

and occupation and the Palestinian Christians' voices have been drowned out in the turmoil. This is a chance to hear their story

**Maureen** would be very happy to hear from anyone interested in decorating a tree for the **Festival of Trees** at Holy Trinity in early December

**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	17 September	24 September	October 1 (daylight saving )
<i>Worship Assistance</i>	David Simon	Rev John Cranmer Maureen	David Desleigh
<i>Welcome at door</i>	Beverley	Melissa/Darren	Deb
<i>Pre-Service Prayer</i>	Beverley	Janet	Mary
<i>Flowers</i>	Deb	Maureen	Desleigh
<i>Coffee</i>	Beverley	Randall	Mary

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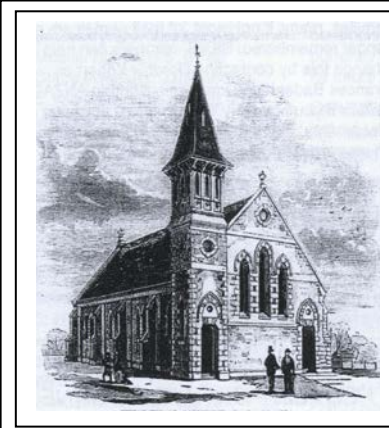
**VISION STATEMENT:**

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 15**

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

**Bible Reading: Psalm 119: 10 – 16      pg 677  
Matthew 13: 11 – 17      pg 1064**

**Message from David:**

Sometimes the news of the week gets to the point of being almost overwhelming. The emotional roller-coaster created by the 24 hr news cycle picks us up and propels us through stories of human cruelty and tragedy. It leaves me feeling breathless and seldom exhilarated. Through the week we sweep quickly across the catastrophic plight of the Rohingya in Myanmar, the aftermath of Hurricane Irma, to the squabbling among politicians in Canberra trying desperately to keep the word coal in the coalition. The diet of news is vast and varied, and being fully human is about tuning into life and feeling things - isn't it? Being moved by what is going on around us and not trying to remain indifferent to it. Living as if it doesn't really matter. **But it does matter - doesn't it?**

The story that touched me deeply this week unfolded on a beach in NSW, where a young father of 3 children rushed into rough surf at a Wollongong beach to rescue someone else's child. He was successful but died while performing this incredibly self-denying act.

**Shaun Oliver** was his name. He was from Noble Park. That's what the paper said anyway.

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And if it hasn't happened already, this piece of news, like most other pieces of news, will fade from our screens and from our memories.

**But for at least 2 families, his name and his bravery, his living and his dying, will be remembered for ever. May this act of incredible love stick with us, who did not know him, for a while as well.**

Vale Shaun Oliver.

Respectfully, David

### Songs/Hymns

*TiS 156 Morning has broken.*

*Taize Stay with me,  
Remain here with me  
Watch and pray,  
Watch and pray*

*TiS 326 Love's the secret.*

### Notices

***International Day of Peace*** Will be celebrated next 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.

***International Day of Peace***  
**Walking Together for Inner and Outer Peace** on the timeless path of the **Labyrinth at Federation Square, Deakin Edge, Thursday 21 September,**  
**Opening Ceremony 11:30am,**  
**Minute of Silence 12 midday,**  
**Lunchtime walks 12.05- 2.00pm,**  
**Afternoon walks 3.00pm – 5.00pm,**  
**Evening walks 6.00 – 8.00pm**  
The Interfaith Centre of Melbourne – [info@interfaithcentre.org.au](mailto:info@interfaithcentre.org.au)

***International Day of Peace***  
**One World Interfaith Art Exhibition:21-29 September 2017** at the 4Diverse Gallery 1/118a Carlisle St St Kilda (above Vegilicious)  
**Opening Celebration 21st September 6.30-8.30pm**  
([www.planetaryhealingartists.org](http://www.planetaryhealingartists.org))

***Progressive Christian Network***  
**Next Sunday at 3:00pm**  
***Spirituality in The Everyday of Life;***  
**Leader:** Lesley Taylor;  
**Venue:** Ewing Memorial Centre of Stonnington Uniting Church, corner of Burke Road and Coppin Street, Malvern East. Melway 59

***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**

***163 Table Conversations.***  
***Sharing Food – Sharing Ideas.***  
The next ***Table Conversations*** is on **Tuesday: October 10 at 6.15pm.**  
The speaker will be Terry Lobart about our penguins in St Kilda.  
Please **rsvp** to Janet: 0417 670 132  
Donation/BYO drinks /bottle to share

***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. Flyer Notice Board. <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/celebrating-20-deadly-years-tickets-36738565037> (or talk to Desleigh)

***Progressive Christian Network of Victoria*** and St Michael's Uniting Church, in collaboration with **Common Dreams on the Road**, present ***“eating together, talking together, living in community: what the early christian movement can teach us”***  
A lecture series by distinguished US theologian & writer Professor Hal Taussig at St Michael's Uniting Church, cnr Collins & Russell St, Melbourne:  
**7.00pm Friday, 27 October & 10.00am – 4.00pm Saturday, 28 October**

An introductory address (Friday evening) and four lectures with a light lunch and morning and afternoon refreshments (Saturday) on the fascinating story uncovered by recent research of the early Christian movement and why that is relevant to Christianity today.  
Registration essential:  
<https://haltaussig.eventbrite.com.au>  
or by mail on the registration form  
**Notice Board**

***SkillsFest Garage Sale Trail***—“Uniting for a Good Cause” **Saturday 21st October, 9.30 am—12.30 pm at the Port Melbourne Church**

**Melbourne screening of the film *The Stones Cry Out***  
PIEN (Palestine Israel Ecumenical Network) has arranged national screenings of this powerful and entertaining documentary.  
**Thursday 21 September 7:30pm Brunswick Uniting Church 214 Sydney Road, Brunswick, Victoria 3056**  
**Contact details:** Tim Budge, : 0412 051 574

The film explains that Christianity was born in Palestine 2,000 years ago, yet many people are unaware that Christians still live there. For over 60 years all Palestinians have suffered displacement, expulsion,