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This weekend, the annual **Synod** of the Uniting Church in Australia Victoria/Tasmania began. The Rev. Sharon Hollis, the Moderator, has written a letter to all parishoners - copies on the front table. To understand what 'Synod' means and other terms used by the Uniting Church, Maureen's book has an extensive Glossary on P 230.

**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	10 September	17 September	24 September
<i>Worship Assistance</i>	David Brian	David Simon	Maureen
<i>Welcome at door</i>	Janet	Beverley	Melissa/Darren
<i>Pre-Service Prayer</i>	Simon	Beverley	Janet
<i>Flowers</i>	Beverley	Deb	Maureen
<i>Coffee</i>	Brian/Janet	Beverley	Randall

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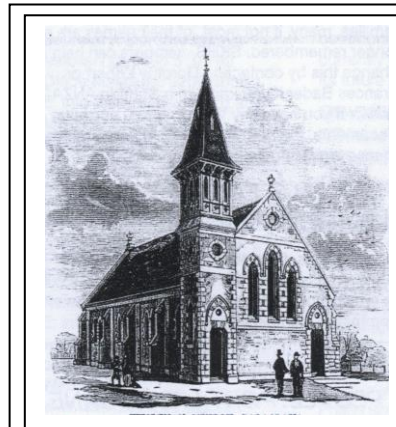
#### VISION STATEMENT:

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:

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**St Kilda Uniting Church  
Parish Mission**

**NEWSLETTER  
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**PENTECOST 14**

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

**Bible Reading: Song of Songs 2 : 8 – 13 pg 737  
Revelation 21: 1 – 6 pg 1398**

#### Message from David:

I have a good friend with whom I frequently have conversations about life. We don't break it up into segments - our conversations are a lot like a bowl of minestrone soup; full of lots of interesting things. As we talk we bump into topics, and 'chew' on them for a while. The other day, I found myself talking to him about **Progressive Christianity and Judaism**. I was telling him about how grateful I was for having had a tutor during my ministerial training who introduced me to Judaism as a living breathing religion - not just a backdrop to the Jesus story.

With his guidance I very quickly came to realise that I could not understand the portrayals of Jesus in the Gospels without first understanding the 'Old' Testament. Thus began a journey of wonder and not a little pain - strange how each can lead to the other.

The wonder part started in England with an old Rabbi from the Manchester Reform Synagogue who gave up time to help me appreciate the festivals of his faith. On one festival day in September we went for a walk beside the canal. As we walked he began to empty his pockets into the river. He had previously filled them with small pieces of bread. As he cast them into the waters, he explained that he was symbolically casting off his sins and burdens.

All the mistakes he had made during the year. The things he had done, as well as things he had failed to do. The practice itself is not discussed in the Bible, but is a long-standing custom.

**Tashlikh** is normally observed on the afternoon of the first day, before afternoon services. In a few days time our Jewish sisters and brothers will once again celebrate **Rosh Hashanah. September 20th** this year. You might want to take a walk by some water on that day. Take some bread with you and if you have neither sins nor burdens to cast off - give it to the ducks or gulls. I'm sure they will appreciate the gift.

Shalom  
David

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

#### **Awakenings**

Be still, for the wonder of the world  
Is bursting all around  
Before the bush that burns  
We stand on Holy ground.  
In awe, each leaf uncurls  
Each bud and bloom unfurls  
Be still, for the wonder of the world  
Is bursting all around.

Be still, for the mystery of life  
Is making all things new  
At work in hidden things;  
at work in me and you.  
In awe, each life uncurls

each hope and dream unfurls  
Be still, for the mystery of life  
Is making all things new

Be still, as the earth is now renewed  
Re-born in every way.  
New growth is all around  
Refreshing every day.  
Oh God of changing things  
not re-arranging things  
Don't stop, as the earth is now renewed  
Re-born in each new day.

Words: David Pargeter September 2017  
Music: The Living God –David J. Evans

### **In Celebration of Spring**

Spring has now unwrapped the earth,  
day is fast reviving,  
Life in simple majesty, towards the  
light is striving:  
Leaving now, this time of cold,  
South winds are receding.  
Seedlings, working through the  
ground,  
Winter time now leaving.

Bulb and root that, winter long,  
beneath the earth lay dreaming,  
Bursting now with so much life,  
with silent voices screaming.  
All the world with beauty fills;  
jonquils gently prancing,  
Flowers burst upon the land,  
and set the landscape dancing.

Through each wonder of these days  
God Herself expresses;  
Beauty follows all Her ways,  
as the world She blesses:  
So, as She renews the earth,  
Artist without rival,  
In Her grace of glad new birth  
we share our earth's revival.

Praise Creator, old and young;  
She with joy surrounding  
She who fills the earth this Spring;  
cold and death confounding.  
Blades of grass through pavements  
burst,  
signs of insurrection.  
Come now each and everyone,  
join the resurrection.

Words David Pargeter Sept 2017  
Music:Based on a 13th Century Spring carol and set to  
the tune Tempus Adest Floridum.

### **Notices**

#### ***163 Table Conversations.***

***Sharing Food – Sharing Ideas.***  
The next ***Table Conversations*** is this  
**Tuesday: September 12 at 6.15pm.**  
The speaker will be Chris Booth from  
Indigenous Hospitality House (IHH),  
Carlton Nth. His topic for  
conversation will be ***Living on  
Stolen Land***  
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 will  
be 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.

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

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

***The Port Phillip Citizens for  
Reconciliation*** will be  
celebrating 20 years on ***Monday 23  
October 6.30 to 8.30pm at St  
Kilda Town Hall.*** This event is free  
but please **rsvp** by 20 Oct (PTO)