

An extra **163 TABLE CONVERSATIONS** will be held on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September - Perceptions of Cuba**. A number of T.C.group and church members have been to Cuba, so an evening of photos and information about their visits is being prepared. Maureen, Ula and Glen will be major presenters. **Nibbles 6.15 followed by dinner. Please RSVP to Janet.**

*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, present and emerging. We acknowledge and uphold their continuing relationship to this land.*

Date	9 September	16 September	23 September	30 September
<i>Worship Assistance</i>	David P Randall	David P Janet	David P Mary	David P Desleigh
<i>Welcome at door</i>	Brian	Mary	Roma	Melissa & Darren
<i>Flowers</i>	Andrej/Petra	Deb	Roma	Mary
<i>Coffee</i>	Janet/Brian	Mary	Roma	Melissa & Darren
<i>Rubbish collection</i>	Andrej/Petra	Randall	Darren & Melissa	Roma

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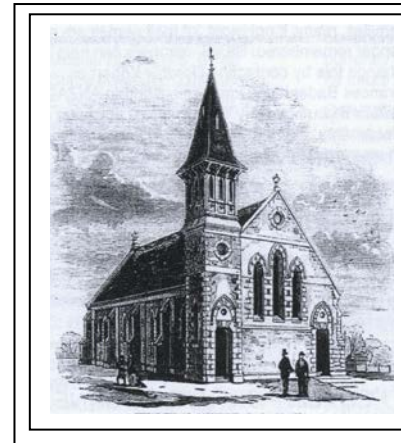
### VISION STATEMENT:

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, 9 September 2018**

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

**Bible Readings: Leviticus 16:1 – 10 pg.129 - plus selected verses  
Mark 2:1 – 12 pg. 1094**

### From David: Redemption - part 2:

Whilst studying in Manchester, I was invited to experience first-hand the Jewish celebration of **Yom Kippur**. We met in the Synagogue on Friday evening and I had one of the most moving spiritual experiences of my life. An elderly member of the family sang the Kol Nidre. It's hard to describe the feelings it generated because the song is so closely associated with **Atonement** that it invades all the spiritual senses – especially those connected with forgiveness.

Very few people get through life without hurting someone else as a consequence of a decision or mistake they have made. Or, being hurt by the actions and decisions of others. Life is like that. It has a way of presenting us with options and sometimes we get it wrong and someone else gets hurt. Sometimes we get it right but someone else still gets hurt. Having the opportunity to sit down with that person (or write them a letter) and asking for forgiveness (or offering it) can generate all kinds of healing. Hearing the words **“I forgive you”** takes the experience of healing that much further and moves it into the space called cleansing. **Confession brings healing. Forgiveness brings cleansing. PTO**

In essence, this is what **Yom Kippur (Atonement)** is all about - **healing and cleansing**. But it goes beyond the personal to the whole religious community. **Kol Nidre** is an Aramaic declaration and more 'law' than 'prayer'. But it has solemnity. It has weight.

I was most moved when 'my' interpreter explained what was going on and spoke the words very quietly in my left ear. The part I remember most was when the leader and the congregation said three times, "May all the people of Israel be forgiven, including all the strangers who live in their midst, for all the people are in fault." The leader then said "O pardon the sins of this people, according to your abundant mercy, just as you forgave this people ever since they left Egypt." And then the leader and congregation said together three times, "The Lord said, 'I pardon them according to your words.'"

**Any ceremony that promotes healing and cleansing in a way that enables people to feel whole and restored and good about themselves, has something going for it.**

**Shalom. David**

### Songs/Hymns

#### **Christ be our Light**

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see

*Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.

Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.

Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.

*Bernadette Farrell. 1957.*

#### **In the Bulb there is a Flower**

In the bulb there is a flower;  
In the seed, an apple tree;  
In cocoons, a hidden promise:  
Butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there's  
a spring that waits to be,  
Unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,  
Seeking word and melody;  
There's a dawn in every darkness,  
Bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future;  
What it holds, a mystery,  
Unrevealed until its season,  
Something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our  
time infinity;  
In our doubt there is believing;  
In our life, eternity,  
In our death, a resurrection;  
at the last, a victory,  
Unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

*(Natalie Sleeth)*

#### **Healing River of the Spirit**

Healing river of the Spirit, bathe the  
wounds that living brings.  
Plunge our pain, our sin, our sadness  
deep within your sacred springs.  
Weary from the restless searching  
that has lured us from your side,  
We discover in your presence peace that  
world cannot provide.

Wellspring of the healing Spirit, stream  
that flows to bring release,  
As we gain ourselves, our senses, may  
our lives reflect your peace.  
Grateful for the flood that heals us,  
may your church enact your grace.  
As we meet both friend and stranger,  
may we see our Saviour's face.

Living stream that heals the nations,  
make us channels of your pow'r.  
All the world is torn by conflict; wars  
are raging at this hour.  
Saving Spirit, move among us; guide  
our winding human course,  
Till we find our way together, flowing  
homeward to our source.

*Words: Ruth Duck. Tune: Austria TIS 93*

### Notices

#### **163 TABLE CONVERSATIONS**

**Sharing Food – Sharing Ideas - this Tuesday 11 September.** The speaker will be **Lindsay Cox**, an archivist from the Salvation Army. He will talk about the **Limelight Studio** which provided the first film production in Australia. Nibbles **6.15** followed by dinner. All welcome – bring your friends! **RSVP to Janet 0417 670 132.** BYO drinks. Donations appreciated.

The **READING & DISCUSSION GROUP evening** is at Mary and Brian's home **Thursday Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> 7.45pm.** The topic: **Life after Death.** Brian L has prepared a discussion paper as a starter - this is available from Mary. **All welcome**