

Keeping in touch ... Sunday 23rd June 2024

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

UCA Anniversary (22nd June) 9.30am & 2pm Services TODAY at both Services, we will be celebrating the 47th Anniversary of the *Uniting Church in Australia*. This is an opportunity for you to share your memories of Union and to think about:

- What are your prayers/desires for the UCA???
- What are your prayers/desires for Sunbury St. Andrew's UCA?



The 2pm Service will be a combined one at our church with St. Thomas' Uniting Church, Craigieburn.

UCAF (Uniting Church Adult Fellowship) Our annual luncheon will be held at 12 noon on **Thursday 4th July** at 'Club Sunbury' (also known as the Bowling Club). Friends and family members welcome! Please put your name on the list on the notice board in the foyer.
Enquiries to Robyn Flett on 0423 277 450.

Warm Winter Wednesdays meets in the Drop-in Centre **every Wednesday** during winter from 11.30am to 2pm to serve a hot lunch to those in need.
Enquiries to Di Moon.

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.

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.
Enquiries to Peter Canning 0478 777 400.

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea (ABMT) As mentioned in church last Sunday, we received a *Certificate of Thanks* from the Cancer Council for our grand total raised over 14 years of **\$8,660!** This includes 2020 and 2021 (covid years) when it was online only but we still raised \$265 and \$364 respectively.

Well done! and thank you!to everyone who contributed over those years by donating, and also by providing food to those many sumptuous morning teas! *from Carole Simpson.*



June Birthdays



- 17 Lorraine McLaren
19 Bev Dainton, Yvonne Smith, Max Woolcock
20 Nancy Mead 30 Errel Gray



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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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Uniting Winter Appeal Those in need of support this winter might be closer to home than you think. They could be a family at your local primary school, a grandparent across the street who doesn't want to worry their children, even your friendly postie. The reality is, with more than half of Australians struggling just to make ends meet, many in our communities are suffering in silence. These people are in need of warmth, not just the warmth of a hot meal or woolly jumper, but also the warm embrace of their community. This winter, please help **share the warmth** and provide hope to those who need it most.

Uniting

At the time of printing, I wasn't able to track down the whereabouts of the envelopes but hopefully they will be available soon on the bench in each foyer. There is also one in the June Crosslight. If you'd like a receipt for tax purposes, please fill in your details on the envelope. You may also put your gift (cash, or cheque payable to 'Uniting') in a donation envelope and place it in the offering bag at any Service. **Thank you! ...for sharing with those in need this winter.**

Community Winter Catch-up Every Friday from 5.30 to 7pm (June to August), the Goonawarra Neighbourhood House (8 Gullane Drive) will be open for those in need to share a warm meal and a friendly chat. Attendees need to RSVP by Wednesday each week (limited capacity) by text to Garnet on 0435 661 917. **Volunteers** are always welcome or donations of food items or (winter only) clothing. Donate by scanning the QR code. Contact the organisers 'Give Until It Hurts' (GIUH) by mobile above or garnet@giuh.org. For further details, see poster on the kitchen notice board.



Rosters for Sunday 30th June

Door: D. Moon, N. Prewer **Morning Tea:** C. Ely, C. Prosser

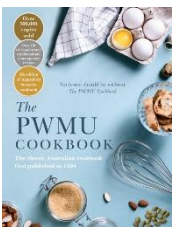
Readings for Sunday 30th June - The God who listens

2 Samuel 1 :1, 17-27 Psalm 130 2 Corinthians 8: 7-15 Mark 5: 21-43

News ... Notes ... Advance Diary Dates

- United before 'Uniting'** Did you know? ... our Sunbury Presbyterian and Methodist churches had strong ties over the years. The two congregations permanently became one in 1955 – 22 years before the 'Uniting Church in Australia' came into being. (The Methodist Church has not been used since then.)

- PWMU Cookbook ... very last call, I'm about to order!** The PWMU Cookbook is the oldest continuous cookbook in Australia, and has been in print since 1904. The 2024 edition celebrates 120 years of the book, with royalties funding the mission and ministry of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria and the Uniting Church in Victoria. **Postage is cheaper if 2 or more are ordered**, so let me know **this week** if you'd like one and I will order in bulk. I have **10** copies ordered so far. (Helen H.)



- Workshop with Rev. Dr. Sally Douglas ...** UCA minister/theologian and academic, based on her book [The Church as Salt](#). What would a church look like if it sought to be salt as Jesus spoke about in Matthew 5, rather than enticed by the need to be successful? This is a timely conversation to be had as we wrestle with what it means to be the church in our current context. Buy a copy of Sally's book online from [Coventry Press](#), from Koorong, Amazon. An initiative between Craigieburn UCA and St. Andrew's Sunbury UCA, the workshop will be held at Craigieburn UCA. Dates (**possibly in August**) and times will be made known when confirmed. *If interested, see Rev. Fa'amata'u.*

Recycling Corner

Use the recycling trolley in the foyer for the following:

- old biros and textas
- medication blisters
- milk bottle tops
- bread bag tags – plastic only (**NO** tea bag tags, ring pulls please)
- old glasses (spectacles)
- CDs and DVDs (not 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

