

Keeping in touch

Sunday 13th November 2022

This newsletter temporarily replaces the Sunday Bulletin. Please email or call me with anything you'd like to share, or to advertise or any upcoming events. (Helen Hall – see contact details below.)

Poinsettias will be available from **Sunday 20th November** @ \$15 each. Each plant will have a card for you to write a memorial message for a loved one. The poinsettias will decorate the church in the lead up to Christmas, then you can take them home. All proceeds will go to the church painting fund. For more information, or to reserve one or two (there are limited supply!) please see Di Moon, Sue Clarke or Jackie Cowan.

Art and Craft Studio Sale The Sunbury Arts Society Inc will be holding an Art and Craft Sale on **Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th November** from 10am to 4pm at the Boilerhouse Gallery (Jackson's Hill). Many pieces of beautiful original creative art and other crafts will be available at affordable prices – ideal for Christmas gifts. Nothing over \$120.

Church picnic Join us for a BBQ lunch on **Sunday 4th December** at the Lerderderg State Park to spend some quality time with Stan and Susan before they leave us. See Di by 20th November for a form asking for RSVP details.

Christmas Carols at Rupertswood will take place on **Saturday 10th December**. Free activities with bands and choirs will be on stage and a nativity stable from 5 till 7 pm, followed by the Christmas Carols. We are asking for volunteers from all the churches to assist us. See separate notice for list of areas where help is needed. We are also looking for the following:

- A 'Mary' with a newborn to 3-month-old baby to play this role for one hour in the nativity stable.
- Someone to assist the grounds manager prior to and during the event. If this person could borrow a trailer, that would also be helpful.

If you can help, please contact Wilmy at wilmyjohnson@hotmail.com.

Christmas Services and Events

The venue for all of the following (except the first one) is St. Andrew's:

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| ➤ Saturday 10 th Dec from 5pm | Carols at Rupertswood |
| ➤ Sunday 18 th Dec 2pm | 9 Lessons and Carols (monthly) |
| ➤ Sunday 18 th Dec 7pm | 9 Lessons and Carols (ecumenical) |
| ➤ Wednesday 21 st Dec 7.30pm | Blue Christmas |
| ➤ Saturday 24 th Dec 8pm | Christmas Eve Carols (outdoors) |
| ➤ Sunday 25 th Dec 9am | Christmas Day |

... see overleaf

Happy Birthday!



November birthdays:

18th – Dianne Moon
22nd – Eileen Dundas
27th – Chloe Brownscombe
28th – Strickland Lesoa



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Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Project Update This year I collected 533 boxes plus \$1609.50 in cash towards shipping – a great effort! There will be lots of happy children! I will let you know at a later date to which countries our boxes have been sent.

Thank you so much to everyone who supported the project! . . . Errel.

Drop-in Centre

The Drop-in Centre is open every Friday from 10am to 2.30pm. Enter via the back door of the church hall (fountain end). All welcome! Drop in for a cuppa and chat, and browse through our many books!

Enquiries to Jan Semmens on 0400 404 901.

Rosters for next Sunday:

Door: N. Prewer, C. Simpson **Morning Tea:** R. Flett, J. Hay

Readings for next Sunday:

Jeremiah 23:1-6 Luke 1:68-79 Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43

News and Notes

➤ **Still missing!!** Has anyone taken home a white tablecloth to wash? Please see Margaret Mitchell if you know of its whereabouts.

➤ **REDcycling** has been temporarily suspended. REDcycle said the move to suspend the scheme followed a significant fire at the recycling facility operated by one of its partners *Close the Loop*. Its other partner, *Replas*, has experienced “significant pandemic-related downturns in market demand as well as other challenges”, according to REDcycle. Australian Council of Recycling CEO Suzanne Toumbourou said the suspension was “disappointing” but she was confident the scheme would be revived. “It's a moment in time, it's absolutely not the end of the story for soft plastics recycling”, she told ABC Radio Melbourne.

Watch this newsletter for updates . . . Helen H.



Recycling Corner

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

- milk bottle tops
- bread bag tags
- bread bags
- tea bag tags
- old biros
- medication blisters (empty)
- old glasses (spectacles)



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

