

# Keeping in touch . . . Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024

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

**Sunago** is on **tonight**, commencing at 6pm. Please BYO meal.

**Sunbury Family History & Heritage Society** The next meeting is at 1.30pm on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July** in Meeting Room 5, Hume Global Learning Centre (temporary venue while Senior Cit's building is being refurbished). Anyone is welcome to attend.

**Pernaperna Group** The next meeting is **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July** from 1-3pm at the Sunbury Neighbourhood House (531 Elizabeth Drive). All welcome. Enquiries to Joan Koren on 0418 302 676.

**Working Bee** There will be a general church clean-up on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July** from 9.30am to 12 noon. Many hands make light work!



**Workshop with Rev. Dr. Sally Douglas** .... UCA minister/theologian and academic, based on her book [The Church as Salt](#). I'd encourage you to secure your own copy either from a library, borrowed from a friend or purchased from the preferred online source [Coventry Press](#) at \$25.95. An initiative between Craigieburn UCA and St. Andrew's Sunbury UCA, the workshop will be held at Craigieburn UCA on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August**.

In preparation for the workshop there will be 5 pre-discussion sessions via Zoom which we have been invited to join. The sessions began last Sunday, continuing today, then **28<sup>th</sup> July, 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> August** from 4pm to 6pm.

As we consider what it means to be the church in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and as we contemplate the future direction for the Sunbury St. Andrew's congregation, I'd encourage you to read the book, take part in the Zoom discussions and attend the workshop. *Contact me (Rev. Fa'amata'u) if you have any queries.*

**The Zoom link is here:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85263972515?pwd=izUFY97lcsWlt5Y1fsx7ngYvlfWFEDp.1> Meeting ID: 852 6397 2515, Passcode: 675335.

**Or listen to the podcast here:**

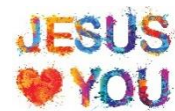
<https://youtu.be/ivSp0Je1Mhs?si=psTm9kXjlLjKqJOP>

**Editor's note:** Because these links are not helpful on the hard copy, you will find both in the Google Group emails sent by Fa'amata'u on the 6<sup>th</sup> July (or the copies of Keeping in Touch which I send out via that email group).

## July Birthdays



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|-------------------|-----------------|
| 8 Dell Parrey     | 12 Jan Semmens  |
| 15 Janene Butler  | 16 Nancy Prewer |
| 21 Peter Mitchell | 27 Reg Young    |



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- 5<sup>th</sup> Sun when it occurs

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**Contemplative Prayer Group** As we as a church family seek to deepen our spiritual awareness, we are re-commencing the contemplative prayer sessions that we formerly ran with Ruth, Martin and others. If you are interested in knowing more, please feel free to chat with Barb Ashley.

**Warm Winter Wednesdays** meets in the Drop-in Centre **every Wednesday** during winter from 11.30am to 2pm to serve a hot lunch to those in need. *Enquiries to Di Moon.*

**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.*

**The Drop-in Centre** is open **every Friday** from 10am to 2.30pm. Drop in for a free cuppa and chat, and browse our many good quality books – for sale from 50c to \$2. *Enquiries to Jan Semmens on 0400 404 901.*

**Men's Group** meets **monthly** on **first Saturdays** from 10am-12pm in the Drop-in Centre over coffee and toast to relax and chat. *Enquiries to Peter Canning 0478 777 400.*

**Uniting Winter Appeal** Those in need of support this winter might be closer to home than you think - like a family at your local primary school, a local grandparent who doesn't want to worry their children, even your friendly postie. More than half of Australians struggling to make ends meet are suffering in silence. They need warmth, not just a hot meal or woolly jumper, but the warm embrace of their community. This winter, please help **share the warmth** and provide hope to those who need it most. *(Note: I have ordered more envelopes which will hopefully be available next Sunday.)* In the meantime, there is one in your copy of the June Crosslight. If you'd like a receipt, please fill in your details on the envelope. You may also put your gift (cash is ok, or a cheque payable to 'Uniting') in a donation envelope and place it in the offering bag at any Service. **Thank you! ...for sharing with those in need this winter.**

### Rosters for Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

**Door:** C. Simpson, R. Simpson

**Morning Tea:** L. McLaren, M. Mitchell

### Readings for Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July - Resting and dwelling in God

**2 Samuel 7: 1-14a Psalm 89: 20-37 Ephesians 2: 11-22 Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56**

### News ... Notes ... or Advance Diary Dates

- **PWMU Cookbooks** are now available for those who ordered. See me (HH) after church (or ring me) for your copy and I'll let you know the final cost. I have one spare copy for anyone who'd like one but forgot to order.

### Some fun facts! . . . . .

- This new edition celebrates 120 years of the cookbook which has never been out of print! (PWMU = Presbyterian Women's Ministry Union)
- Since 1904 there have only been 5 editions but many reprints and new covers. Well over 600,000 books have been printed!
- Since 1977 (when the Uniting Church began) the royalties have been distributed 50% each to the PWMU and UCAF.
- Around \$2m has been raised! ... used by the two churches (Presbyterian and Uniting) for mission and ministry-based projects. This is an amazing amount considering the first book sold for 1/6! (one shilling and sixpence if you've almost forgotten 'pounds shillings and pence' – £-s-d).

## Recycling Corner

**Use the recycling trolley in the foyer for the following:**

- old biros and textas
- medication blisters
- milk bottle tops
- bread bag tags – plastic only (**NO** tea bag tags, ring pulls please)
- old glasses (spectacles)
- CDs and DVDs (not plastic cases)
- all coffee/Slurpee cups, plastic straws and lids – *or take to 7-Eleven in Gap 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 plastic container for:**

- 10c containers 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](http://www.onyalife.com/products)

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

