

**JCMA Friendship Walk, Sunday afternoon October 22. Book online  
Notice Board**

**Blessing of the animals @ St James the Great Anglican, Inkerman St today at 2pm.**All creatures great and small are welcome

**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                      | October 1      | October 8     | October 15   |
|---------------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| <i>Worship Assistance</i> | David Desleigh | David Melissa | David Andrej |
| <i>Welcome at door</i>    | Deb            | Mary          | Simon        |
| <i>Pre-Service Prayer</i> | Mary           | Roma          | Beverley     |
| <i>Flowers</i>            | Desleigh       | Mary          | Andrej/Petra |
| <i>Coffee</i>             | Mary           | Roma          | Andrej/Petra |

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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 17**

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

**Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 1 – 11 pg1277**

**From David:**

I saw my first humpback whales ‘in the flesh’ this week. The small boat we were on kept within the 100 metres limit and with the aid of a good zoom I managed to get a few pictures of a mother and calf. The boat and whales were still inside the bay and with engine idling we watched these two amazing creatures drifting lazily on the current. All passengers were mesmerised, almost hypnotised, by the idea of being close to living things that were so big.

After a while, we started up again and left Nelson Bay. As we passed through the heads we could feel the much deeper swell of the Tasman Sea. A stiffening breeze was blowing from the East and after about 15 minutes of rather heavy going, the captain of the boat spotted some dolphins and cut engines to a very gentle throb. Just enough to keep us heading into the swell. Everyone was looking forward, straining to catch a glimpse of another whale. But then, to the surprise of captain, crew and passengers a large humpback whale, which clearly hadn’t read the ‘maritime distance policy’, decided that she wanted a closer look. She broke the surface of the ocean about 5 metres to the rear of the boat and startled everyone. She breached and splashed all within a few seconds. Her huge body silently rose from the depths. Effortlessly she launched herself out of the water and re-entered the ocean with a truly magnificent splash.

It happened all so quickly that I didn't have time to change my lens and all I got was an out of focus shot of a shiny blur. But what a moment. Photography and nature have a wonderful way of reminding us that you can't always be prepared for the unexpected. Nor can everything that is stunningly beautiful be caught on camera. I may not have a photo but I have a picture in my mind that I will never forget – hopefully.  
David

### Songs/Hymns

#### *Community of Christ*

Community of Christ,  
who make the cross your own,  
live out your creed and risk your life  
for God alone:  
the God who wears your face,  
to whom all worlds belong,  
whose children are of every race  
and every song.

Community of Christ,  
look past the Church's door  
and see the refugee, the hungry,  
and the poor.  
Take hands with the oppressed,  
the jobless in your street,  
take towel and water, that you wash  
your neighbor's feet.

Community of Christ, through whom  
the word must sound --  
cry out for justice and for peace  
the whole world round:

disarm the powers that war  
and all that can destroy,  
turn bombs to bread, and tears of  
anguish into joy.

When menace melts away,  
so shall God's will be done,  
the climate of the world be peace  
and Christ its sun;  
our currency be love  
and kindness our law,  
our food and faith be shared as one  
for evermore.

Shirley Erena Murray.

#### *Take my gifts and let me love you*

Take my gifts and let me love you,  
God who first of all loved me,  
gave me light and food and shelter,  
gave me life and set me free,  
now because your love has touched  
me,  
I have love to give away;  
now the bread of love is rising,  
loaves of love to multiply!

Take the fruit that I have gathered  
from the tree your Spirit sowed,  
harvest of your own compassion,  
juice that makes the wine of God;  
spiced with humour, laced with  
laughter--  
flavour of the Jesus life,  
tang of risk and new adventure,  
taste and zest beyond belief.

Take whatever I can offer--  
gifts that I have yet to find.  
Skills that I am so to sharpen,  
talents of the hand and mind,  
Things made beautiful for others  
in the place where I must be  
Take my gifts and let me love you,  
God who first of all loved me.

Shirley Erena Murray.

### Notices

Progressive Christian Network  
**Lecture Series** with Dr Hal Taussig  
at St Michael's Uniting Church  
Collins St., Melbourne. **Dates:**  
**Friday October 27 @ 7pm and**  
**Saturday 28: 10 – 4pm: eating**  
**together, talking together, living in**  
**community: what the early Christian**  
**movement can teach us . Info on**  
**Notice Board.** (early bird  
registrations close 6 Oct)

#### 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

#### 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.**

### Mental Health Week Art Exhibition Opening Night

Uniting Prahran and City of  
Stonnington launch: *See How They*  
*Land*, an art exhibition by  
participants in the mental health  
creative art project  
Tuesday 10 October, 5:30 to 7:30 at  
Chapel Off Chapel Prahran.  
Rsvp: 6 Oct 9692 9500

### St Kilda Gatehouse 25 years

You're invited to come and  
understand the experiences and  
celebrate the incredible strengths of  
the women we have served over the  
last 25 years. **Wednesday 18th**  
**October 2017 6.30pm - 9.00pm St**  
**Kilda Town Hall.** \$50 per person  
\$90 a couple. Canapes & Drinks  
Included Tim Costello & Wendy  
Squires This event is open to all  
please book online at Trybooking  
or contact Felicity Langton 0425  
792 772

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)