

Today *Laura and Bryan* are playing in the Monash Concert Band at Monash University Music Auditorium 55 Scenic Drive (Building 68), Monash University, Clayton at **2.30pm**. Tickets available at the door.

Lots of good wishes to Shirley L who had a birthday yesterday!

*We respectfully acknowledge the Yalukit Willam clan of the Boon Wurrung – the Traditional Owners of Port Phillip. We pay our respects to their Elders and community past and present. We acknowledge and uphold their continuing relationship to this land.*

Date	May 20	May 27	June 3	June 10
<i>Worship Assistance</i>	David Brian	Rev. John Cranmer Melissa	David Randall	David Desleigh
<i>Welcome at door</i>	Louise	Mary	Deb	Roma
<i>Pre-Service Prayer</i>	Mary	Roma	Brian	Janet
<i>Flowers</i>	Deb	Maureen	Desleigh	Andrej & Petka
<i>Coffee</i>	Maureen	Louise	Mark & Ruth	Melissa &Darren
<i>Rubbish collection</i>	Randall	Mary	Andrej & Petka	Brian & Janet

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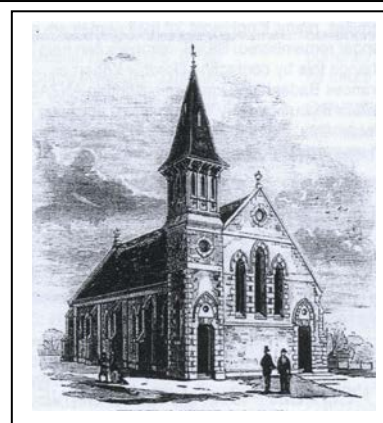
#### VISION STATEMENT:

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**

**Volume 53, Issue 16**

**Sunday, 20 May 2018**

**Pentecost**

**A very warm welcome to everyone today (and the church is warm!). Rev. David Pargeter will lead us in worship. Please stay afterwards for tea/coffee and conversation**

**Bible Readings: Isaiah 24: 4 – 14 pg. 766**

#### From David: *Shalom – wholeness*

It's hard to imagine what the piece of land on which our church building stands, looked like 200, 2,000, or 2 million years ago. But the coastline of what we call Port Philip Bay appears to have remained unchanged for about 6000 years. For the Yalukit Willam clan, the skyline would have looked the same for several millennia.

That's certainly not true with regard to what we know as St Kilda – change has been constant. And over the last 200 years - rapid. Its Indigenous past has been largely colonised and eradicated; replaced by the ebb and flow of suburban cultures and introduced species. A city shaped by its fortunes and misfortunes. It's all a matter of perspective. Long term residents of St Kilda who come to the Drop In often lament those changes. "It's not like it used to be". Others say, "Thank God it's changing".

Today, as part of our theme for this month, we consider the idea of a wounded earth and in very real terms, embark upon a gentle and thoughtful project aimed at healing the land. Well, at least the little bit on which we find ourselves. It has to start somewhere! PTO

Last year, I invited renowned landscaper Jenny Donovan to produce a concept plan for our site. Jenny wrote the book *Designing to Heal*. She consulted with a few of us including our ‘partners’ on the site, to get a sense of the psychological and spiritual character of the place. Implementing that design didn’t feel right at that time. I was still pretty new and learning about the place.

There was a lot of disturbance around the precinct. The Drop In refurbishment was being completed. Ideas for new signage being considered. Internal changes to rooms and layout. Security issues.

Personally, I felt the need to ‘sit with the land’ a bit longer. I needed to ‘feel’ it’s seasons and patterns - develop and feel some connection to the land on which we gather and live out our ministries and relationships. I know this sounds a bit odd but I wanted to listen to its stories – especially the ones that took place on that wooden bench beneath the cross.

It feels like the right time now. Seasonally, the land is withdrawing into itself. Repairing itself. Converting energies and preparing for the next phase in its annual cycle.

Today we will have a look at what is being proposed for different parts of our precinct and get your thoughts and ideas. Shalom. David

## Songs/Hymns

### Shalom

tune 138 TiS:  
words David Pargeter - May 2018

Creator spirit heal this land  
She’s wounded now by human hands  
We’ve scarred the hills, removed the trees  
Destroyed the air and killed the seas  
*We hear her pain; her weeping soul  
With love and care she will be whole.*

We know that much is very wrong  
The little birds have lost their song  
The oceans churn with toxic waste  
And mountain streams have lost their taste  
*We hear her pain; her weeping soul  
With love and care she will be whole*

As glaciers melt and waters rise  
The ‘Pollies’ play with truth and lies  
And while they sing their empty songs  
Her Island homes will soon be gone.  
*We hear her pain; her weeping soul  
With love and care she will be whole*

Creator spirit heal this place  
Inspire in us the love and grace  
That this land needs to live again  
The soothing touch of gentle rain  
*We hear her pain; her weeping soul  
With love and care she will be whole*

TiS 755

### Covenant Song 117.

Adaptation David Pargeter May 2018

**Spirit** of a living faith, rise today in me.

Help me stand upon this land, like an ancient tree.

Show me, teach me, feed me, use me,  
Spirit of a living faith, rise today in me.

**Spirit** of a healing faith, rise today in me

Let me feel your ancient ways,  
bringing peace to me.

Heal me, soothe me, mend me, use me.  
Spirit of a healing faith, rise today in me.

**Spirit** of this ancient place; earth and sky and sea.

Show us how to heal this land; oceans, air and tree.

Show us, heal us, teach us, forgive us.  
Spirit of this ancient land, help us all to ‘see’.

### NOTICES

**The POETRY AND FAITH evening will be here at the church next Thursday May 24<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm Please rsvp Louise. All welcome!**

**PORT PHILLIP CITIZENS FOR RECONCILIATION** invites you to their annual lunch to commemorate **National Sorry Day - next Friday, 25th May, (actual NSD is 26<sup>th</sup>) 12.30 -2.30pm at the Sth. Melbourne**

**Community Centre**, cnr Park Street & Ferrars Place, Sth. Melbourne.  
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### **PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIAN NETWORK Vic**

The next meeting of PCNV is **next Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May, 3pm to 5pm.**

**Speaker: Rev. Dr. Coralie Ling: *Widening our Horizons – Eco feminists reinterpret Christianity in light of climate change.***

**Venue:** Ewing Memorial Centre of Stonnington Uniting Church, cnr. Burke Road and Coppin Street, Malvern East. Melway 59 G12  
**PCNV In June, SUNDAY 24: 3:00pm, David Tacey will speak on: “Return of the sacred and religion inspired terrorism”. Same venue**

### **163 TABLE CONVERSATION**

**Sharing Food – Sharing Ideas.** The next dinner/conversation is at the church on **Tuesday June 12.**  
**Speaker: Karen Sait, CEO of Port Phillip Community Group.** Nibbles 6.15pm followed by dinner. **All welcome – bring your friends!** RSVP to Janet 0417 670 132 BYO drinks.

### **READING AND DISCUSSION**

**GROUP.** Please note that the next meeting is not until **Thursday – July 12th at Mary and Brian’s – 7.45 to 9.30pm.** An article on Quakers will be distributed beforehand. Please contact David for a copy.