

Keeping in touch . . . Sunday 1st October 2023

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

Chorale Rehearsals Do you enjoy singing Christmas music? The Combined Churches Chorale will be resuming rehearsals on **Monday 2nd October** from 7.30 to 8.30pm at our church. All welcome! Please note the following:

- Rehearsal tracks will be provided
- There is no charge to join the choir
- If you have any questions, contact Gwen Hutcheson on 0412 547 643, chat to Lorraine, Nancy, Peter M or Carole . . . or simply join us on a Monday night!

UCAF (Uniting Church Adult Fellowship) Our next meeting is at 1.30pm on **Thursday 5th October** at the church. All welcome!
Enquiries to Robyn Flett on 0423 277 450.

Pernaperna Group meets next on **Thursday 12th October** from 1-3pm at the Sunbury Neighbourhood House (531 Elizabeth Drive).
Enquiries to Joan Koren on 0418 302 676.

Name badges With our new minister joining us soon it would be great if everyone was wearing a name badge each week. Peter Canning will place another order soon so we can all be wearing one when Rev. Fa'amata'u Leota arrives. Badges cost \$10 each.
Enquiries and orders to Peter on 0478 777 400.

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 books – for sale from 50c to \$2.
Enquiries to Jan Semmens on 0400 404 901.

Rosters for Sunday 8th October:

Door: B. Ashley, R. Coulson

Morning tea: D. Moon, G. Woods

Readings for Sunday 8th October:

Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Psalm 19

Philippians 3: 4b-14

Matthew 21: 33-46

. . . see overleaf

Happy Birthday!



October birthdays

2 Malcolm McBean
10 Debbie Millardship
28 Valerie Pearce

~ A glimpse of the (recent) past ~



The shiny church hall floor after polishing!

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Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child Shoebox Project From this year onwards, our church will no longer be a collection point for shoeboxes. Our church has been successfully participating in this project since 2006, when it was initiated by Bev Dainton, assisted by Inge Jerszewski with her sewing and knitting of dozens of items to stock the 'shop' held after the Service. The shop provided an amazing amount of items people could buy at minimal cost to add to their boxes. Errel took over the project from Bev, having previously run it for about 20 years at the NAB where she worked.

If you've been collecting items or have completed a box to contribute this year, we will collect these and take to another collection point – **this year only**. If contributing a completed box, please try to include **\$12.50 postage** (or pay online and print the label). If you'd like to participate in the future, you can do so online at [Pack a Shoebox Online](#). Choose from 6 pre-packed shoeboxes for a boy or girl, age groups 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14. Online boxes cost \$35 each, which includes the cost of postage.

A date will be given soon to bring boxes and/or items to church.
Enquiries to Errel Gray on 0423 779 224.

News and Notes

The Uniting Church votes 'YES'

The Uniting Church has joined a coalition of 9 faith organisations calling on all Federal parliamentarians to co-operate across political divides in support of the upcoming Voice referendum.

Signed by UCA President Rev Sharon Hollis, the letter describes the Voice as "an invitation to move towards national healing, unity and reconciliation".

"As leaders of Australia's major religious and ethno-religious organisations, we call on Australia's political leaders and all federal parliamentarians to support the Voice, called for by First Nations Australians through the Uluru Statement from the Heart."

The alliance of 9 national organisations represents diverse Christian, Hindu, Sikh, Muslim, Buddhist and Jewish communities, which have come together to support the Uluru Statement from the Heart. The letter reads:

"We call on parliamentarians to find ways to collaborate constructively across political divides to achieve the modest constitutional recognition First Nations people seek: a constitutionally guaranteed Voice in their own affairs."

"The Voice is an invitation to move towards national healing, unity and reconciliation. It seeks to formalise in our Constitution a way by which First Nations' voices and concerns can be heard, and to establish a means for overcoming the devastating effects of social exclusion."

"This is an opportunity to unite Australians around a proposal that seeks to make life better for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people."

The above was taken from the UCA Assembly website. Read more here: [Religious leaders unite for Voice referendum – Uniting Church Australia](#)

Rosters We STILL need new people on the two rosters – Door/Communion and Morning Tea. Names have been decreasing over some time now, leaving a few 'old faithfuls' to fill these important roles. If you can help on either, please speak to Helen or Judy. Thank you!

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
- coffee and Slurpee etc. drink cups, plastic straws and lids



Also:

- Used postage stamps – Joycelyn and Reg organise these (Helen will deliver to Sammy Stamp).
- 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

