

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 4<sup>th</sup> July.

*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 24	July 1	July 8	15 July
<i>Worship Assistance</i>	David Andrej	David Roma	David Melissa	David Randall
<i>Welcome at door</i>	Janet	Louise	Maureen	Mary
<i>Flowers</i>	Deb	Louise	Maureen	Mary
<i>Coffee</i>	Roma	Louise	Maureen	Mary
<i>Rubbish collection</i>	Deb	Randall	Roma	Melissa & Darren

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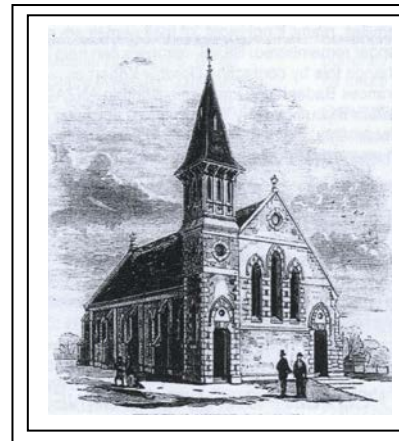
#### VISION STATEMENT:

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, 24 June 2018**

**Pentecost 5**

**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: 1 Samuel 16: 14 – 23 pg.314; Matthew 6: 24 – 34 pg.1054**

#### From David: Hallelujah

It turns out that Leonard Cohen took 8 years to finish what has become his iconic song – **Hallelujah**. Over that period of time Leonard had crafted 80 verses but when he walked into the studio to record this song in 1984 he arrived with just 4, maybe 5.

These were chosen to capture the inseparable nature of the **secular and the sacred**. The song emphasises the frailty of greatness. Especially when human weakness betrays itself; when love leads to ruin.

Cohen drew upon two great religious figures who lost their way when they fell in love: **King David**, romantic poet and musician and Israel's greatest king, and **Samson** the warrior hero. Then Cohen becomes autobiographical and begins to write about the pain that love brings. The emptiness that arrives when love departs. The sadness that follows joy.

In some ways Cohen has that way of writing where his song becomes our song (especially if you are a Cohen tragic like me). But **Hallelujah** is Cohen's response to a world filled with conflicts and full of things that cannot be reconciled.

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Through this particular song I think he is trying to tell us that there are moments in life when we rise above it all and embrace the whole mess. Moments in the midst of impossible situations when we open our mouths, throw open our arms, and cry out from the very depths of our being – **Hallelujah.**

That's the moment when we are probably most alive.

**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)

**TiS: 745. Seek ye first the wisdom of God.**

**Hallelujah (Leonard Cohen)** sung by Petra and Glen – Andrej guitar accompaniment.

### Notices

This is end of **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 **today 24<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm**. Tea, coffee and popcorn. Suggested donation for the ASRC - Adults \$15, Children & Pensioners. \$5

### **PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIAN NETWORK Vic**

**Today, 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

**The Drop-In Drama Group will put on a performance of ‘The Golden Robots’ on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July 4 – 5pm here at the church. All welcome!**

**The Uniting Church in Australia 15<sup>th</sup> Assembly** will be opened on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm** at St Michael’s Uniting Church 120 Collins Street Melbourne. This service will include the installation of the new President Dr Deidre Palmer. Supper will follow at the conclusion of the service.

**163 TABLE CONVERSATIONS Sharing Food – Sharing Ideas.** The next dinner/conversations will be here at the church on **Tuesday July 10<sup>th</sup>**. The speaker is **Andie Patchett**, the Community Development and Social Enterprise worker from St Kilda Gatehouse. This is a not-for-profit Christian organisation which works alongside those involved in street based sex work or affected by commercial sexual exploitation as a result of hardship. Through providing a place of belonging and engagement, Gatehouse helps individuals address issues such as family violence, drug addiction, homelessness, poverty, mental health and social isolation. It is a place where individuals feel valued and important. For many who come from challenging backgrounds it is a source of dignity and hope.  
**Nibbles 6.15 followed by dinner. All welcome – bring your friends! RSVP**

**to Janet 0417 670 132 BYO drinks. Donations appreciated.**

The next **Reading and Discussion Group** will be held at Mary and Brian’s home on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 7.45pm**. Discussion article to be distributed. For more information please talk to David.

**The Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project welcomes donations of the following items:** Sugar, flour, cooking oil, cans of tomatoes, fruit, tuna (large and small), red kidney beans, corn, peas Long life milk, tea and coffee, cheese, biscuits, honey, noodles, dates. Gladwrap, tinfoil, washing pegs. Sweet and Savoury Biscuits, snacks for school lunches, Salt and pepper, Spices: coriander, cinnamon, ginger Shampoo and conditioner, Shaving Cream & shavers, toothpaste.  
**We seemingly never have enough washing powder, dish washing detergents and household cleaning products.** A very generous person is keeping us supplied with toilet paper. Quite a number of families have small children, so **disposable nappies and wipes** are an ongoing need. Vouchers are really appreciated for Coles, Big W, Kmart or similar stores; **Bring any of these items to church and they will be delivered**