

FOR YOUR DIARY:

Book launch and BBQ here Sunday 19 November following the church service

Music Workshop here – Saturday 25 November with Robin Mann.

Multi-faith Poetry and Faith Group here Wednesday 29 November

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 15	October 22	October 29
<i>Worship Assistance</i>	Simon Clarke Andrej	Rob Hoskin Roma	Coralie Ling Mary
<i>Welcome at door</i>	Simon	Beverley	Brian
<i>Pre-Service Prayer</i>	Beverley	Brian	Janet
<i>Flowers</i>	Andrej/Petka	Beverley	Deb
<i>Coffee</i>	Andrej/Petka	Mark/Ruth	Mary

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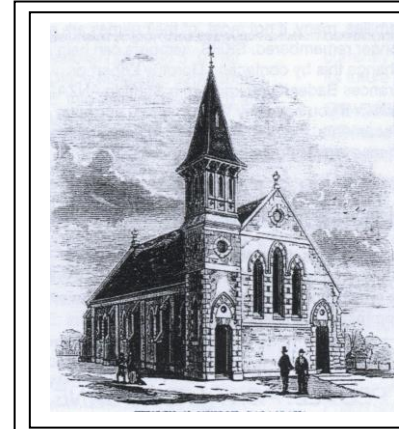
VISION STATEMENT:

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

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PENTECOST 19

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

Bible Reading: Luke 13: 10 – 17 pg.1148;

Acts 10: 9 – 17a pg 1218; Psalm 71: 1 – 6 pg 640

From Simon: The Greatest Gift.

It's not hard to be emotionally moved when you spend 5 days at Melbourne's Royal Children's Hospital. But it's not just sympathy, though there's plenty of that, it's admiration. Pure admiration for the positive life force in both patients and carers.

I walked down the stairs behind a toddler holding Mum's hand. Watching a toddler negotiate stairs with determination and concentration always makes me smile; but this toddler only had one leg! He wore a kind of fibreglass nappy which had a tube out the bottom with a shoe on the end – the second leg – and he was going down the stairs under his own steam – nothing was going to stop him. The teenager with no hair and lots of tubes lining up for Maccas; the young one with a trolley in tow determined to get to the top of the play equipment if only the tube was longer; the girl with a significant facial deformity lining up in her school uniform for an outpatient's appointment.

Add to this the parents and staff – endlessly patient, supportive and encouraging.

Everyone was accepted for who they are – no room for the “cult of perfection” here – just acceptance and joy in what they were and could be.

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Acceptance – perhaps the greatest gift we can give. Simon.

The most amazing fact about Jesus is that he found God in disorder and imperfection—and told us that we must do the same or we would never be content on this earth.

Richard Rohr: *The Naked Now: Learning to See as the Mystics* pg 1.

Call to Worship

In the midst of an imperfect world, Jesus calls us into life.

We come, searching for hope.

In the midst of our work and play and rest, Jesus calls us into prayer.

We come, searching for peace.

In the midst of our everyday lives, Jesus calls us to follow him.

We come, searching for the One who is already here.

Let us worship the God who calls us.

Songs/Hymns

God is calling a people of wonder

words; David Pargeter
music; *For I'm building a People of Power*

God is calling a people of wonder,
She is crafting a people of grace
That will move through this land by
her Spirit,
As a sign of new hope in this place.

Refrain :

*Build our faith, God,
Let us follow,
Use our passions and our play,
Lift us up, God,
When we stumble
As we walk your Holy way.*

God is sending a people of justice;
to sit with the poor and the least.
To go to the lanes and the highways:
She's inviting the last to the feast.

Refrain:

God is here in the lives of her people
She is present in all that we give
She is birthing a kingdom of beauty
And a place where the faithful can
live. **Refrain:**

Let My Spirit Always Sing

Words; Shirley Erena Murray
Tune: Dix TiS 314

Let my spirit always sing,
though my heart be wintering,
though the season of despair
gave no sign that you are there,
God to whom my days belong,
let there always be a song.

Though my body be confined,
let your word engage my mind,
let the inner eye discern
how much more there is to learn,
see a world becoming whole
through the window of the soul.

Let your wisdom grace my years,
choose my words and chase my fears,
give me wit to welcome change,
to accept, and not estrange,
let my joy be full and deep
in the knowledge that I keep.

Let my spirit always sing,
to your Spirit answering,
through the silence, through the pain
know my hope is not in vain,
like a feather on your breath
trust your love, through life and
death.

Tis 607: Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

TiS 737: (prayers for others)

For You, Deep Stillness

Words : Julie Perrin ; Music : Robin Mann ©
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For you, deep stillness of the silent
inland;
for you, deep blue of the desert skies;
for you, flame red of the rocks and
stones;
for you, sweet water from hidden
springs.
From the edges, seek the heartlands,
and when you're burnt by the journey
may the cool winds of the hovering
Spirit sooth and replenish you.

In the name of Christ. (repeat)

(Second time, repeat last line)

Notices

NEXT Saturday 21st October, 9.30 am—12.30 pm at Port Melbourne Uniting Church.
Come along for some bargains and fun, re-use and re-purpose old stuff and support our local community.

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

The Port Phillip Citizens for Reconciliation will be celebrating 20years on **Monday 23 October 6.30 to 8.30pm at St Kilda Town Hall. Notice Board**

Progressive Christian Network Lecture Series with Dr Hal Taussig at St Michael's Uniting Church, Collins St., Melbourne.
Friday October 27 @7pm and Saturday 28: 10 – 4pm; eating together, living in community: what the early Christian movement can teach us. Notice Board

Reading Discussion Group The next Discussion Night is **Wednesday 8 November** at Mary & Brian's. Article for discussion to be distributed prior to the evening

163 Table Conversations. Sharing Food – Sharing Ideas. The next Table Conversations is Tuesday November 28, Rob Hess will be the speaker.