

PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIAN NETWORK: Sunday 26 August at 3:00pm. "A multi-faith panel on contemporary concerns" facilitated by Lucas Taylor;
Venue: Ewing Memorial Centre of Stonnington Uniting Church, corner of Burke Road and Coppin Street, Malvern East. Melway 59 G12

August Crosslight available in foyer and *Newsbeat* on Notice Board.

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	5 August	12 August	19 August	26 August
<i>Worship Assistance</i>	David P Desleigh	David P Mary	David P Brian	David P Roma
<i>Welcome at door</i>	Melissa & Darren	Andrej & Petra	Janet	Louise
<i>Flowers</i>	Deb	Louise	Maureen	Mary
<i>Coffee</i>	Melissa & Darren	Andrej & Petra	Mark/Ruth	Louise
<i>Rubbish collection</i>	Randall	Roma	Brian/Janet	Mary

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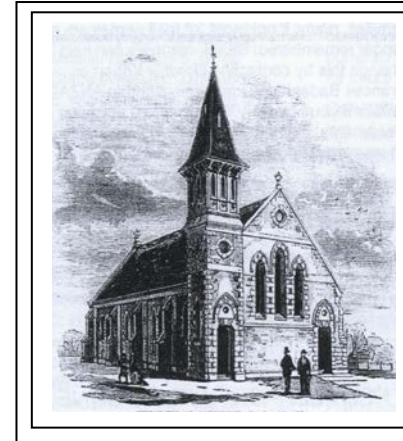
VISION STATEMENT:

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, 5 August 2018

Homelessness Week, 6-12 August

A very warm welcome to everyone today. Rev. David Pargeter will lead us in worship. TODAY WE WILL HAVE LUNCH TOGETHER AFTER THE SERVICE so please stay if you can – there is always enough food to share.

Bible Reading: Please see over.

From David:

Some interesting responses to the question, “Any ideas for themes for the next few months?”

All suggestions were about some of the big themes around faith and life – so we will have a go at all of them. The idea of exploring a theme is for that purpose. Some things are just too deep to bump into for a few minutes on a Sunday, so spreading them over 4 or 5 weeks is just a little bit better, but even then, quite inadequate. But let’s have a go anyway.

Themes suggested so far are:

Prayer : What is it? What are we doing when we participate in it. How does it fit into a 21st Century understanding of psychology and science. This is a biggie!

Redemption: One of those big theological themes that has shaped religion, especially Christianity for centuries, but is it relevant for our current time? If so, in what way?

Power: This is one of those concepts that means different things to different people. Power in and of itself is morally neutral but how and when it is used defines its value. I suspect we will look at things like use and abuse of power.

Death. Our particular faith story is intrinsically linked with the experience of dying and death. Suffering and health. Life and living. PTO

This is one of those topics we seldom explore but probably think about often, even if it's only for a fleeting moment before avoiding it, quickly moving on and thinking about the good things about living.

Dignity: This theme is often associated with dying, but in all honesty, it has so much more to do with living. How we live. How we treat others. How we regard ourselves.

Humour: We don't often associate religious life with humour and although there are a few 'funny' moments in the gospel stories in the main it is serious stuff. But I know from my own experiences that unless we look at the funny side of things life can become all too bleak. The film, *The Life of Brian*, has to be one of the most theologically insightful yet funniest films of the modern era. We will use excerpts from the film to explore this theme. **So, during August, let's start with 'looking' at this thing called prayer.** Shalom David

The Lord's Prayer:

Eternal Spirit,
Source of all that is and ever shall be,
Loving Parent in whom we discern heaven,
May knowledge of your holiness inspire all peoples,
And may your commonwealth of peace and freedom flourish on earth,

Until all of humankind heed your call to justice and compassion.

May we find the bread that we need for today,
And for the hurts we cause one another
May we be forgiven in the same measure that we forgive.

In times of trial and temptation, help us to be strong;
When life seems overwhelming, help us to endure;
And thus from the yoke of sin, deliver us.

May you reign in the power of human love, Now and forever. Amen.

Adapted from the prayer book of the Anglican Church of New Zealand

Songs/Hymns

Prayer

Fragment of eternity;
Fleeting glimpse of mystery;
Webs to catch our ev'ry thought;
Nets of gold where joys are caught;
Breath of spaciousness and grace;
Love indwelling sacred space.
Voices fervent as we share
Yearnings of our hearts in prayer.

Shadow of reality;
Healing light of clarity;
Star to shine on darkened fears;
Veil of silk to hold our tears;
Love that reaches troubled hearts;
Hope newborn as grief departs.
Voices fervent as we share
Yearnings of our hearts in prayer.

River of divinity
Flowing for eternity;
Deep the stream of love's embrace,
Hushed the stillness of this space;
Pearls of beauty to be found;
Treasures held in holy ground.
Voices fervent as we share
Yearnings of our hearts in prayer.

Words Helen Wiltshire and Norman Inglis.
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Stillness

When the storm has lost its thunder,
When the wind has ceased to blow,
We see skies in cloudless wonder
Touching earth with golden glow.
To this place of inner stillness,
We are called by sacredness.
When our minds have ceased their chatter,
When we lose our grasp of time,
We recall the things that matter,
Open to a sense sublime.
In this gift of inner stillness,
Sacredness has come to bless.

When the silence comes unbidden,
We touch love and joy profound;
Faith is like a treasure hidden,
Deep within life's holy ground.
In the light of inner stillness,
Sacred love our lives will bless.

When we dwell with inner stillness,
Life is touched by love and grace;
When our lives know shadowed sadness,
We find healing in this space.
In the glow of inner stillness,

Warmth and love our lives will bless.

Words: Helen Wiltshire. Tune: Praise my Soul
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Notices

REV DR CORALIE LING will be conducting four sessions on **Women Working for Peace** at the Kildara Centre, Rear 39 Stanhope St., Malvern. **Tuesdays: August 7, 14, 21, 28. 1.30 – 3.30pm. Cost \$10 per session.**

The next **READING & DISCUSSION GROUP** will be held at Mary and Brian's home this **Thursday 9 August 7.45pm**. Randall has distributed material from the book: **Origin Story by David Christian** and it is freely available to anyone even if you don't attend the evening.

163 TABLE CONVERSATIONS Sharing Food – Sharing Ideas. The next Table Conversations will be on **Tuesday August 14, and the speaker is Todd Condie – Indigenous Policy Officer: City of Port Phillip.**

Nibbles **6.15** followed by dinner. All welcome – bring your friends!
Please RSVP to Janet 0417 670 132
BYO drinks. Donations appreciated.

FOR YOUR DIARY!!

Church dinner will be held at Louise and Matt's house on Saturday 1 September. 6.30pm.

Church camp. October 26 to 28 at Merricks.

More information to come for both of these events