

163 TABLE CONVERSATION Sharing Food – Sharing Ideas. The next dinner/conversation will be on **Tuesday March 13 at 6.15pm.** Marg Dowling (Kearney) will talk about the work she has done with an aid agency overseas. All welcome. Please RSVP to Janet: 0417 670 132 for catering purposes. BYO drinks. Donations appreciated

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	February 25	March 4	March 11
<i>Worship Assistance</i>	Robert Brian	David Mary	David Roma
<i>Welcome at door</i>	Mary	Melissa & Darren	Maureen
<i>Pre-Service Prayer</i>	Janet	Melissa	Brian
<i>Flowers</i>	Deb.	Desleigh	Maureen
<i>Coffee</i>	Mark & Ruth	Mary	Maureen
<i>Rubbish collection</i>		Melissa & Darren	Deb

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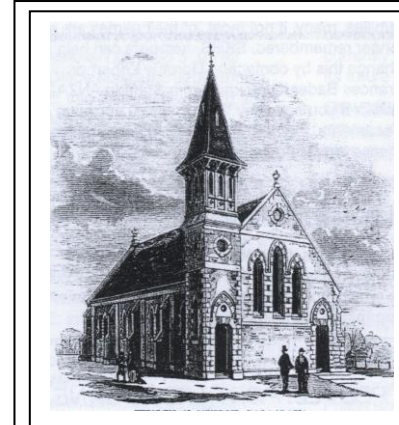
VISION STATEMENT:

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
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LENT 2**

Welcome to the service today. Rev Dr Robert Hoskin will lead our worship. Do hope you can stay afterwards for tea/coffee and conversation.

**Bible Readings: Genesis 17: 1 – 7 pg 16
Romans 4: 13 – 25 pg 1252**

From David: Lent 2. This week was a stark reminder that life is full of contrasts. Endings and beginnings. Sadness and Joy. Absence and presence.

The week included two memorial services for members of the Drop In, a wedding for the son of a friend, and a pool competition at St Mary's House of Welcome in Brunswick St Fitzroy.

And, speaking personally, the constant challenge of ministry is looking for the 'still point' in all of that; the point of balance, where the desire to cry and the desire to roar with laughter at life can be held in tension. One not negating the other.

Because both are valid responses to what unfolds within any given week.

The journey toward Easter is full of these emotional highs and lows. The night times and the bright times.

Thus we can remember and honour the lives of Graeme and Stewart. We can celebrate the love between Stephanie and Mickey.

Knowing that life can make us sad and life can make us happy.

By the way, we won the pool competition on Friday. Peace David

Songs/Hymn

TiS 491: Father welcomes all his children

TiS: 650: Brother sister let me serve you

Our God.

Our God is the God of justice,
Our God is the God of hope,
Our God is the God of freedom,
Our God is the God of love.
God is like a sweet summer shower
Refreshing all of the earth
God is like a tender mother
Giving us our birth

Our God is God of the hungry,
Our God is God of the poor,
Our God is God of the hurting,
Our God is the God of all.
Help us God to see your face
In everyone we meet.
Teach us God to love each other
And to live for peace

NOTICES

PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIAN NETWORK today **Sunday 25 February at 3pm**, Ewing Memorial Centre of Stonnington Uniting Church, Burke Rd. Malvern East. Glenn Loughrey, the vicar of St Oswald's Anglican Church Glen Iris, will bring insights into a spirituality informed by his indigenous background and expressed through his art. **Notice board.**

A Progressive Christian LENTEN STUDY: Easter v Empire: The cost of faith and the price of fish. The second of five of the series will be held this **Wednesday evening February 28th at the church. 6.30pm** snacks and refreshments, **7 - 8pm** study/discussion. This week Coralie Ling will lead the discussion about the women of Galilee. **All welcome**

This Tuesday CHURCH COUNCIL will meet at the church at 11am. If you have any issues you would like to have discussed please talk to David, Mary, Randall, Louise or Desleigh.

Next Sunday 4th March, being the first of the month, is Communion Sunday. LUNCH will follow the service – do hope you can come and, if you can, bring some food to share.

Tuesday afternoon March 6th between 1 – 3pm will be the start of the church being opened weekly for anyone to drop in. If you are free any Tuesday afternoons and would like to help out please let Mary know. We need two people each time.

As mentioned in last week's newsletter it is unlikely that the **church camp** will be held on the weekend of **24/25 March** as planned. It may be postponed to later in the year or held over to 2019. The

decision will be made at the Church Council meeting this week.

WALK for JUSTICE for RUFUGEES – end the cruelty!
Palm Sunday March 25, 2pm. Meet at the State Library. Notice Board.
www.refugeeadvocacynetwork.org
for more information.

There is a PETITION – Justice for Refugees - on the front table. We would love as many signatures as we can get. You could even take a page for your friends to sign and bring back to Desleigh.

BRIGIDINE ASYLUM SEEKERS PROJECT Discussion Night
Thursday, March 8th, 2018 Time: 7.30 – 9.30 pm
Speaker. Linda Cusworth from Combined Refugee Action Group (Geelong)
Venue: St Joseph's Hall (beside the bluestone church) 274 Rouse St, Port Melbourne.

Topic: Current policies and practices that govern the fate of those seeking asylum in Australia: and what we can do to change them.
We will have a couple of speakers from BASP to outline the effects of policies on them. There will be an update on the activities of BASP.

Easter services:

GOOD FRIDAY will be at St Kilda Baptist Church at 9.30 am. **David will give the sermon.**
EASTER SUNDAY here at 10.30

LISTENING TO THE FEMALE VOICE: WOMEN AND FAITH: A PUBLIC PANEL DISCUSSION
Date: Tuesday 6 March 2018
Time: 6.00 – 7.30 pm
Venue: Christ Lecture Theatre, Australian Catholic University Melbourne, 115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy. Registration is free via <https://womenandfaith.eventbrite.com.au>

UNITING CHURCH HISTORICAL SOCIETY (Synod Vic/Tas.)
Date/time: Sunday, March 11th 2.30pm
Venue: Blackburn Uniting Church cnr. Blackburn Rd. and The Avenue
Speaker; Dr Graeme Davison
Topic: Goldfields Revivalism

ACT FOR PEACE. Recently Tropical Cyclone Gita devastated communities across Tonga. The category four cyclone brought destructive winds of over 233km/h, ripped roofs off houses and caused widespread flooding. Many are now left without power or water.. If you would like to make a donation go to www.actforpeace.org.au