

**SHARE CHRISTMAS CARDS.** Samples and order forms are available in the foyer. **CROSSLIGHT** for November in foyer. **NEWSBEAT** (newsletter of Presbytery) on Notice Board

**PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIAN NETWORK** next Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>. Notice Board

**David Lancaster** enjoys hearing from his St Kilda Uniting Church community. Desleigh has his contact details. New Contact List out soon

*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	18 Nov	25 Nov	2 Dec	9 Dec
<b>Worship Assistance</b>	John Cranmer Randall	Janet/Brian	Coralie Ling Roma	David Mary
<b>Welcome at door</b>	Maureen	Roma	Mary	Maureen
<b>Flowers</b>	Maureen	Roma	Petra	Louise
<b>Coffee</b>	Melissa/ Darren	Roma	Mary	Maureen
<b>Rubbish collection</b>	Melissa/ Darren	Mary	Roma	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:**

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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](mailto:Robert.Hess@vu.edu.au)



**St Kilda Uniting Church  
Parish Mission  
NEWSLETTER  
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You are most welcome to our worship service. Rev John Cranmer assisted by Rev Dr Robert Hoskin will lead us in worship. Please stay afterwards for tea/coffee and conversation.

**From Robert Hoskin:**

**The courage to be.** Courage is displayed in many forms. While walking with a few of our people up the old track from Merricks to Red Hill three weeks ago, I think it was Maureen who commented on watching the Invictus Games and noting the courage of those participating: their courage in the first instance of enduring war and conflict, but then the extraordinary courage of getting their lives up and running after the loss of limb or eyesight.

**The theme that was chosen for November services is courage.** I thought of the book, *The Courage to Be*, a bestseller from the 1950s written by theologian Paul Tillich who discusses our contemporary struggle with three types of anxiety: ‘*that of fate and death (briefly, the anxiety of death), that of emptiness and loss of meaning (briefly, the anxiety of meaninglessness), that of guilt and condemnation (briefly, the anxiety of condemnation).*’ [1]

**Courage** then is displayed by ordinary people in ordinary moments of life. Indeed, for many, just getting up to face the day needs courage, particularly if facing a difficult job or almost impossible relationship. PTO

For others who have known what it is to have failed other people and bear guilt and scars from that failure, living an ordinary life with daily responsibilities needs courage.

And then there is the mother who endures childbirth, and that aftermath which may include the realization that her life is limited with a temporary pause in her career.

Tillich suggests that the anxiety faced by those in our modern anxiety is spiritual. He noted that the individual whose anxiety which was kept in check by participation in the great institutions of our society, faces a new challenge. Those institutions are failing or have failed, leaving a person isolated and vulnerable. This in turn leads to the anxiety of 'annihilating openness, of infinite formless space into which one falls without a place to fall upon.' [2]

With this in mind, I would add the question, 'Do we have the courage to be oneself?' **Perhaps this is where we can gain much from following in the way of Jesus, who demonstrated what it meant to be himself in the face of great institutions threatening his demise.**

**Robert Hoskin**

[1] <http://www.historyguide.org/europe/tillich.html>

[2] Ibid

## Hymns

**Lord of the Dance: TIS 242**

**Brother, Sister: TIS 650**

**Now the Green Blade Rises:  
TiS 382**

## Notices

We welcome our *pilgrims* back this week. We look forward to hearing of their experiences ie those experiences they would like to share!

### ***ST KILDA BAPTIST CHURCH***

9 Pakington Street will launch Digby Hannah's new CD *Glimpse of Hope* this afternoon at **3pm**. There will be a free concert which includes the Solstice Singers Choir. CDs will be available for sale – cash sales only. All proceeds go to the St Kilda Baptist Community Kitchen.

### ***163 TABLE CONVERSATIONS.***

The next and last for the year is this Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November. Our guests will be "*Millennials*" (a person reaching young adulthood in the early 21st century!). who will have something to say about what it is like to be in that age bracket. It should be good fun for our last meeting of the year. Thinking of **next year**, our wonderful cooks Janet and Brian will be away for 6 months of the year, so we will be looking for any suggestions how we could have food for our

conversations during that time. There are a number of ways that we could manage, but we will be interested in your thoughts.

**Please let Janet know if you are able to come on 20<sup>th</sup> :04177 670 132 for catering purposes. BYO drinks Donations appreciated.**

Our next, and last **READING AND DISCUSSION** meeting for the year will be on **Thursday December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7.45 pm at Mary and Brian's place**. Mary will photocopy some material by John O'Donahue to be read and discussed and she needs to know how many people to prepare for. Please let her know **asap**.

**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](http://www.boabnetwork.org), or ring **Robert 0478549165**.

### ***FUNDRAISING FOR MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRIES***

The Presbytery of Yarra Yarra is working hard to help fund three mental health ministries. The ministry of Rev John Tansey as Mental Health Chaplain is an essential part of this venture.

**John Cranmer** is making available copies of his latest collection of poems *Dancing on Thin Water* to support John's work. Copies are available for purchase for \$20, \$12 of which will go to this ministry. Please enjoy the read and support John Tansey's work.

### ***COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL***

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. Contact **Janet** for sewing and craft, **Maureen** for coordination and administration. Input welcomed. **Dates for viewing at Holy Trinity Church**– Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup>, Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 10.00-7.00; Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> 10.00-6.00; Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> 12.00 noon to 4.00pm. **Concert (Elwood Singers)** Friday 7.00pm, Gold coin donation. **Carols 4.00pm Sunday**.

### **Next Sunday November 25**

**Maureen** will be conducting a **WALK** for the St Kilda Historical Society: *Carnivals, Charity and Commemorations*. This starts at 5pm from The Cenotaph, Catani Gardens. Members \$5 non-members. Spaces limited. Bookings: Trybooking