

Keeping in touch ... Sunday 18th February 2024

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

Tesselaar spring flowering bulbs This is a new fundraiser for our Restoration Fund. Bulbs will be available to buy to plant in late summer to autumn, for spring flowering. Collect your brochure from Nancy Prewer.



More information will be provided over the coming weeks – Nancy.

Footy tipping is back! The opening round is less than a month away and the St. Andrew's tipping competition hopes to raise funds for our building renovations. The entry fee is \$25, to be paid to 'St. Andrew's UC Fundraising Group' account: **BSB 633-000, Account 115212300** – please add **your name** to the payment. Or pay in cash to Nancy Prewer, Di Moon or Marg Woolcock. **The prize pool will be:** Building Restoration Fund – 50%, 1st prize – 25%, 2nd prize – 15%, 3rd and 4th prizes – 5% each. The wooden spoon this year will win exactly that. Go to the following link to join the competition: https://www.footytips.com.au/comps/st_andrews_uca_sunbury_restoration_fund_afl

DIY Lenten Study This is a study you can do at your leisure on your own or with others, throughout Lent or at another time you choose. The study by Bruce Barber is entitled: 'The Lord's Prayer – Prayer for those who can no longer pray'. Please contact Rev. Faama if you are interested.

Pernaperna Group Our next meeting is on **Thursday 22nd February** from 1-3pm at the Sunbury Neighbourhood House (531 Elizabeth Drive). Enquiries to Joan on 0418 302 676.

AGM reports All group reports need to be with Amanda Woods by **today**. The AGM will be held on **Sunday 3rd March**.

World Day of Prayer This Service will be held on **Wednesday 6th March** at 7.30pm at the Salvation Army (27 Anderson Road). The theme this year is "I Beg You ... Bear With One Another in Love," based on Ephesians 4:1-7, which shares stories of three Palestinian Christian women, who witness to the power of bearing together in love. Enquiries to Gwen on 0412 547 643.

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.

Drop-in Centre – 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.

February Birthdays



4 Rob Coulson 6 Linda Bone
11 Carole Simpson



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The Minister's days off are:
• every Mon and Sat
• every 3rd Fri and 3rd Sun
• 5th Sun when it occurs

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Combined Churches Chorale Singers!do you enjoy singing with others? The Chorale is now rehearsing **every Monday** from 7.30 to 8.30pm at our church. There are no fees involved. Rehearsal tracks are available if needed. You don't need to be able to read music – just enjoy singing. Anyone is welcome to join the group for fellowship and song – both men and women! For more information contact Gwen Hutcheson on 0412 547 643.

Quiet Day report On a perfect 'Retreat Day', 14 diverse women from multiple denominational backgrounds and expressions of faith, gathered at Dromkeen in Riddells Creek. We began the day by considering the implications of Proverbs 4:23 "Above all else guard your heart for everything you do flows from it". We acknowledged how hard it can be to truly hear the gentle movement of the Spirit, the whisper of our loving God drawing us, over the clamour of a mind often influenced by the culture we live in.

We then spent time in personal reflection, exploring theologian Howard Thurman's quote "Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive", inviting us to consider what our own heart was drawn to – 'What makes my heart come alive?' Following a shared lunch we were invited to turn off our 'cognitive' brains and tap into our creative thinking and our heart-space, as we considered our individual life journeys and the influences on choices we have made. In spite of what we often see as weakness or failure, our hearts, the container of the presence of Love continues to draw us on. We then spent time in personal reflection with three questions:

* Who have I been? * Who am I now? * Who am I becoming?

An invitation to share, in small discussion groups then drew the day to a close.

The takeaway? Thurman's quote and the importance of listening to our heart-space and a Henri Nouwen quote : "You don't think your way into a new way of living. You live your way into a new way of thinking"

Barb Ashley, Jill Gray.

Rosters for Sunday 25th February

Door: C. Simpson, R. Simpson **Morning tea:** R. Flett, D. Parrey

Readings for Sunday 25th February - Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16 **Psalms** 22: 23-31
Romans 4: 13-25 **Mark:** 8: 31-38 or **Mark** 9: 2-9

News and Notes

- **Garage Sale** Faye and Monique (Noel Knappstein's daughter and granddaughter) will be holding a garage sale at Noel's home from 8am to 3pm next **Saturday 24th February** (50 Aitken Street). All welcome!
- **Chaplains in Sunbury schools** It has been heartening to note over the years that Sunbury schools are now initiating the employment of a Chaplain without any encouragement from Korus Connect or the Sunbury Support Group (which now consists of Helen Hall and Nancy Prewer). The latest school to request a Chaplain is Killara Primary School. The position is for 1½ days per week. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please refer to Richard Kolega on 0413 838 616.

Chaplaincy in Sunbury began in 1997 with a small group of women raising money to qualify for one Chaplain. The first Chaplain commenced in 2006, dividing his time between the two Secondary Colleges. The five schools currently with a Chaplain are: Sunbury Downs College, and Primary Schools – Sunbury West, Kismet Park, Sunbury Heights and soon Killara.

Recycling Corner

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

- milk bottle tops
- bread bag tags
- tea bag tags
- old biros
- medication blisters (empty)
- old glasses (spectacles)
- CDs and DVDs (not plastic cases)
- ALL coffee/Slurpee cups, plastic straws and lids – *please take to 7-Eleven in Gap Road*



Also:

- Used postage stamps – Joycelyn and Reg organise these for Sammy Stamp.
- Helen is still collecting mobile phones and chargers (the Zoo's 'Gorilla Doctors' collection), toner/ink cartridges, batteries, small electrical devices.



The other side of the story – 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

