



Keeping in touch... Sunday 13th April 2025

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

Palm Sunday



Maunder Thursday The Service is at 11am on **Thursday 17th April** in our church. This year we will do something a little different. The Service will take place in the hall over a sit down meal, interspersed with the liturgy which will include Holy Communion. We need confirmed numbers of people who wish to attend so there will be a sign-up sheet at the entrance door. Contact Rev. Fa'amata'u for further details.

Sunbury Family History & Heritage Society Meetings take place on 3rd Thursdays so the next one is **Thursday 17th April** at 1.30pm in Meeting Room 5, Hume Global Learning Centre (temporary venue while the Senior Cit's building is being rebuilt). Anyone is welcome to attend.

Good Friday This will be our usual ecumenical Service at 10am on **Friday 18th April** to be held at St. Mary's Anglican Church.

Easter Sunday on **Sunday 20th April** will be at our usual time of 9.30am.

Rosters Sunday 20th April

Door: D. Moon, J. Unwin

Morning Tea: J. Hay, T. Hay

Readings Sunday 20th April - Easter Sunday

Isaiah 65: 17-25

Psalms 118: 1-2, 14-24

Acts 10: 34-43

John 20: 1-18

April Birthdays



5 Joycelyn Young 7 Margaret Weate
14 Margaret Woolcock 16 Jan Morrison
20 Chris Prosser 29 Joy (Elwyn) Davis



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- every Mon and Sat
- every 3rd Fri and 3rd Sun
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Regular Groups

Combined Churches Chorale Leading up to the next ecumenical event (World Day of Prayer) rehearsals are held **every Monday** at 7.30pm in our church. New singers are always welcome – both men and women. Enquires to Gwen Hutcheson on 0412 547 643.

UCAF (Uniting Church Adult Fellowship) meets on **1st Thursdays** at 1.30pm at our church. Enquiries to Robyn Flett on 0423 277 450.

Prayer Circle gathers on **2nd and 4th Fridays** from 9.30 to 10.30am at Barb's home (Unit 1, 5 Timins Street) for a time of quiet prayer for our church family. Enquiries to Barb Ashley on 0410 439 724.

Drop-in Centre is open **every Friday** from 11am to 3pm. Drop in for a free cuppa and chat – the cheapest café in Sunbury! Feel free to browse our many good quality second-hand books – for sale from 50c to \$2. Enquiries to Jan Semmens on 0400 404 901.

Men's Group meets monthly on **1st 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

CareWorks foodbank Can you help stock the shelves of the CareWorks foodbank? Here are the currently most-needed items:

- ★ coffee
- ★ cooking oil
- ★ peanut butter
- ★ vegemite
- ★ 2 minute noodles
- ★ cans of soup
- ★ shampoo
- ★ toilet paper

March Stats

349 Food Parcels handed out.
Feeding 891 People in Sunbury.

CareWorks

Palm Sunday Walk 'Stand together for justice and kindness'.

For decades Palm Sunday actions have called for peace and justice. The annual Palm Sunday Walk happens **TODAY** from 1pm – meeting on Princes Bridge for the walk to 'Tom's Block' (opposite Victorian College of the Arts) or you can meet there after the walk at 1.45pm. The afternoon will continue with speakers, music by the Melbourne Mass Gospel Choir, stalls and activities, until 3.30pm.



Across the world governments are abandoning the social contract, reducing government services and leaving the poor and disenfranchised to struggle. This is not the Australia we were promised. We must stand up for kindness and fair social policies. Justice for Refugees means:

- People must not be left in limbo for years – permanent visas for all refugees.
- Rights-based processes to assess refugee status – not political expedience.
- Families need to be together, not separated for years.
- People need the right to work and study, access to Medicare, and basic income.
- Welcome the stranger – educate on the right to seek asylum.

[Palm Sunday 2025 13th April - Stand together for Justice and Kindness - Refugee Advocacy Network](#)

Recycling Corner

Use the recycling trolley or boxes in photocopy room for:

- medication blisters
- x-ray transparencies
- milk bottle lids
- used biro, textas, highlighters, correction tape dispensers
- 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 new 7-Eleven on Sunbury 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 container for:

- 10c bottles etc. 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
www.cleanup.org.au/buy-recycled

