Draw us to your presence, gather us  
in care;  
Call us to your beauty; nourish each  
one there.

### ***(Blessing the Pot Plants)***

Woven, shaped and living; held  
within love's womb;  
May we spring and flourish, grow  
and come to bloom.

### ***Bring out the festal bread***

*Bring out the festal bread and sing  
songs of freedom,  
Shout with the slave who fled and  
sing songs of freedom.*

What modern pharaohs live in  
arrogance crowned?  
Who shall be sent to challenge folly  
unbounded?

Chains still there are to break, their  
days are not finished.  
Metal or subtle made they're still not  
diminished.

Still does resentment bind each  
brother and sister,  
Still do the plagues affect us red as  
the river.

Long be our journeying, yet justice is  
worth it,  
Dance sister Miriam and help us to  
birth it.

O people, lift your heads and look to  
the mountains,  
Bushes aflame still call us, rocks still  
gush fountains.

### **Hymn 668: Touch the Earth Lightly**

### **Notices**

### ***Reading Discussion Group***

Last Tuesday night the group had a  
robust discussion on the Book of  
Esther. The next Discussion Night  
will be on **Wednesday October 11** at  
Mary and Brian's at 7.30pm. We will  
read and discuss **The Book of Micah**

### ***Holy Trinity Christmas Tree Festival***

Maureen would like to hear from  
anyone interested in decorating a tree  
for the Festival of Trees at Holy  
Trinity in early December.

Copy of the Presbytery newsletter  
**Newsbeat** on Notice Board.  
September copy of **Crosslight** in  
foyer

***163 Table Conversations.***  
***Sharing Food – Sharing***  
***Ideas.*** The next ***Table***  
***Conversations*** will be on **Tuesday:**  
**September 12 at 6.15pm.** The  
speaker will be Chris Booth from  
Indigenous Hospitality House  
(IHH), Carlton Nth. The House  
provides accommodation for  
Aboriginal and Torres Strait  
Islander people who have hospital  
business in Melbourne. Please **rsvp**  
to Janet: 0417 670 132 Donation.  
BYO drinks or a bottle to share

***International Day of Peace –***  
The Port Philip Ecumenical Group  
is hosting a community event for  
**International Day of Peace,**  
**Thursday: September 21st** at the  
**Baptist Church, Pakington St, St  
Kilda from 6pm-7pm.** There time  
for reflection followed by a BBQ.  
Church communities have been  
asked to contribute to peace flags -  
these will be used as part of the  
reflection.

The ***Hazara community in  
Geelong*** has a petition to the  
Federal Government seeking action  
to protect Hazara communities in  
Afghanistan. See text of the petition  
below, and also a short video  
at <https://www.facebook.com/AustralianRefugeeActionNetwork/video/301473516928158/>The Hazara  
petition number is **EN0304** (PTO)