

- Mary to propose some dates and ideas for the Book Group.
- **Our AGM will be held on May 6th after church. Please send reports to David by Sunday 22nd. April**
- Work in progress re installing an electronic sign on church property.

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	April 1 Easter	April 8	April 15	April 22
<i>Worship Assistance</i>	David Melissa	Coralie Randall	David Desleigh	David Mary
<i>Welcome at door</i>	Deb	Mary	Roma	Janet
<i>Pre-Service Prayer</i>	Mary	Roma	Melissa	Brian
<i>Flowers</i>	Mary	Deb	Desleigh	Maureen
<i>Coffee</i>	Melissa & Darren	Randall	Roma	Brian & Janet
<i>Rubbish collection</i>	Randall	Mary	Melissa & Darren	Andrej & Petra

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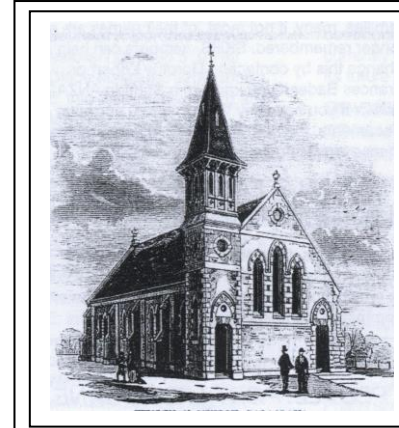
VISION STATEMENT:

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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Sunday, 1 April 2018

Easter

A very warm welcome to the service today. Rev. David Pargeter will lead our worship which includes Communion. There will be tea/coffee after the service followed by lunch – please stay if you can – there is always plenty of food to share!

Bible Readings: Mark 16: 1 – 8 pg.1120. John 5: 1 – 14 pg. 1176

From David:

Looking back through the mists of history makes ‘seeing’ Easter very difficult. Not surprising really - 2000 years is a very long time. Over many centuries the life and message of Jesus has been interpreted, and in many ways distorted, in order to serve the expansionist and colonising ideals of Christian Empire. Thus illustrating that sometimes the best intentions produce the least helpful outcomes.

And so, 20 centuries years later we find ourselves having to unlearn stuff; reinterpret stuff using recent scholarship and research. For example, Borg and Crossan’s book *The Last Week*, goes a long way toward re-calibrating the story, and highlights some of the powerful atmospherics of the time; religious and political, social and economic.

These insights are not new; they have been around for decades and were part of my ministry training back in the 1980’s. But they may be new for many people.

Over several years of ministry, I have often stood on the cusp of Easter and wondered whether Jesus would recognise himself in the stories that have evolved about him or the sermons preached about him. PTO

Or whether he would identify with events as they unfolded, given that writers were weaving tales that were designed to persuade and convince people who had never met him.

I can almost hear him saying: "I don't remember that. Did I really say that?"

Fanciful thoughts of course but not without a high degree of seriousness, because at the end of the day how we interpret the life and death of Jesus, and what happened next, influences the kind of Christianity that we bring to life today. Indeed, it is a disturbing story and there is much about life today that warrants being disturbed.

Peace
David

Songs/Hymns

TiS: 382. Now the Green Blade Rises

TiS: 538. Feed Us Now.

TiS: 241. Lord of the Dance

NOTICES

2 EXHIBITIONS AT THE NGV IN FEDERATION SQUARE.

NGV Australia – Ian Potter Centre - is hosting two complementary exhibitions that explore Australia's complex colonial past and the art that

emerged during and in response to this period. They offer two parallel experiences on the settlement of Australia. On the **Ground Level** is **Colony: Australia 1770 - 1861**, and on the **Third Floor** is **Colony: Frontier Wars**. These exhibitions were mentioned at the Port Phillip Citizens for Reconciliation meeting as being important and interesting exhibitions to visit: ngv.vic.gov.au for more information and tickets.

163TABLE CONVERSATION

Sharing Food – Sharing Ideas. The next dinner/conversation will be on **Tuesday April 10. *Please note that there has been a change of speaker and arrangements.** The speaker now will be **Cantor Michel Laloum** - a Rabbi who travels the world singing. Nibbles at 6.15pm followed by dinner. **All welcome – bring your friends!** For catering purposes, please RSVP to Janet 0417 670 132. BYO drinks. Donations appreciated.

FILM FUNDRAISER for Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project (basp).

The Other Side of Hope. A poker-playing restaurateur and former traveling salesman befriends a group of refugees that has recently arrived in Finland. **Kino Cinemas, 45 Collins Street, Melbourne. Sunday 15th April at 3.30pm. \$25 includes light refreshments.**

www.trybooking.com/UOXF

Let Desleigh know if you are interested – perhaps we could go as a group?

On Anzac Day – Wednesday 25th April, there will be PRAYERS FOR PEACE at St Paul's Cathedral in the city at 11am. This is supported by many groups including The Uniting Church – Synod of Victoria.

The next POETRY AND FAITH evening will be here at the church on Thursday 26th April at 6.30pm The theme will be **War & Peace.** To find out more, please talk to David.

SACRED EDGE - SPIRITUALITY IN DIVERSITY. This Festival of arts, music and ideas is held annually at **Queenscliff Uniting Church.**

Glimpse the gift of diversity – Indigenous/ Refugee/ LGBTI/ Wellbeing/Sustainability. **May 4 – 6** Register online www.unitingqueenscliff.org.au **Enquiries:** Jan 5258 2854

The ANNUAL LENTEN OFFERING – UCA Synod of Vic/Tas. Envelopes on front table. This offering will help support: **Prevention of blindness Project in Vanuatu.**

Community of Reconciliation Healesville Uniting Church – to support an Indigenous staff member

from Narana Aboriginal Culture Centre. Geelong.

Youth Engagement at The Village Church, Mt Eliza. Part-time youth worker

Regional Youth Ministry. Pilgrim Uniting Church Launceston

Louise is our **CULTURE OF SAFETY** contact person. After our worship service on **SUNDAY MAY 6TH** there will be a presentation to the congregation to set out details of **Victoria's Child Safety Standards** adopted by Synod.

CHURCH COUNCIL met last Tuesday. Among the items discussed:

- Planning continuing for landscaping around the front of the church and PPCG building.
- Discussion on ways the church could be involved with the Boab Network Project (Robert Hoskin). Also ways that we could engage with local and regional indigenous communities. To include, in particular, a visit to Narana in Geelong.
- The **CHURCH CAMP** will be on the weekend of **26 – 28 October, Merricks Lodge, Flinders Road Merricks.** More details to come.