

Keeping in touch

Sunday 12th February 2023

This newsletter commenced during lockdowns when Services were not held in person and still temporarily replaces the Sunday Bulletin. Please email or call with anything you'd like to share, or to advertise or any upcoming events. (Helen Hall – see contact details below.)

Safe Church Training will be conducted after the Service today **Sunday 12th February** by Rev. Deacon Jeanne Beale. We also welcome Jeanne as our guest preacher this morning. Lunch will be provided.

Pernaperna Group

'Conversation and Journey Of Discovery along the Timeline – 1770 to Present'
The Pernaperna Women will embark on this discussion during our meetings this year. *TRUTH TELLING* is one of the things *The Uluru Statement From The Heart* is calling us to embrace. As we make this journey along the Timeline, we will discover the truth of our history. To enable more members to participate, we will hold an extra session on the third Saturday of each month. Our next meetings are at 1-3pm on **Thursday 16th February** and 10am-12pm on **Saturday 18th February**.

At the conclusion of the Timeline discussions, it is hoped to produce a Sunbury Timeline. This will mean further in-depth discussion of ideas of how this could be presented as something for the local community to be able to view. Enquiries to Joan on 0418 302 676.

2pm Afternoon Service is on again on **Sunday 19th February**. All welcome.

Pancake (Shrove) Tuesday Join us on **Tuesday 21st February** in the Drop-in Centre area from 10.30am for pancakes and a cuppa to support our church restoration fund.

Ash Wednesday Service This special Easter Service will commence at 7pm on **Wednesday 22nd February** in our church.

Congregational Annual Meeting Our AGM will take place after Worship on **Sunday 26th February**. Please give all reports to Amanda by 12th February so they can be ready for distribution on Sunday 19th February – in person or by email to amandasymonds@gmail.com.

Muslims in Australia This 13th Annual Peter Barcham Memorial Lecture explores the common ground between Muslims and Christians. It will be presented by Imam Alaa Elzokm at Gisborne Uniting Church at 7.30pm on **Monday 6th March**. Admission is free and supper will be provided. Enquires to Janet or D'Arcy Wood on 5428 6700.

Happy Birthday!



No more birthdays in February.

If you know of anyone missing from my list, or if you would like yours mentioned here, please let me know!

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Drop-in Centre The Drop-in Centre is open **every Friday** from 10am to 2.30pm. Enter via the door near the white gates on the brick wall (fountain end). All welcome! Drop in for a cuppa and chat, and browse through our many good quality second-hand books which are available for sale from 50c to \$2. Cuppas are free – the cheapest café in Sunbury!
Enquiries to Jan Semmens on 0400 404 901.

Footy tipping competition A fundraising footy tipping competition has been established on ESPN for the *St. Andrew's UCA Sunbury Restoration Appeal*. The entry fee is \$25 (50% towards painting, 25% winner, 15% second, 5% third, 5% wooden spoon).

Payment can be made in person to Margaret Woolcock, Nancy Prewer or Dianne Moon, or online to the Young Mum's Account (BSB 633 000 Account 115212300). Please include: *painting / your name*with your transaction.

To join the competition, go to the ESPN footy website –
www.footytips.com.au/comps/st_andrews_uca_sunbury_restoration_fund_afl

(Feel free to send the link to your family, friends and work colleagues).

Prizes:

- End of home and away season winner – 25% of prize pool
- Second – 15%
- Third – 5.0%
- Wooden spoon – 5%
- Tip all teams that win or draw in a full round and win a mystery prize

This is a game of skill – be in it to win it! and please encourage family members to take part.

Rosters for Sunday 19th February:

Door: B. Ashley, G. Warne **Morning Tea:** R. Flett, J. Hay

Readings for Sunday 19th February:

Exodus 24: 12-18 Psalm 2 or 99 2 Peter 1: 16-21 Matthew 17: 1-9

News and Notes

- Newly discovered items that can be recycled are:
- DVDs/CDs (Helen will take to Officeworks). Place in the batteries drawer – NOT the plastic cases please.
 - Any brand coffee, Slurpee or drink cups, plastic lids and straws can be recycled!! (but not in your recycle bin). 'Simply Cups' is working with new technologies to upcycle cups into useful items, e.g. outdoor furniture, garden beds, reusable cups and most recently, a road! The Gap Road 7-Eleven is a collection centre and has a receptacle for cups, lids and straws. Please save any coffee and similar drink cups (as above) and drop into 7-Eleven or bring to church (rinsed and dry please) and Helen will take them.
So far, over 29 million cups have been saved from landfill!!!



Recycling Corner

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

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

Also:

- Used postage stamps – no longer accepted by TLM but continue to donate and Helen will try to send to Sammy Stamp in Parkdale.
- 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

