

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. Next one this Wed 20th 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 17	June 24	July 1	July 8
<i>Worship Assistance</i>	David Janet	David Andrej	David Roma	Melissa
<i>Welcome at door</i>	Brian	Janet	Louise	Maureen
<i>Flowers</i>	Louise	Deb	Louise	Maureen
<i>Coffee</i>	Randall	Roma	Louise	Maureen
<i>Rubbish collection</i>	Melissa & Darren	Deb	Randall	Roma

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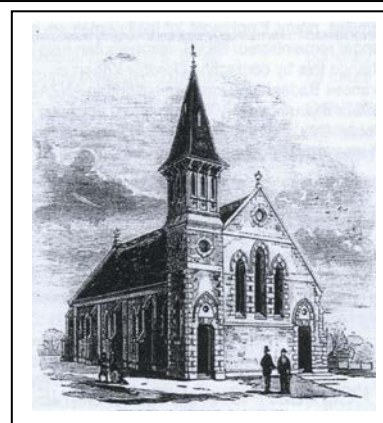
VISION STATEMENT:

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, 17 June 2018

Refugee Sunday

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

From David: *Welcoming the Stranger*

I recently had lunch with a friend who is working on the island of Lesbos – helping to manage the flow of refugees arriving on its shores. She went back last Wednesday. She first went there almost 3 years ago. On arrival she found chaos; beaches strewn with discarded lifejackets, and the formal ‘settlements’ overflowing. Thousands of people couldn’t access camps and were huddled in freezing fields, with no facilities, food or shelter.

The tragedy of this particular episode in Europe’s recent history was poignantly and traumatically captured in the sad and harrowing image of the body of one little 3 year old boy, Aylan Kurdi, washed up on a beach on the island of Kos. It’s a haunting image and one that is not quickly forgotten.

Conditions for the journey turned unexpectedly treacherous. Aylan's distraught father, Abdullah Kurdi, tried and failed to hold on to his wife and two sons after their boat capsized. Recently, Abdullah said his only wish is to return their bodies to their home town of Kobani and then “be buried alongside them”.

Abdullah’s story is one of thousands and thousands of similar stories emerging around the world.

Today is **Refugee Sunday**, but every day is refugee day. Every day families are attempting to escape from appalling circumstances and conditions. Stories like this ought never be far from our minds and hearts. Let's not forget them.

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

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.
Tune – Beach Spring. **Words** Miriam Therese Winter © Medical Mission Sisters 1995

Streets of London (Melbourne)

Have you seen the old man in the closed down market,
Kicking up the papers with his worn out shoes?
In his eyes you see no pride, hand held loosely by his side,
Yesterday's paper telling yesterday's news

*So how can you tell me you're lonely,
And say for you that the sun don't shine?
Let me take you by the hand and lead you through the streets of Melbourne,
I'll show you something to make you change your mind.*

Have you seen the old girl who walks the streets of Melbourne
Dirt in her hair and her clothes in rags?
She's no time for talkin'
She just keeps right on walkin'
Carrying her home in two carrier bags

In the all-night café at a quarter past eleven,
Same old man sitting there on his own,
Looking at the world over the rim of his teacup,
Each tea lasts an hour and he wanders alone

Have you seen the old man outside the seaman's mission,
Memory fading with the medal ribbons that he wears?
In our winter city the rain cries a little pity
For one more forgotten hero and a world that doesn't care

Words and music: Ralph McTeell

HOMELESS MEMORIAL

Come and remember all those who have died while homeless.
This Wednesday 20th June
4.30 to 7pm at the Peanut farm Reserve
cnr Chaucer St and Shakespeare Grove
St Kilda

This is **REFUGEE WEEK** and the Asylum Seeker Advocacy Group at the **Baptist Church** invites you to join them for a screening of the film **Salaam Neighbour** at the church next Sunday **24th June at 7pm**. Tea, coffee and popcorn. Suggested donation for the ASRC - Adults \$15, Chn & Pen.& \$5

PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIAN NETWORK Vic

Next Sunday June24: 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