

ART SPACE AT BAPTIST CHURCH . The next gathering is Monday 28th May 9.30 –12.30. A welcoming creative space for all.

We respectfully acknowledge the Yalukit Willam clan of the Boon Wurrung. We pay our respects to their Elders and community past and present. We acknowledge and uphold their continuing relationship to this land.

Date	May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27
<i>Worship Assistance</i>	David Andrej	David Roma	David Brian	Melissa
<i>Welcome at door</i>	Maureen	Melissa & Darren	Louise	Mary
<i>Pre-Service Prayer</i>	Janet	Melissa	Mary	Roma
<i>Flowers</i>	Louise	Mary	Deb	Maureen
<i>Coffee</i>	Andrej & Petra	Mary	Maureen	Louise
<i>Rubbish collection</i>	Deb	Roma	Randall	Mary

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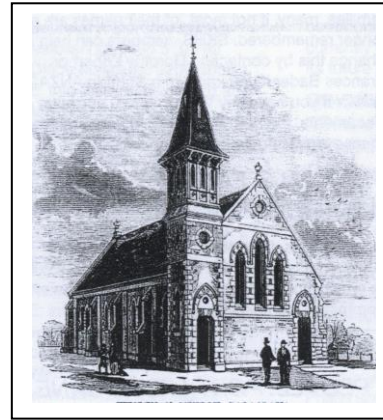
VISION STATEMENT:

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



**St Kilda Uniting Church
Parish Mission**

NEWSLETTER

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Sunday, 6 May 2018

Easter 6

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

Bible Readings: Genesis 37: 25 pg 44

Jeremiah 8: 18, and 21 – 22 pg 828; Jeremiah 46: 11 – 12 pg 874

From David:

The theme for **May** is **Healing**. There are quite a few ways of understanding the idea of being healed and I thought it might be helpful to have a look at some of them in the context of our spiritual meanderings.

Like many (if not all of you), my own understanding of healing is informed and influenced by personal experience, as well as the experiences of others. The journey from childhood to older age is punctuated by encounters with injury and poor health. Minor and major. My own journey was most recently informed by radical surgery for oesophageal cancer. An operation that took place on this weekend 3 years ago. It's an experience I think about often as it changed the course of my life in so many ways.

During my recovery phase I read a great deal and re-acquainted myself with the poetry of Wendell Berry – farmer, philosopher, poet and theologian. As some of you know, I just love birds. Here's a poem that spoke to me a great deal:

PTO

*'When despair grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least
sound
in fear of what my life and my
children's lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood
drake
rests in his beauty on the water, and
the great heron feeds.
I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with
forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of
still water.
And I feel above me the day-blind
stars
waiting for their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and
am free. Wendell Berry*

David

Songs/Hymns

TiS 153: God is Love

There is a balm in Gilead: Solo Glen

TiS 538: Feed us Now

NOTICES

A big 'thank you ' to Janet and Brian for organising breakfast for AGM this morning. If you need a hard copy or electronic copy of the report from 2017 please check with David

163 TABLE CONVERSATION
Sharing Food – Sharing Ideas. The next dinner/conversation is here at the church next **Tuesday May 8. Dr Meredith Doig, General Secretary of Reason Australia.** The title of her presentation is: **“The Rate of Progress”** where she will draw upon Steven Pinker’s latest book **“Enlightenment Now”**- a response to Donald Trump’s counter-enlightenment approach to the presidency. **Nibbles 6.15pm** followed by dinner. **All welcome – bring your friends!** please RSVP to Janet 0417 670 132 BYO drinks.

READING AND DISCUSSION GROUP will re-commence on **Thursday May 17th at Mary and Brian’s – 7.45 to 9.30pm** where we will discuss an article on **Pilgrimages.** If you would like to come and/or have a copy of the article please talk to Mary. Subsequent meetings will be on the **3rd Thursday of every month.** All welcome.

The next POETRY AND FAITH evening will be here at the church on Thursday May 24th at 6.30pm Please let Louise know if you can come. **All welcome!**

The CHURCH COUNCIL is interested in hearing your ideas of what projects could benefit from our **6% for development** (approx.\$7000 contribution this year). Previously we have divided this between local, indigenous and international projects. If you have a suggestion to make please talk with Mary.

Andrej is always looking for stories and photos to keep our website up to date and interesting. Please contact him if you have a contribution to make..

PORT PHILLIP CITIZENS FOR RECONCILIATION invites you to their annual lunch to commemorate **National Sorry Day on Friday, 25th May, (actual NSD is 26th) 12.30-2.30pm at the South Melbourne Community Centre, cnr Park Street & Ferrars Place, South Melbourne.** **Rsvp 18th May.** Flyer on notice board.

Just a reminder that **Louise** is our Culture of safety contact person and she has or will be approaching various people for their **Working with Children Checks** as instructed by Synod.

From the **Baptist church.** Clothes for Drop In. The women at **Gatehouse** are in urgent need of clothing so if you are going through your wardrobe and decide you can get rid of a few things,

the women would really appreciate it. You can take them to the Baptist church Thurs & Fri, or contact Helen 0459226051. Any donation gratefully received, especially as winter is just around the corner.

Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project is always in need of donations – some suggestions are: Sugar , flour , cooking oil.

Cans of tomatoes, fruit, tuna (large and small), red kidney beans, corn, peas. Long life milk, tea and coffee, cheese, biscuits, honey, noodles, dates. Gladwrap, tinfoil, pegs for hanging out washing Sweet and savoury biscuits, Snacks for school lunches, Salt and pepper Spices: coriander, cinnamon, ginger Shampoo and Conditioner, Shaving Cream and shavers, toothpaste.

We seemingly never have enough washing powder, dish washing detergents and household cleaning products. A very generous person is keeping us supplied with toilet paper. Quite a number of families have small children, so disposable nappies and wipes are an ongoing need. Vouchers are really appreciated eg. for Coles, Big W, Kmart or similar stores;. Bring contributions to church at any time (box in foyer) and they will be taken to basp at Albert Park.