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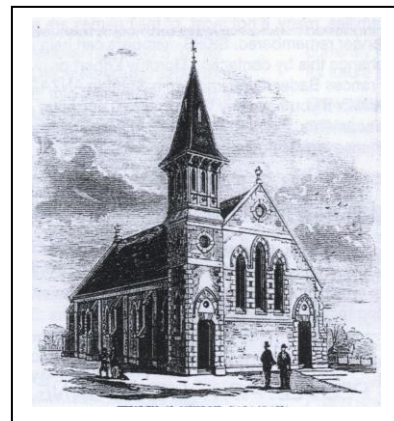
We respectfully acknowledge the Yalukit Willam clan of the Boon Wurrung – the Traditional Owners of Port Phillip. We pay our respects to their Elders and community past, present and emerging. We acknowledge and uphold their continuing relationship to this land.

Date	30 June	07 July	14 July	21 July
Worship Assistance	David Desleigh	David Randall	David Melissa	David Andrej
Welcome at door	Mary	Louise	Darren	Roma
Flowers	Mary	Roma	Deb	Petra
Coffee	Mary	Louise	Darren	Roma
Rubbish collection	Randall	Darren/Melissa	Randall	Andrej

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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 and distributor of the Newsletter. If you would like to receive a copy of the church newsletter each week or if you wish to be removed from the list, please contact Desleigh: desleighk@ozemail.com.au
Contributions to the content are also welcomed.



**St Kilda Uniting Church
Parish Mission
NEWSLETTER
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Sunday, 30 June 2019**

You are most welcome to our service this morning. The Rev. David Pargeter will lead our worship. Please join us afterwards for tea/coffee and conversation.

Bible Reading: Psalm 16: pg 375. Luke 9: 51 – 62 pg 685. The Inclusive Bible

Vale Dr David Lancaster

Death has a rather compelling way of capturing our attention and urging us to think about what it means to live.

When Jesus talked about offering people the prospect of abundant living we have to hear those words in the context of his own life; a life embedded in the ideals of social justice, inclusion, faith, renunciation of wealth and a generosity of spirit that changed the lives of other people.

Abundant living (*marbeh*) doesn't mean having more than you know what to do with. This is a distorted, and at times convenient, misunderstanding of that concept and is a departure from its original meaning. In the Hebrew language *marbeh* captures the idea of 'overflowing' and relates to what flows out of a faithful life rather than what flows into it. The latter is often the consequence of luck, birth and circumstance (and effort of course). The former has much more to do with orientation and good intention. That is, what kind of life you chose to lead? Which principles and purpose will act as a guide through life?

I first met David 20 years ago when I moved to Melbourne for ministry and became deeply involved with Justice for Asylum Seekers. It was a thought-provoking encounter. David was good at gentle provocation and asking incisive questions. He could be both laconic and cutting too. I think he could also have authored a book titled: *Your answers questioned!* PTO

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My first impression was of a kind man who was a great thinker, well read and a seriously informed activist. Emphasis on action – doing things that bring about change. Doing things that improved the lives of people. But it didn't take too long to discover that he was also a person of great humanity and humility who loved people, all kinds of people, and whose personal faith was deeper and larger than religion.

I remember responding to one of his probing faith questions once, by describing myself to him as a Theocentric Humanist; he thought that also captured something of who he was. I don't recall ever debating faith with David – we only shared thoughts and ideas.

David is the kind of person I wish I had known in my 20's, but I am so glad that our paths did cross. I know that this is also true for many many people within this community, and around the world.

Vale David, we will miss you and memories of you will not fade quickly. We are so grateful that you so generously shared some of your life with us, and that together with Shirley, you enriched the lives and life of this faith community. Between you, you embodied the idea of *marbeh* and gave it meaning.

Thank you, David. Pargeter.

The funeral for David Lancaster will be at this church tomorrow, Monday, July 1st at 1pm.

A Bit of Faith (O Waly Waly: TiS 654)

A bit of faith is all I need
A bit of faith on which to feed
A bit of faith by which to live
A bit of faith through which to give.

A bit of faith to hold me up
A bit of faith to fill my cup
A bit of faith to see me through
A bit of faith in me and you

A bit of faith among the strife
A bit of faith to give me life
A bit of faith to shape my ways
A bit of faith to end my days

A bit of faith to keep me strong
A bit of faith to right my wrong
A bit of faith is all I need
A bit of faith – a mustard seed.

Rev David Pargeter: October 2017

The Womb of Life (How Great Thou Art TiS: 155)

The road is long but there is time to ponder
To think about, what life on earth might mean.
This pale blue dot, suspended in a sunbeam,
One mote of dust, within a cosmic stream.

Refrain:

This is our world, our place among the stars

*A long long way, from Moons and Mars
And this is home to everything that lives.*

The womb of life, that gives and gives.

The roads of faith, are born of myth and story
Woven from life and many human dreams.
They speak of love and hope that knows no ending,
Of mysteries some science now explains

Refrain

Yet faith remains a way of comprehending
Of seeing life through thoughtful caring eyes
Of seeking truth within the ancient stories
And finding hope through science and the wise.

Refrain:

David Pargeter: 24 March 2018

God Gives us a Future: TiS 687

NOTICES

The CHURCH COUNCIL will meet this Tuesday at 2.30pm. Please talk to any Council members if there are any issues you would like raised at this meeting.

READING GROUP: The next Reading and Discussion Group is this Thursday, 4 July, 7.30pm at Mary and Brian's. If you would like some information from the last meeting on Heretics and Heresies please speak to David. All welcome.

NAIDOC WEEK (National Aboriginal and Islander Week) begins next Sunday, July 7th. The theme this year is: "Voice, Treaty, Truth: Let's Work Together for a Shared Future". There will be a flagraising event at St Kilda TownHall on Monday 8th July from 11.30 am to 2pm. All welcome.

NOTE: Next Sunday is the first of the month, which means we will have communion during the service. We expect to be joined by, and welcome the Zimbabwean congregation.

The next 163 CONVERSATIONS is Tuesday week – July 9th. The guest speaker will be Colleen Pearce, Victorian Public Advocate. She is empowered by law to promote and safeguard the rights and interests of people with disability. The title of her talk will be "The Illusion of Choice and Control. The difficulties for people with complex and challenging support needs to obtain adequate support under the NDIS". This will be a very interesting and relevant talk. For catering purposes, please let Mary know if you are coming. Ph. 0409 060 846 Nibbles 6.15 – Dinner 6.30pm.

On Friday 12th July at 6.30pm, here at the church, EMOTIONWORKS (who practise in our church) will hold a free concert of wonderful singers. Come and have an enjoyable evening.

On Friday, 19 July, (7pm for a 7.30 start) at HOLY TRINITY, BALACLAVA, David Johnston, OAM, will accompany classic silent movies, including the 1902 sci-fi film, 'A Trip to the Moon', on the church's Fincham organ. Cost \$20 includes supper.