

who have experienced institutional child sexual abuse. This and other documents can be found on the website of the Uniting Church in Australia 15th Assembly to be held at Box Hill from 8th to 14th July. <https://assembly.uca.org.au>

Port Melbourne Uniting Church invites you to join a study series, *Living by the Household Covenant* to explore aspects of household economics –church hall fortnightly Wednesdays, 6 to 8pm, including shared meal. From Wed 6th June.

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	June 10	June 17	June 24	July 1
<i>Worship Assistance</i>	David Desleigh	Janet	Andrej	Roma
<i>Welcome at door</i>	Roma	Brian	Janet	Louise
<i>Flowers</i>	Andrej & Petka	Louise	Deb	Louise
<i>Coffee</i>	Melissa & Darren	Randall	Roma	Louise
<i>Rubbish collection</i>	Brian & Janet	Melissa & Darren	Deb	Randall

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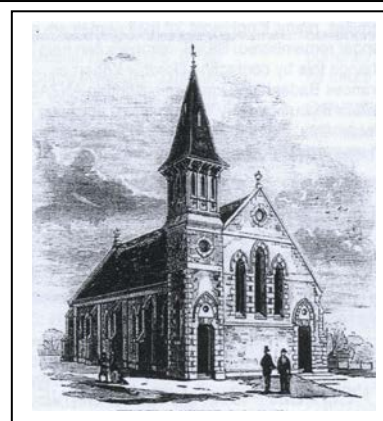
VISION STATEMENT:

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, 10 June 2018

Pentecost 3

A very warm welcome to everyone today. Rev. David Pargeter will lead us in worship. Please stay afterwards for tea/coffee and conversation.

Bible Readings: Isaiah 43: 2 – 4a pg.787. Luke 6: 27 – 36 pg.1133

From David:

Well, we've moved and slowly adjusting to many experiences of difference. Simple things, like remembering where light switches are and which ways cupboard doors open. Oh, and where do we keep the biscuits now? Slowly the brain's hard-wiring of 17 years will fade and be replaced by new wiring over the months to come. I hope so or I'll never find the Tim Tams!

Unpacking has been interesting as I've also used it as an opportunity to sort out a few containers found lurking at the back of cupboards and shelves. They say you should do that *before* you move but I ran out of time. So I've been making my way through stuff that I had just put into a tub 'temporarily'. Everything lying there like layers of sediment built up over many years. At the bottom of one tub I found a small card sent by a friend who is no longer with us. I hadn't forgotten her; I just hadn't thought about her for a while. But as I read her short note again, everything about her and our friendship came flooding back.

Of course I felt the sadness again, but the remembering was good. Her sharp wit. Her politics. Her passion for justice. And then I remembered her illness. How strong and frail she was. How much she just loved life and the people in her world.

She said once that *love is the only thing that gives life meaning.*

It was good to find that card again.

Shalom David

Songs/Hymns

Love is the Touch of Intangible Joy

Love is the touch of intangible joy
Love is the force that no fear can destroy

Love is the goodness we gladly applaud
God is where love is, for love is of God

Love is the lilt in a lingering voice
Love is the hope that can make us rejoice.
Love is the cure for the frightened and flawed,
God is where love is, for love is of God.

Love is the light in the tunnel of pain,
Love is the will to be whole once again
Love is the trust of a friend on the road
God is where love is, for love is of God

Love is the Maker, and Spirit, and Son
Love is the kingdom their will has begun
Love is the pathway the saints all have trod
God is where love is for love is of God.

(words: Alison M Robertson, tune: John Bell)

Come, Sophia Tune: Stuttgart - Words Miriam Therese Winter © Medical Mission Sisters 1995

Come, Sophia, Holy Wisdom, gateway to eternity.
Sacred source of all that is from long before earth came to be.

In Your womb the primal waters from below and from above gently rock Your sons and daughters, born to wisdom and to love.

Come, Sophia, be a clear compelling presence everywhere.
Still the terror, dry the tears; come, ease the burdens that we bear.

From the first faint light of morning, through the dark when day is done, be the midwife of our birthing and the rising of our sun.

Come, Sophia, intuition weaving wisdom deep within, bringing promise to fruition through the prophets that have been,

Pleading justice for tomorrow and forgiveness for today for the images we borrow and the roles we often play.

Come, Sophia, we believe You are the shaman of the soul.
Break us open to receive You; fill us up and make us whole.

You inspire us to envision all the fullness of shalom on a new path through tradition that will surely lead us home.

Responsive prayer:

L: In the name of love, good things and bad things have been done. Justice postponed. Suffering sustained. Lives ruined. Hopes destroyed.

All: *In the name of love let justice roll down the mountain and nourish this land.*

L: In the name of love, relationships have been renewed and refreshed, as well as imprisoned and contained. Love has a way of capturing as well as liberating.

All: *In the name of love let justice roll down the mountain and nourish this land.*

L: In the name of love, people have challenged the boundaries of science. Discovered new ways of treating terrible illnesses. Making poor soil more fertile. But at times love has moved faster than the ethics we need to manage the consequences.

All: *In the name of love, let justice roll down the mountain and nourish this land.*

163 TABLE CONVERSATIONS
Sharing Food – Sharing Ideas. The next dinner/conversations is at the church **this Tuesday June 12.**

The speaker will be Karen Sait, CEO Port Phillip Community Group.

PPCG began life as the St Kilda Community Group in the early 1970s with the aim ‘to improve communication between, and coordination of, existing welfare services, conducting research and service planning and establishing a multi – service centre where residents could go for assistance. While services and programs have developed and changed over the years in line with community needs and funding priorities, there remain two significant constants – a commitment to social justice and our main primary location – **PPCG** has been based on the church’s corner site for over 40 years **Nibbles 6.15** followed by **dinner**. All welcome – bring your friends! RSVP to Janet 0417 670 132 BYO drinks. Donations appreciated.

PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIAN NETWORK Vic

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

UCA SIGNS ON TO REDRESS
The Uniting Church in Australia has opted in to the Federal Government’s National Redress Scheme for people