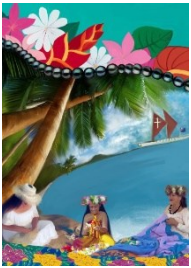




# Keeping in touch . . . Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025

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

**World Day of Prayer** This annual Service will be held at our church on



**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February** at 7.30pm. The theme by the Cook Islands is 'I Made You Wonderful' (Psalm 139:14) which invites us to recognise that God created each one of us with great attention and loving care. God knows us intimately, and we are special to God in our uniqueness. When we open the doors of our hearts to this truth, everything in our life changes. We glow from within, and we begin treating others as beloved children of God.

**The World Day of Prayer** is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome us to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. We can come to know how our sisters of other countries, languages and cultures understand the Biblical passages in their context. We can hear their concerns and needs and can feel ourselves in solidarity with them as we pray with and for them. In this way, it is possible to enrich our Christian faith as it grows deeper and broader in an international, ecumenical expression.

**Pancake (Shrove) Tuesday** on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March** will **not** be happening as we didn't hear from enough volunteers to run it.

**Combined Churches of Sunbury Inc** The Annual General Meeting will be held at 7.30pm on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March** in St Mary's Worship Centre.

**CareWorks needs more volunteers!** to join their friendly team. There are vacancies for both the morning and afternoon shifts. Pantry assistants, plus delivery and pick-up van drivers, are needed on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Other opportunities are also available. Please call Fiona on 0492 834 559 or email [servicemanager@careworks.com.au](mailto:servicemanager@careworks.com.au) or simply call in and chat with them at Sunbury Community Centre, 531 Elizabeth Drive (part of Sunbury Neighbourhood House).

## **SunFest - volunteers needed**

SunFest takes place on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March** from 9am for a 9.30am start until 4pm, followed by cleaning and packing up. We need names of anyone who can help, either for the whole day or part of it. Please see Dianne Moon.

**Membership Service** For those who would like to formalise their membership in the St. Andrew's congregation, a Membership Service will be held on **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April** during the morning worship service. If you're interested, please see Rev Fa'amata'u.

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## **February Birthdays**



**4** Rob Coulson   **6** Linda Bone  
**11** Carole Simpson



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**Footy Tipping** The competition is on again! Same rules as before – the cost to enter is \$25 with 50% to be returned to the top four tippers. To enter, please pay \$25 to:

St. Andrew's UC Fundraising Group  
BSB 633 000, Account 11521230

### Rosters Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

**Door:** N. Prewer, G. Warne      **Morning tea:** J. Hay, T. Hay

### Readings Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – encountering the God of

**Exodus 34:** 29-35      **Psalms 99**      *mountains and valleys*  
**2 Corinthians 3:** 12 to 4: 2      **Luke 9:** 28-26 (37-43a)

## Regular Groups

**Combined Churches Chorale** Leading up to the next ecumenical event (World Day of Prayer) rehearsals are held **every Monday** at 7.30pm in our church. New singers are always welcome – both men and women. Enquires to Gwen Hutcheson 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. This small, interdenominational group follows the guidelines of [CWCI International](#). If you'd like to join, or just visit now and then, please speak to Pat.

**UCAF (Uniting Church Adult Fellowship)** meets on **1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays** at 1.30pm at our church. Enquiries to Robyn Flett on 0423 277 450.

**Prayer Circle** gathers on **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays** (commencing in Feb on 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>) from 9.30 to 10.30am (**changed time from last week**) at Barb's home (Unit 1, 5 Timins Street) for a time of quiet prayer for our church family. Enquiries to Barb Ashley on 0410 439 724.

**Drop-in Centre** is open **every Friday** from 11am to 3pm. Drop in for a free cuppa and chat – the cheapest café in Sunbury! Feel free to browse our many good quality second-hand books – for sale from 50c to \$2. Enquiries to Jan Semmens on 0400 404 901.

**Men's Group** meets monthly on **1<sup>st</sup> 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

**Recycling – new items!** use the biros drawer in the trolley for used textas, highlighters, correction tape dispensers and liquid white-out bottles. If unsure of what we collect for recycling, please check the 'Recycling Corner' column.



**Hume Clean Days** The next one is 8am-4pm **next Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March**. You can take the following items to the Sunbury Resource Recovery Centre (515 Riddell Road) free of charge:

- mattresses and couches, tyres
- whitegoods (fridges, washing machines, dryers etc.)
- e-waste (TVs, computers, printers, DVDs, CDs, speakers, sound equipment, DVD players, VCRs, mobile phones, appliances, electric blankets).

Further details at <https://hume.vic.gov.au/wasteoptions>. Alternatively you can book a hard waste collection from your home.

## Recycling Corner

**Use the recycling trolley or boxes in photocopy room for:**

- medication blisters
- x-ray transparencies
- milk bottle lids
- used biros, textas, highlighters, correction tape dispensers
- 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 new 7-Eleven on Sunbury 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 container for:**

- 10c bottles etc. 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)

