

# Keeping in touch ... Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Welcome to our Worship Service. If you're visiting, please join us in the hall afterwards for tea/coffee and a chat!

**Pernaperna Group** The next meeting is **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November** from 1-3pm at the Sunbury Neighbourhood House (531 Elizabeth Drive). All welcome. Enquiries to Joan Koren on 0418 302 676.

**Farewell to Paul and Dawn Craig** The Baptist Church invites us to join them at their Service to farewell Pastor Paul Craig and his wife Dawn, at 10am on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December**, followed by a shared lunch. For catering purposes, please let me know (Helen H) by 23<sup>rd</sup> November if you wish to attend, so I can notify them.

**Christmas at Rupertswood** ... organised by the Combined Churches of Sunbury, will be held on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December**, from 5 to 8.30pm. The day will feature free activities and a nativity stable, concluding with Christmas Carols. Many volunteers will be needed to set up from 2pm to 8.30pm. If you're able to help in any way, you'll find some leaflets on the pamphlet rack in the Link, with details of time slots and help needed.

**A Volunteers' Briefing Session** will be held on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November**, 7.30pm at our church. All volunteers must have a valid WWC card and you can register here <https://www.sunburychurches.com.au/volunteers.html>. Forms can be filled in online, then printed and signed. Forward the completed form to Robyn Flett or bring to the Briefing Session.

**Prayer request #5** Pray that through the nativity stable, the 'Jesus' Birthday children's activities and gift bags, all children will understand the true Christmas story.

## Uniting Church for Climate Action t-shirts



front

These are for sale @ \$30 each. Sizes are S, M, L, XL, 2XL. A sample is available for you to look at. Black only.

back



See above for the designs on the front and back. If you'd like to order one, please see or ring Nancy (or Helen H when Nancy is in UK). The sample t-shirt can be found in the photocopy room.

## Rosters for Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November

**Door:** C. Ely, J. Unwin

**Morning Tea:** C. Morgan, C. Marlow

## Readings for Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November - God's surprising presence

**1 Samuel 1:** 4-20

**1 Samuel 2:** 1-10

**Hebrews 10:** 11-14, (15-18), 19-25

**Mark 13:** 1-8

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## November Birthdays



**1** Tim Hay                      **4** Pat O'Meara  
**18** Dianne Moon            **22** Eileen Dundas  
**28** Strickland Lesoa

**JESUS LOVES YOU**

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The Minister's days off are:

- every Mon and Sat
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- 5<sup>th</sup> Sun when it occurs

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## Regular Events

**KYB (Know Your Bible)** meets at Pat Hay's home every Thursday at 10am for a cuppa, chat and Bible Study, until approximately 12pm. If you'd like to join, or just visit now and then, please speak to Pat.

**Contemplative Prayer Group** We gather from 9 to 10am on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays at Barb's home (Unit 1, 5 Timins Street) for a time of quiet prayer for our church family. Enquiries to Barb Ashley.

**The Drop-in Centre** is open every Friday from 10am to 2.30pm. Drop in for a free cuppa and chat, and browse our many good quality books – for sale from 50c to \$2. Enquiries to Jan Semmens on 0400 404 901.

**Men's Group** meets monthly on first Saturdays from 10am-12pm in the Drop-in Centre over coffee and toast to relax and chat – about anything! Enquiries to Peter Canning 0478 777 400.

## News ... Notes ... Advance Diary Dates ... Community Events

**Congratulations!** To Nathan and Adele Shoemith on the arrival of their daughter Charlotte, born on the 24<sup>th</sup> October. Congratulations also to Kate and Greg Shoemith on becoming grandparents and to Elaine Michaelides on becoming a great-great-grandmother.

**A date in our history:** Next Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November, it will be **120 years** since our church was opened by Lady Janet Clarke with a golden key, on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 1904. The Dedication Service on this day was conducted by the Rev. Professor J. L. Rentoul.

**A note about the key:** Many years later, this key 'went missing'. The Regional News Gazette on the 14<sup>th</sup> September 1972, states: "Recently it was realised that a large gold plated key embellished and studded with imitation jewels was missing from its customary place attached to a plaque on the wall. It is of significant historical attachment for it was used in the ceremony when the late Lady Janet Clarke, widow of the late Sir William Clarke, turned the lock in the church door when the building was officially opened on Sunday November 13, 1904." An appeal was made for information on the whereabouts of the key but it was never found. A replica was later created which we now still have in our possession.

**Sammy Stamp news from October Network magazine:** A couple of Sammy's helpers recently journeyed to Kangaroo Flat UC (Bendigo) to speak at a UCAF Regional gathering. Their presentation included how a lot of our sales are accomplished through the internet, including buyers from overseas. The Sammy Stamp CD (now 8 years old) was also shown. Sammy Stamp volunteers really enjoyed the day – and the food – and came home with many stamps to trim, sort and sell. Up to and including the 5<sup>th</sup> September, sales had reached about \$22,330 (\$22,542 same period last year). We have not approved any further grants, therefore the total amount in grants approved so far this year remains at \$39,900.

**Data Projector Roster:** A request has been made for extra volunteers on this Roster. Only basic computer skills are required. Please see Rob Marlow if you're interested in finding out more.



## Recycling Corner

Use the recycling trolley or boxes in photocopy room for:

- old biros and textas
- medication blisters
- milk bottle lids
- x-ray transparencies
- bread bag tags – plastic only (no tea bag tags or ring pulls please)
- old glasses (spectacles)
- CDs and DVDs (and plastic cases)
- all coffee/Slurpee cups, plastic straws and lids – *or take to 7-Eleven in Gap Road*
- used postage stamps – Joycelyn and Reg collect for Sammy Stamp
- toner/ink cartridges, batteries, small electrical devices
- mobile phones and chargers, to support Melbourne Zoo's 'Gorilla Doctors' program in East Africa



Use the big plastic container for:

- 10c containers such as:



– see flyers on the recycling trolley.

The other side of the story is to **BUY** recycled:

The other side of recycling is to try to buy products made from recycled materials, in order to create a relevant market. Without a market, the recycled material has to go to landfill.

Check out these websites:

<https://littleecoshop.com.au>

[www.onyalife.com/products](http://www.onyalife.com/products)

[www.cleanup.org.au/buy-recycled](http://www.cleanup.org.au/buy-recycled)

