

Change -Fix the System -([everybodyshome.com.au/our campaign](http://everybodyshome.com.au/our_campaign)) is calling on our Nation's leaders to:.

- Support first home buyers
- Have a National housing strategy.
- Give a better deal for renters
- Provide immediate relief for Australians in chronic rental stress
- A plan to end homelessness by 2031. *Please go online and sign the petition!*

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	12 August	19 August	26 August	2 September
<i>Worship Assistance</i>	David P Desleigh	David P Brian	David P Roma	David P Melissa
<i>Welcome at door</i>	Andrej & Petra	Janet	Louise	Maureen
<i>Flowers</i>	Louise	Maureen	Desleigh	Mary
<i>Coffee</i>	Mark/Ruth	Andrej & Petra	Louise	Maureen
<i>Rubbish collection</i>	Roma	Brian/Janet	Mary	Darren/ Melissa

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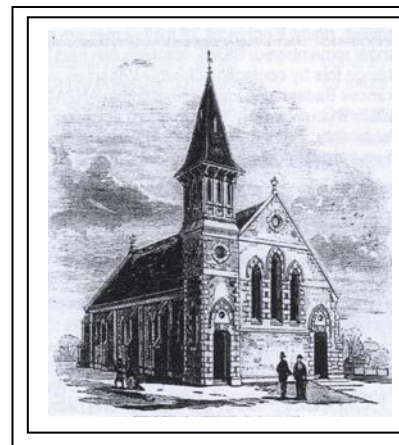
VISION STATEMENT:

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, 12 August 2018**

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

**Bible Reading: 1 Kings 3: 5 – 14 pg. 372
Matthew 26: 36 – 46 pg. 1086**

From David:

Yesterday, we said goodbye to a dearly loved member of the church. **Shirley Lancaster** died as she had lived – peacefully. But this was not the end of a passive life but rather the end of a vibrant, creative, strong, caring and thoughtful life.

A few months ago, on one Sunday morning, Randall shared with the gathered community a reflection on life. A thoughtful conversation in which he referred to a piece of writing about life and death, and headstones which usually have etched into them something like 1943 – 2012. He talked about how the content of a person's life is reduced to a hyphen.

A simple little 'dash' between a few numbers. Shirley Lancaster 1930 – 2018.

But on Saturday morning, family and friends, transformed Shirley's hyphen into a rich and beautiful tapestry presented in words, stories, photographs, memories, art and music. A wonderful life was remembered, cherished and honoured. Vale, Shirley Jean Lancaster.

A hyphen awaits us all.

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But it can reflect so much more than just a little 'dash' between a few numbers. How we chose to live, regardless of circumstances, influences how that hyphen is recalled and remembered. Life is not mapped out for us, and every day, however constrained it might be, is full of choices. In so many ways we get to craft our own lives. And how we craft them is very much in our hands.

Shalom
David

Songs/Hymns

Being

Words: Helen Wiltshire. Tune: TiS 417

"I felt the sentiment of Being spread o'er all the moves, and all that seemeth still ...I saw one life and felt that it was joy." *The Prelude* William Wordsworth

"In God, we live and move and have our being." Acts, ch.17.

As we live and have our being,
we will dwell in sacredness;
we will dare to seek for meaning;
we will share life's joyfulness.

As we grow and seek for wisdom,
we will look with inner sight;
when all life is seen as beauty,
we will live with deep delight.

As we move and act for justice,
we will walk compassion's way,
speak with clarity and courage,
living out the words we say.

We will live and move and offer
all this life our dreams have caught,
sharing visions of a future,
far beyond the reach of thought.

We will ponder life's rich meaning,
finding bliss within us still;
as we hold our hearts in rapture,
life with wonderment we fill.

We are moved and called to being
by a love that knows no bounds;
we discover in our sharing
life and love and joy profound.

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Doubts and Faith

Words: Helen Wiltshire. Tune: TIS 341

Come to a sacred space with open heart
and mind;
come willing to explore and seek a living
faith.

In this new space, we long to gain
a faith that touches joy and pain.

We come with questions deep; we come
with answers few,
yet longing for some light to shine upon
our quest.

We take the risk of losing faith,
yet we can walk no other path.

We gently put aside concepts and creeds
of old,
yet seek some ancient wisdom that our
hearts may hold.

From seeds of doubt, new life may flow,
if given care and space to grow.

Finding a bridge of faith that has integrity,
we'll work with all who seek to walk with
honesty.

With openness and hearts of grace,
we touch the wisdom of each faith.

We honour Muslim prayer and treasure
Hebrew thought.

We see the noble pathway that the
Buddhist treads.

A Christian hymn, a Hindu prayer,
speak of a sacredness we share.

What do we hold as true? Compassion for
each one,
justice and love for ev'ry creature on this
earth;

the sacredness of human care;
this is a path that all may share.

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TiS 418. She sits like a Bird

Notices

**A huge 'THANK YOU' to everyone
for working brilliantly together to
give Shirley such a great farewell at
her funeral yesterday.**

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

The **READING & DISCUSSION
GROUP** was held at Mary and Brian's
home last Thursday. The material from
the book **Origin Story** by David

Christian is freely available to anyone
– ask Randall for a copy. **Next R & D
evening is Thursday Sept. 20th**

**163 TABLE CONVERSATIONS
Sharing Food – Sharing Ideas.** The
next Table Conversations is **next
Tuesday August 14 - 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.

**Save the dates! CHURCH DINNER is
three weeks away on Saturday 1
September. 6.30pm. at Louise and
Matt's house. List on Notice Board
CHURCH CAMP, October 26 to 28 at
Merricks. More information to come.**

**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

Today is the end of **HOMELESSNESS
WEEK**, but not the end of
homelessness - today there are **24,000**
homeless in Victoria. **Uniting VicTas**
(www.vtuniting.org) is encouraging
everyone to sign a **Petition for**