



Keeping in touch . . . Sunday 12th November 2023

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

Geelong Welsh Ladies Choir 'A Hint of Christmas' The choir will perform at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (49 Fisher Street, Gisborne) **today Sunday 12th November** from 3-4pm. Entry is by gold coin donation.

Sunbury Family History & Heritage Society The next meeting is at 1.30pm on **Thursday 16th November** at the Senior Citizens Club (8 O'Shanassy Street). *Please note: the Senior Cit's Club will be undergoing renovation by Hume Council in the near future so if you wish to attend a meeting after this one, please contact Rosa McCall on 0438 681 463 to confirm the venue.*

Our new Minister is Rev. Fa'amata'u Leota. He will be visiting us next **Sunday 19th November**. After the Service we will spend time with him over a luncheon. Please bring a plate of something sweet to share – sandwiches and hot food will be provided.

The Induction Service will be held on **Sunday 3rd December** at 2pm, followed by afternoon tea. Please bring a plate to share (savory or sweet) as we will be hosting many visitors that day.

Pernaperna Group will meet next on **Thursday 23rd November** from 1-3pm at the Sunbury Neighbourhood House (531 Elizabeth Drive). Enquiries to Joan Koren on 0418 302 676.

Sunbury StreetLife Festival will take place on **Sunday 26th November**. As a result of our church's participation in this event, the Service that day will not be held in the Chapel, it will be in the hall in a 'Café Church' format at the tables already set up for Dev Teas, so that T&T can be set up in the Chapel on Saturday. At 11am we will commence running our stalls. At the time of printing, the only stalls I've been made aware of are T&T, Books and Dev Teas. Enquiries to Nancy or Di (I don't know coordinator names for each stall).

Christmas at Rupertswood Carols this year will be held at the same Rupertswood location on **Saturday 9th December**, commencing at 5pm. Many volunteers will be needed to set up from 2pm through to 8pm and then later to take down the marquee and clear the site. There will be a Volunteers' Briefing Session at 7.30pm on **Tuesday 21st November** at our church. If you are able to help in any way, please take a leaflet from the envelope in the pamphlet rack in the Link. All volunteers must have a valid WWC card. *Prayer requests – see over.*

November Birthdays



- 18 Dianne Moon
- 22 Eileen Dundas
- 27 Chloe Brownscombe
- 28 Strickland Lesoa

ANZAC DAY

... is the anniversary of the WW1 landing of the *Australia and New Zealand Army Corps* on Gallipoli in 1915. It is a day to remember those who were killed or injured, fought or lost loved ones, and those who were widowed or orphaned by war. In both NZ and Australia, the tradition of ANZAC Day acknowledges the sacrifice of those who sought to save the peace, as well as recognising the suffering and futility of war. It is a day to give thanks for freedom, and pray that peace may be a reality in every country of the world.

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Christmas at Rupertswood Prayer Requests

- Thank God that we have the freedom to bring the Gospel message of Salvation to the community of Sunbury.
- Praise God for the available venue at Rupertswood and for the abundant provision of finances to hold the event.
- Pray that enough volunteers will come forward from all the churches involved.
- Pray that all the churches work together as the one Christian Church.
- Pray for the participating schools, the bands and choirs and all other performers on the stage.

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 books – for sale from 50c to \$2. *Enquiries to Jan Semmens on 0400 404 901.*

CareWorks For many years, generous members of this congregation have been bringing groceries to help stock the CareWorks pantry.

Sometimes there are items that are low in stock, so now and then we'll update you with these. Any donations are still very much appreciated but it will be helpful if you can consider something from the list. Thank you!

- ★ instant coffee – small jars
- ★ long life milk – any kind
- ★ weetbix
- ★ muesli bars
- ★ peanut butter
- ★ vegemite
- ★ jam
- ★ pasta sauce
- ★ gravy
- ★ shampoo
- ★ men's deodorant

Rosters for Sunday 19th November:

Door: C. Simpson, R. Simpson

Morning tea: D. Moon, G. Woods

Readings for Sunday 19th November:

Judges 4: 1-7

Psalm 123

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

Matthew 25: 14-30

News and Notes

Bereavement It is with great sadness that we advise of the passing of our dear friend Noel Knappstein. The Funeral Service will be held at 11am on **Friday 17th November** in our church. It will be livestreamed for those unable to attend. Please remember his daughter Faye and granddaughter Monique in your prayers in the coming weeks.

Noel had a huge input into the 'behind the scenes' life of our church over many years. He did so many jobs that no one knew needed to be done! Over the many years he acted as Verger at weddings and funerals, he donated his Verger's fee back to our church. This money, combined with his years of collecting and selling scrap metal, amounted to thousands of dollars which he spent on church resources such as kitchen, toilet and general building requisites. Noel was also a 'Mr. Fixit', taking home lots of the broken 'donations' left at the drop boxes and repairing them for sale by T&T.

Above all, Noel's smile and cheery presence will be greatly missed by us all!



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

