

# Keeping in touch

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022

This newsletter temporarily replaces the Sunday Bulletin. Please email or call me with anything you'd like to share, or to advertise or any upcoming events. (Helen Hall – see contact details below.)

**Poinsettias** are available from **today** @ \$15 each. Each plant will have a card for you to write a memorial message for a loved one (or buy one just because you like them). The poinsettias will decorate the church in the lead-up to Christmas, then you can take them home. They will be on display in the church from Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December. All proceeds will go to the church painting fund.

To reserve one (supply is limited) please see Nancy Prewer, Di Moon, Sue Clarke or Jackie Cowan. Payment can be made today or any time before you collect.

**Art and Craft Studio Sale** The Sunbury Arts Society Inc will be holding an Art and Craft Sale on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November** from 10am to 4pm at the Boilerhouse Gallery (Jackson's Hill). Many pieces of beautiful original creative art and other crafts will be available at affordable prices – ideal for Christmas gifts. Nothing over \$120.

**Church picnic** Join us for a BBQ lunch on **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December** at the Lerderderg State Park to spend some quality time with Stan and Susan before they leave us. Enquiries to Dianne Moon.

**Christmas Carols at Rupertswood** This year's live event will take place on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December**. Free activities with bands and choirs will be on stage and a nativity stable from 5 till 7 pm, followed by the Christmas Carols. We are asking for volunteers from all the churches to assist us. See separate notice for list of areas where help is needed (on the bench in each foyer). We are also looking for the following:

- A 'Mary' with a newborn to 3-month-old baby to play this role for one hour in the nativity stable.
- Someone to assist the grounds manager prior to and during the event. If this person could borrow a trailer, that would also be helpful.

If you can help, please contact Wilmy at [wilmyjohnson@hotmail.com](mailto:wilmyjohnson@hotmail.com).

**Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Project Update** This year I collected 533 boxes plus \$1609.50 in cash towards shipping – a great effort! There will be lots of happy children! I will let you know at a later date to which countries our boxes have been sent.

**Thank you so much** to everyone who supported the project! . . . Errel.

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## Happy Birthday!



**November birthdays:**  
22<sup>nd</sup> – Eileen Dundas  
27<sup>th</sup> – Chloe Brownscombe  
28<sup>th</sup> – Strickland Lesoa



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## Drop-in Centre

The Drop-in Centre is open every Friday from 10am to 2.30pm. Enter via the door near the white gates on the brick wall (fountain end). All welcome! Drop in for a cuppa and chat, and browse through our many good quality second-hand books which are available for sale from 50c to \$2. Cuppas are free – cheapest café in Sunbury! *Enquiries to Jan Semmens on 0400 404 901.*

## Christmas Services and Events

The venue for all of the following (except the first one) is St. Andrew's:

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| ➤ Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec from 5pm | Carols at Rupertswood             |
| ➤ Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2pm        | 9 Lessons and Carols              |
| ➤ Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec 7pm        | 9 Lessons and Carols (ecumenical) |
| ➤ Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec 7.30pm  | Blue Christmas                    |
| ➤ Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec 8pm      | Christmas Eve Carols (outdoors)   |
| ➤ Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec 9am        | Christmas Day                     |

## Rosters for next Sunday:

**Door:** B. Ashley, M. Woolcock    **Morning Tea:** J. Unwin, P. Palamountain

## Readings for next Sunday:

Isaiah 2:1–5    Psalm 122    Romans 13:11–14    Matthew 24:36–44

## News and Notes

- **REDcycling** has been temporarily suspended. REDcycle said the move to suspend the scheme followed a significant fire at the recycling facility operated by one of its partners *Close the Loop*. Its other partner, *Replas*, has experienced “significant pandemic-related downturns in market demand as well as other challenges”, according to REDcycle. Australian Council of Recycling CEO Suzanne Toumbourou said the suspension was “disappointing” but she was confident the scheme would be revived. **“It's a moment in time, it's absolutely not the end of the story for soft plastics recycling”, she told ABC Radio Melbourne.**

*Watch this newsletter for updates . . . Helen H.*



## Recycling Corner

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

- milk bottle tops
- bread bag tags
- bread bags
- tea bag tags
- old biros
- medication blisters (empty)
- old glasses (spectacles)



### Also:

- Used postage stamps – no longer accepted by TLM but continue to donate and Helen will try to send to Sammy Stamp in Parkdale.
- 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](http://www.onyalife.com/products)

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

