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REFUGEE RALLY, next **Saturday 27th October**. Nauru & Manus in Crisis – Bring Them Here. Meet at State Library, 328 Swanston St, City, 2.00 pm

SHARE CHRISTMAS CARDS. Samples and order forms are available in the foyer.

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	21 October	28 October	4 Nov	11 Nov
Worship Assistance	David Brian	Church	Mary	John Cranmer Andrej
Welcome at door	Janet	Camp	Maureen	Louise
Flowers	Petra/Andrej		Deb	Desleigh
Coffee	Mark/Ruth		Maureen	Louise
Rubbish collection	Brian/Janet		Andrej	Randall

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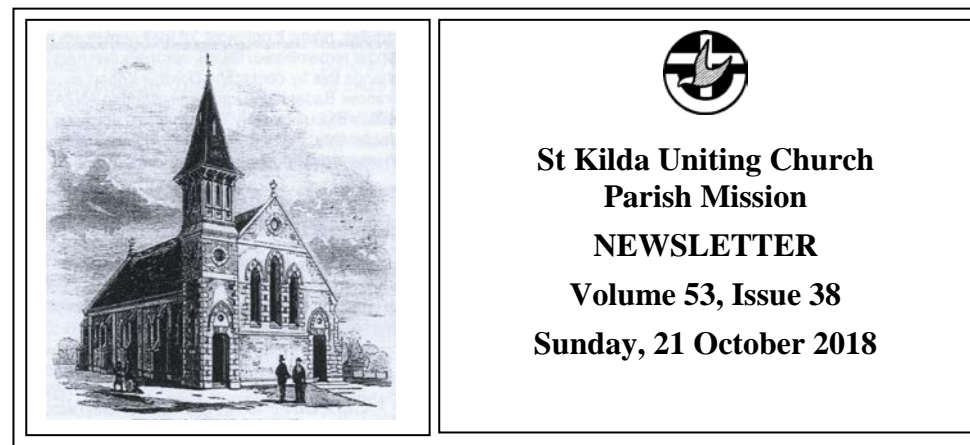
VISION STATEMENT:

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:

Desleigh Kent is the editor of the Newsletter. **Contributions are welcome and can be sent to her at desleighk@ozemail.com.au**

If you would like to be part of a growing congregational email list (and receive a full colour copy of the church newsletter in pdf format), please contact Rob Hess at Robert.Hess@vu.edu.au



You are most welcome to our worship service today. Rev David Pargeter will lead us in worship. Please stay afterwards for tea/coffee and conversation.

John 2: 1 – 12 pg. 1171

St Kilda Uniting Church - Annual Gathering (Camp)

Theme: ‘What does an Australian Church look like?’

Date: 26–28 October (Friday evening to Sunday lunch)

Venue: Merricks Lodge – Mornington Peninsula -

(www.uccamping.org.au/merricks)

Cost: \$25 per adult (children free)

These ‘gatherings’ are an opportunity to get to know each other by doing things we don’t often do together as a community – sit, relax, eat and chat, go for a walk, play a game etc. This year our gathering is going to be fully catered, but feel free to bring your our special dietary needs and the all-important extras.

A flyer about the camp, including what to bring, map, is available in the foyer.

Please register with Mary Heinemann (9529 6927 or at brimary@primus.com.au)

From David

It was a thoughtful moment that became quite profound really. We were watching the sun slipping very slowly into the gentle waters of Port Phillip Bay. Rich gold and orange colours were filling the sky, when my granddaughter said how much she loved looking at the sun set.

I said to her, "You know the sun is not really setting don't you".

"What do you mean"? she said.

So, I started to tell her how for many thousands of years people thought the earth was at the centre of the universe. That the sun and the moon and the stars all revolved around the earth. And then, around 500 years ago, along came two mathematicians and astronomers: Copernicus and Galileo who turned that theory on its head. They worked out that the opposite was true; that it was the earth and the moon that moved; that they rotated around the sun. Indeed, the sun was at the centre and it didn't move. We know that Copernicus built his theory upon a similar idea first formulated in 300BCE by Aristarchus of Samos

"So, even though it looks like the sun is going down or coming up, it's really the earth that's rotating", I explained.

But that wasn't the profound bit.

Her next question was: "So, how should we describe it then"?

Darn good question, and we're still working on it. It's that language thing again.

Galileo, the inventor of the telescope, lived about 400 years ago. He was excommunicated for supporting Copernicus, and regarded by the church as a heretic. In 1633 he was sentenced to life imprisonment for contradicting the teachings of Rome.

Strange isn't it, how every new insight gets opposed and resisted, and in its own way, demands a new language. And when we can't create one we revert to using the old and the familiar. Even when it's not true. It gets too hard. Nearly 400 years later and earth-centric language persists. Tonight, our TVs will announce that 'Tomorrow the sun will rise at 6.34 am and set at 7.38pm'.

Likewise, even though our theology is shifting and we think and talk about God and faith differently, we still seem to be trapped into having to use old language. And I know that for many it all gets too hard. I understand that, but I believe this is the greatest challenge of our time. Let's hope we can meet that challenge in less than 400 years.

Shalom. David.

Notices

PLEASE NOTE:

On the weekend of **28 OCTOBER** when the church community is at Merricks there will be **NO CHURCH SERVICE** here at St Kilda.

JUSTICE AND INTERNATIONAL MISSION CONFERENCE

Next Saturday, 27 October 2018, 9.30 am - 4.15 pm, at the Centre for Theology and Ministry, 29 College Crescent Parkville. Topic: 'Growing Peaceful Communities'. Cost: \$30/\$20

PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIAN NETWORK VIC. Next Sunday, 28 October, at 3.00pm. There will be a Panel Presentation and Discussion on Voluntary Assisted Dying - Conflicts and Dilemmas;

Venue: Ewing Memorial Centre of Stonnington Uniting Church, corner of Burke Road and Coppin St, Malvern East.

THE BOAB NETWORK – a not-for-profit organisation, 100% volunteer-run (Robert Hoskin is involved with this group) would welcome volunteers to participate in the **January** school holiday program in the Kimberley (WA) community at Mowanjum. For details check out www.boabnetwork.org, or ring **Robert 0478549165**. A rewarding experience is guaranteed!

Robert is also writing a history of the Boab Network and would welcome help from someone to read through his manuscript. Please talk this over with Robert if you are interested.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

It has been decided that our tree for this year's festival at Holy Trinity will be a '**Dorcas Tree**'. Dorcas, known as Tabitha in the Bible (Acts: 9;36), and the subsequent Dorcas Societies formed world-wide, focused on sewing clothing for those with a need. Our tree will be decorated accordingly. Contact **Janet** for sewing and craft, **Maureen** for coordination and administration. Input welcomed.

Dates for viewing at Holy Trinity Church– Thursday, 6th, Friday 7th December 10.00-7.00; Saturday 8th 10.00-6.00; Sunday 9th 12.00 noon to 4.00pm.

Concert (Elwood Singers) Friday 7.00pm, Gold coin donation.
Carols 4.00pm on Sunday. Maureen and Janet's details are on the Contact List.

COUNCIL OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS (VIC) Inc. is launching **Gesher 2018** - Politics and Religion by Dr Nick Dyrenfurth.. **Wednesday 31 October, 7pm** sharp at Alex Theatre, Level 1, 133-135 Fitzroy St,