



## Keeping in touch... Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Please email or call with anything you'd like to share, or to advertise or any upcoming events. (Helen Hall – see contact details below.)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent** A prayer from Mesalina, Women's Fellowship, Methodist Church of Samoa: "Pray for the youth of American Samoa, issues of suicide, drugs and crime."

**Lent Event Appeal** Your gift to UnitingWorld will be used where the need is greatest, enabling our church partners in the Pacific, Asia and Africa to lift people out of poverty, end violence and injustice, promote equality and raise up the next generation of leaders. Please give generously and together we can make a powerful difference! For five interesting videos, go to the website <https://donate.unitingworld.org.au/event/lent-event> and click on the donate tab. For those who remember our dear friend John Mercer, one of the videos features the tiny island of Tuvalu where he spent some time volunteering.

Envelopes are available on the bench in the kitchen. You can place an Appeal envelope containing cash in the offering bag OR fill in the credit card details and mail the envelope. With either method, if you would like a receipt, fill in your name and address on the envelope.

**Sunbury Winter Shelter AGM** is on today **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March** at our church, commencing at 2.30pm.

**SunFest** is next **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March** – see overleaf for ways you can help.

**Combined Church Service** Next **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March** at 10am, there will be a combined Service on the Village Green for Sunbury churches.

**Please note:** There will be no Service in our church on that day.

**Sunago** is on next **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March** at 6pm. Please BYO food. We will be discussing the commonality between Muslims and Christians.

**Sunbury LEC** The AGM for the Sunbury Lay Ecumenical Committee Inc. will be held at 7.30pm on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March** at the Salvation Army meeting room (27 Anderson Road). If you're interested in what the LEC does (soon to be known as Combined Churches of Sunbury) you are welcome to attend. Planning for Carols 2023 is already well under way.

**2pm Service** The next one is on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March**.

*Happy Birthday!*



March birthdays

2<sup>nd</sup> Zac Hay  
5<sup>th</sup> Chris Ely  
6<sup>th</sup> Alexandra Hay  
8<sup>th</sup> Inge Jerszewski  
15<sup>th</sup> Barbara Ashley  
20<sup>th</sup> Pat Baulch  
25<sup>th</sup> Geoff Hitch



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... see overleaf

**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).

To join the competition, go to the ESPN footy website – [www.footytips.com.au/comps/st\\_andrews\\_uca\\_sunbury\\_restoration\\_fund\\_afl](http://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).

### **Rosters for Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March:**

Not required due to combined Service on Village Green.

### **Readings for Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March:**

1 Samuel 16: 1-13      Psalm 23      Ephesians 5: 8-14      John 9: 1-41

## **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://littlecoshop.com.au>

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

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



**SunFest**  
**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March**



**We need your help !!**  
**... as follows :**

**Setting up** – there will be two sessions on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 11am and 2.30pm

**Helping to serve** on stalls on Saturday

If you can help at either of these sessions, or on a stall on Saturday, please let Nancy know – or write your name on the list in the Link, with the time/s you are available. Please be specific re setting up on Friday and/or helping on Saturday.

**Donations of items for any stall will be appreciated:**

Please bring on Friday or even early on Saturday

### **Craft/variety**

Crafty items or gifts, fresh produce (fruit/vegs/eggs), jams/preserves, cakes, slices, sweets

### **Trash 'n Treasure**

Anything in good condition that's worth selling!

### **Devonshire Teas**

See Di for her comprehensive list of items that can be donated

### **Location of our stalls on Saturday:**

Craft/Variety Stall and Trash 'n Treasure – in the Chapel

Book Stall – in the Drop-in Centre area in the church hall

Devonshire Teas – in the church hall

