



Keeping in touch ... Sunday 20th October 2024

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

Stronger Together This is an information session for people living in the Hume area, to be held on **Tuesday 29th October** from 10am-12pm at the Sunbury Global Learning Centre (40 Macedon Street). It will be presented by 'Elder Rights Advocacy' with Victoria Police (Senior Constable Kim McKeowen) and supported by Hume Council.

Some of the areas to be covered are:

- ❖ your rights in aged care
- ❖ how advocates can help you
- ❖ recognising, responding to and reporting elder abuse
- ❖ how to recognise and protect against scams, with cyber safety tips

If you'd like to attend, please register your interest by signing the form in the hall after the Service. See *Pat Baulch* if you have any questions.

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). Today the sample t-shirt can be found in the photocopy room.

Christmas at Rupertswood ... organised by the Combined Churches of Sunbury, will be held on **Saturday 14th 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 26th 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 #2 Praise God for the available venue at Rupertswood and for the abundant provision of finances to hold the event.

October Birthdays



2 Malcolm McBean **10** Debbie Millardship
13 Betty Harris **28** Valerie Pearce



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- every Mon and Sat
- every 3rd Fri and 3rd Sun
- 5th Sun when it occurs

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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.

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 27th October

Door: C. Ely, D. Moon

Morning Tea: R. Flett, D. Parrey

Readings for Sunday 27th October – transformed by encounter

Job 42: 1-6, 10-17

Psalms 34: 1-8 (19-22)

Hebrews 7: 23-28

Mark 10: 46-52

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

Data Projector Roster: A request has been made for extra volunteers on this Roster. Only basic computer skills are required. Please see Rob Marlow if you're interested in finding out more.

Sammy Stamp: The UCAF magazine *Network* contains some news about the money raised from sales of the used stamps you donate, which I will publish here from time to time –

“Up to the 4th May 2024, stamp sales had reached about \$8,163 (the same week last year was \$10,899). No further grants have been approved since last month so the balance in grants approved so far this year remains at \$11,900.

Last year we gave a grant of \$5,000 to a Roman Catholic Order, *Sisters of Mercy in Australia and New Guinea (Mercy Works)* to assist West Papuan refugees living in challenging conditions in the western back blocks of Papua New Guinea.

In a letter of thanks they wrote: ‘Dome 2 Village in the far western province of PNG, is a West Papuan refugee community that faces daily hardship, an almost forgotten community with little to no government support. Thanks to kind supporters, people like you, Mercy Works has started to partner with Dome 2 to improve the livelihood of their community. In response, their positivity, strength and resilience are undeniable. Easter is indeed a journey of transformation from darkness into light, from despair to hope.’

I hope you are also inspired by the people of Dome 2.”

Back copies: Just a reminder that back copies of *Keeping in Touch* and *Crosslight* are available in a labelled box in the photocopy room. Feel free to take any copies if you missed one or need a back copy for some reason. The current and previous *Keeping in Touch* can be found in the Link pamphlet rack.

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

