

Keeping in touch ... Sunday 11th February 2024

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

Tesselaar Tulips This is a new fundraiser for our Restoration Fund. Tulip bulbs will be available to buy – plant in late summer to autumn for spring flowering. Collect your brochure from Nancy Prewer today. *More information will be provided over the coming weeks – Nancy.*



Footy tipping is back! The opening round is less than a month away and the St. Andrew's tipping competition hopes to raise funds for our building renovations. The entry fee is \$25, to be paid to our St. Andrew's Restoration Fund BSB 633-000, Account 115212300 – please add your name to the payment, or pay in cash to Nancy Prewer, Di Moon or Marg Woolcock. **The prize pool will be:** Building Restoration Fund – 50%, 1st prize – 25%, 2nd prize – 15%, 3rd and 4th prizes – 5% each. The wooden spoon this year will win exactly that. Go to the following link to join the competition:
https://www.footytips.com.au/comps/st_andrews_uca_sunbury_restoration_fund_afl

Combined Churches Chorale Singers!do you enjoy singing with others? The Chorale is now rehearsing **every Monday** from 7.30 to 8.30pm at our church. There are no fees involved. Rehearsal tracks are available if needed. You don't need to be able to read music – just enjoy singing. Anyone is welcome to join us for fellowship and song – both men and women!
For more information contact Gwen Hutcheson 0412 547 643.

Sunago commences again at 6pm **tonight**. Please BYO meal.

DIY Lenten Study This is a study you can do at your leisure on your own or with others, throughout Lent or at another time you choose. The study by Bruce Barber is entitled: 'The Lord's Prayer – Prayer for those who can no longer pray'. *Please contact Rev. Faama if you are interested.*

Pancake (Shrove) Tuesday This Restoration Fund fundraising event will happen in the Drop-in Centre on **Tuesday 13th February** from 10.30am to 1.30pm. Cost – \$6 to \$12 which includes tea/coffee.
To ensure there will be enough pancakes, please book your table with Dianne on 0404 266 296 or Nancy on 0421 885 179. Bring your friends!

Ash Wednesday Service is on **Wednesday 14th February** at 7.30pm at our church. This is a Service to help prepare us for Lent, a season in which the church remembers the life and ministry of Jesus and renews its commitment to him in Christian discipleship. All welcome.

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February Birthdays



- 4 Rob Coulson
- 6 Linda Bone
- 11 Carole Simpson



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The Minister's days off are:

- every Mon and Sat
- every 3rd Fri and 3rd Sun
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Sunbury Family History & Heritage Society The first meeting this year will be at 1.30pm on **Thursday 15th February** at the Senior Citizens Club (8 O'Shanassy Street). Anyone is welcome to attend.

Church Council Next meeting is at 7pm on **Thursday 15th February** which will be a short one followed by a workshop conducted by Narelle Collas.

Pernaperna Group Our next meeting is on **Thursday 22nd February** from 1-3pm at the Sunbury Neighbourhood House (531 Elizabeth Drive). Enquiries to Joan on 0418 302 676.

AGM reports Would all groups please hand their reports to Amanda Woods by **Sunday 18th February**. The AGM will be held on **Sunday 3rd March**.

World Day of Prayer This service will be held on **Wednesday 6th March** at 7.30pm at the Salvation Army (27 Anderson Road). All welcome. Enquiries to Gwen on 0412 547 643.



The theme this year is "I Beg You ... Bear With One Another in Love," based on Ephesians 4:1-7.

The program calls us to bear with each other in love, despite all difficulties and oppression. It was written by an ecumenical group of Palestinian Christian women. The Worship Service shares stories of three Palestinian Christian women, who witness to the power of bearing together in love. Their stories illuminate the experiences of Palestinian women from three different generations. The symbol of an olive tree is used throughout the worship service. This represents the three generations through the trunk, branches, and leaves of the olive tree.

The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative. It is run under the motto 'Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action' and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries in March. The movement aims to bring together women of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer, as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.



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.

Drop-in Centre – 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.

Rosters for Sunday 18th February

Door: B. Ashley, C. Prosser

Morning tea: C. Simpson, C. Grant

Readings for Sunday 18th February – First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 9: 8-17

Psalms 25: 1-10

1 Peter 3: 18-22

Mark: 1: 9-15



Recycling Corner

Use the recycling trolley in the foyer for donations of the following:

- milk bottle tops
- bread bag tags
- tea bag tags
- old biros
- medication blisters (empty)
- old glasses (spectacles)
- CDs and DVDs
- coffee and Slurpee etc. drink cups, plastic straws and lids



Also:

- Used postage stamps – Joycelyn and Reg organise these (Helen will deliver to Sammy Stamp).
- Helen is still collecting mobile phones and chargers (the Zoo's 'Gorilla Doctors' collection), toner/ink cartridges, batteries, small electrical devices.



Buy recycled:

The other side of recycling is to try to purchase products made from recycled materials to create a market for the material we recycle. If there is no market, it has to go to landfill.

Check out these websites:

<https://littleecoshop.com.au>

www.onyalife.com/products

www.cleanup.org.au/buy-recycled

