

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 who will talk about our penguins in St Kilda. Please **rsvp** to Janet: 0417 670 132 Donation/BYO drinks /bottle to share

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	24 September	October 1 (daylight saving)	October 8
<i>Worship Assistance</i>	Simon Clarke Maureen	David Desleigh	David Melissa
<i>Welcome at door</i>	Melissa/Darren	Deb	Mary
<i>Pre-Service Prayer</i>	Janet	Mary	Roma
<i>Flowers</i>	Maureen	Desleigh	Mary
<i>Coffee</i>	Randall	Mary	Roma

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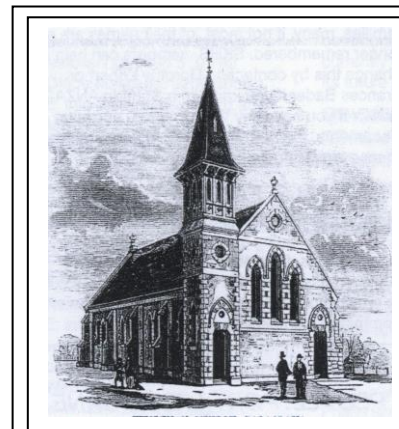
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As a community of faith, the St Kilda Uniting Church Parish Mission strives to do what is just, to show constant love and to walk humbly with God.

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**St Kilda Uniting Church
Parish Mission**

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PENTECOST 16

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

**Bible Reading: Genesis 8: 20 – 22 pg 9
Revelation 22: 1 - 5 pg 1399
Amos 5: 14 – 15, 21 – 24 pg 996**

From David:

I found parenting a strange and wonderful experience. Strange because it took a while to work out how to become one, and wonderful because being a part of empowering another person to grow and develop is nothing short magical.

Grand-parenting is the same but different. I see the grand-children regularly, but because I don't see them everyday (except when we go on holidays together) the differences between them and the growth in their abilities and personalities is more noticeable.

I've always found it rather fascinating how children work at crafting difference. How they intentionally (possibly subconsciously) pursue and develop other dimensions of their character and interests in order to be seen and indeed regarded as 'different' from their siblings or peers

Difference is important. But I've also noticed that when they get together for birthdays etc that, while the differences remain and at times become accentuated, they also find ways of doing things that unify them.

Sometimes its just a game of hide and seek where the older ones help the younger ones to hide or find, but often it involves them putting on

some kind of show that reveals their different skills and interests. Singing, dancing, dressing-up, reading or acting. Individuals, and part of the whole.

I've always found it equally fascinating how some adults simply cannot cope with or respect difference, and indeed behave as if they are quite fearful of it and its consequences. Did they 'forget' how to become inclusive or did they just abandon the concept because it's all just too hard. Too challenging perhaps?

I still think there is much we can learn from our children - and our children's children.

“And Jesus placed a child in the centre of them and said: ‘Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven’”.

I don't think he was advocating for more childishness, but what do you think he was trying to say and demonstrate?

David

Call to worship

At the beginning of creation, the waters of chaos covered the earth;
God brings order from chaos.

God formed land and brought life to it, and created humans as helpers;
God brings order from chaos.

In the time of Noah, God flooded the earth, then committed to keep it;
God brings order from chaos.

Christ was immersed in the cold, rushing waters of baptism, an act of immersion into the fullness of the human experience.

God brings order from chaos.

We hold fast to a vision of a life-giving river bringing healing to the nations.

May God draw us into the work of bringing order from chaos. Amen

Songs/Hymns

AS THE DEER PANTS

As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship you.

*You alone are my strength, my shield,
to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.*

I want you more than gold or silver,
only you can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver
and the apple of my eye. *Refrain*

You're my sister and you are my brother,
even though you're named a king.
I love you more than any other,
so much more than anything. *Refrain*

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)-*

Precious these waters, endless seas,
deep oceans' dreams.
Waters of healing,
rivers of rain,
the wash of love again. *Refrain*

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. *Refrain*

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

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

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Notices

One World Interfaith Art Exhibition:21-29 September 2017
at the 4Diverse Gallery 1/118a
Carlisle St St Kilda (above
Vegilicious)
(www.planetaryhealingartists.org)

Progressive Christian Network **Today at 3:00pm**

Spirituality in The Everyday of Life; Leader: Lesley Taylor;
Lesley Taylor will introduce us to spirituality understood in terms of the web of relationships that give meaning to our lives. The program will provide time for personal reflection as Lesley guides us through a multi-sensory exploration of spirituality through nature, compassionate relationships, music, meditation, reflective reading and ritual. **Venue:** Ewing Memorial Centre of Stonnington Uniting Church, corner of Burke Road and Coppin Street, Malvern East.

Korean Choir trained in Italy will sing at Trinity Church Brighton (Black St) next Saturday 30th Sept. at 7pm. Tickets at door

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.**