



Keeping in touch . . . Sunday 15th September 2024

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

Pernaperna Group The next meeting is **Thursday 19th September** from 1-3pm at the Sunbury Neighbourhood House (531 Elizabeth Drive). All welcome. Enquiries to Joan Koren on 0418 302 676.

Sunbury Family History & Heritage Society The next meeting is at 1.30pm on **Thursday 19th September** in Meeting Room 5, Hume Global Learning Centre (temporary venue while Senior Citizen's building is being refurbished). Anyone is welcome to attend.

Monthly 2pm Service is next **Sunday 22nd September** with Communion. All are welcome to attend!

Celebration Service This is an opportunity to invite a friend and/or family member along to our special occasion on **Sunday 6th October**. The day will look something like this:

- **Bbq breakfast** – the time for this is to be confirmed. It will be held prior to the Worship Service.
- **Service of Worship** – the theme will be celebrating our diversity. Try to wear traditional clothing that is particular to your cultural background. We will have readings in various languages and hymns/songs that are in *Together in Song*, by writers from various countries as well as from other sources.
- **A concert during lunch** – you are encouraged to be creative and daring and bring an item to perform, either on your own or with others. This could be a song, a dance, a piece of music, a reading of any kind.
- **Please bring food** sufficient for a shared lunch from your cultural background.

For further information contact Rev. Faama, Dianne Moon or Peter Canning.

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.

Contemplative Prayer Group We gather from 9 to 10am on the **2nd and 4th Fridays** at Barb's home (Unit 1, 5 Timins Street) for a time of quiet prayer for our church family. Enquiries to Barb Ashley.

September Birthdays



5 Annette Bereshnyj 16 Elaine Michaelidis
17 Bev Simonsen 23 Margaret Beer
29 Taega Leota



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- every Mon and Sat
- every 3rd Fri and 3rd Sun
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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 – about anything! Enquiries to Peter Canning 0478 777 400.

Rosters for Sunday 22nd September

Door: B. Ashley, C. Prosser **Morning Tea:** J. Hay, T. Hay

Readings for Sunday 22nd September – a Valorous Woman

Proverbs 31: 10-31 **Psalms** 1 **James** 3: 13 to 4: 3, 7-8a **Mark** 9: 30-3

News ... Notes ... Advance Diary Dates ... Community Events

Emergency management petition

Many of you will know that Judy Unwin's family suffered a tragedy 6½ years ago when her son Boyd's daughter Katie was brutally murdered by her partner. Boyd's family was notified in May that Katie's killer had received a reduction of 427 days off his sentence, just for being locked up in prison during covid. Many people are unaware that this legislation exists, it is from the 1990s, intended for emergencies and industrial disputes in prisons. As covid was considered an emergency by the state, all prisoners in Victoria were entitled to up to 4 days off their sentences for every day or part day they were inconvenienced. Over 1000 years has been taken off prison sentences over the covid period in Victoria.

Boyd, along with his daughter Bianca, have a parliamentary petition running to have this legislation revoked and debated in parliament as they feel it is utterly ridiculous, and once again has a huge impact on victims and their families. They are asking for your support by signing this petition.

Petition forms will be available to sign after the Service each Sunday.

Recycling update – new items

1. X-ray transparencies If you still have some hidden in your cupboards that you don't know what to do with, bring them to church! Leave them in the photocopy room on top of the recycle boxes (in the paper envelope they came in please). As these are no longer provided to patients, it won't need to be an ongoing collection. Pass the word around and collect from friends if you wish – much better than them being put into landfill. They should not go in your recycle bin.

2. Do you have any old VHS or Beta video tapes? I'm considering taking these to a recycle centre that accepts them, plus the plastic cases from CDs and DVDs (the discs themselves can be brought to church as per the adjacent 'Recycling Corner' column). Before bringing the videos to church, please contact me (Helen H) with the approximate number you'd like to dispose of.

Recycling Corner

Use the recycling trolley or boxes in photocopy room for:

- old biros and textas
- medication blisters
- milk bottle lids
- x-ray transparencies
- 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 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
www.cleanup.org.au/buy-recycled

Church Signs

