

# Keeping in touch ... Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024

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

**Monthly 2pm Service** Next one is **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November**. All welcome!

**Pernaperna Group** The next meeting is **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November** from 1-3pm at the Sunbury Neighbourhood House (531 Elizabeth Drive). All welcome. Enquiries to Joan Koren on 0418 302 676

**Sunbury Winter Shelter** A meeting for all supporters will be held at 10.30am on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November** in our church to update you about 2024 and to discuss our plans for 2025.

**Farewell to Paul and Dawn Craig** The Baptist Church invites us to join them at their Service to farewell Pastor Paul Craig and his wife Dawn, at 10am on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December**, followed by a shared lunch. For catering purposes, please let me know (Helen H) by 23<sup>rd</sup> November if you wish to attend, so I can notify them.

**Christmas at Rupertswood ...** organised by the Combined Churches of Sunbury, will be held on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December**, from 5 to 8.30pm. The day will feature free activities and a nativity stable, concluding with Christmas Carols. Many volunteers will be needed to set up from 2pm to 8.30pm. If you're able to help in any way, you'll find some leaflets on the pamphlet rack in the Link, with details of time slots and help needed.

**A Volunteers' Briefing Session** will be held on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November**, 7.30pm at our church. All volunteers must have a valid WWC card and you can register here <https://www.sunburychurches.com.au/volunteers.html>. Forms can be filled in online, then printed and signed. Forward the completed form to Robyn Flett or bring to the Briefing Session.

**Prayer request #6** Pray that enough volunteers will come forward from all churches involved and that they will work together as one Christian Church.

## Uniting Church for Climate Action t-shirts



front

These are for sale @ \$30 each. Sizes are S, M, L, XL, 2XL. A sample is available for you to look at. Black only.

back



See above for the designs on the front and back. If you'd like to order one, please see or ring Nancy (or Helen H when Nancy is in UK). The sample t-shirt can be found in the photocopy room.

## November Birthdays



1 Tim Hay                      4 Pat O'Meara  
18 Dianne Moon            22 Eileen Dundas  
28 Strickland Lesoa



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- every Mon and Sat
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## Rosters for Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November

Door: B. Ashley, N. Prewer

Morning Tea: C. Ely, C. Prosser

## Readings for Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November . . .

*Celebrating God who bears many names*

2 Samuel 23: 1-7

Psalm 132: 1-12, (13-18)

Revelation 1: 4b-8

John 18: 33-37

## Regular Events

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays at Barb's home (Unit 1, 5 Timins Street) for a time of quiet prayer for our church family. *Enquiries to Barb Ashley.*

**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.*

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

### Emergency Management Petition – UPDATE:

**Summary:** All prisoners in Victoria are entitled to up to 4 days off their sentences for every day or part day they are inconvenienced by emergencies or industrial disputes in prisons. Over 1000 years was taken off prison sentences over the covid period in Victoria. Boyd, along with his daughter Bianca, are petitioning for this 1990s legislation to be debated in Parliament and ultimately revoked.

**Message from Judy Unwin:** "Our family would like to thank everyone who signed the petition and those who took sheets to get more signatures. It was very much appreciated. Boyd took the petitions to Renee Heath at Parliament. Renee presented 2,855 written signatures and 3,750 online signatures to Parliament. It was agreed that the legislation would be debated in Parliament. This was to have been on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November and Boyd and Bianca were invited to be there. On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November Boyd was advised that it would not be debated on that day and would be deferred!! We just hope that when the legislation is debated, changes will be made. Thank you again – Judy Unwin."

### A request to all group leaders –

**UCAF, KYB, Contemplative Prayer Group, Drop-in Centre and Men's Group:** Could you all please let me (Helen Hall) know when your last meeting is this year and when you recommence next year – preferably by email or on a piece of paper! Thank you!

**Data Projector Roster:** A volunteer or two are still needed on this Roster. Only basic computer skills are required. Please see Rob Marlow if you're interested in finding out more about this vital role in our Services.



## 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](http://www.onyalife.com/products)

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

