

# Keeping in touch . . . Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024

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

## SunFest - the results !

Devonshire Teas	\$1,210.50
Books	\$ 488.20
Trash 'n Treasure	\$1,592.30
Cards	\$ 10.00
	<b><u>\$3,301.00</u></b>

A big thank you to everyone who helped set up, serve and pack up on the day and to all those who donated goods! A great effort!

## Easter Services

**Palm Sunday** is today. It marks the start of Holy Week and commemorates Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on a donkey. As Jesus entered the city, crowds greeted him by waiving palm branches, which symbolized victory and joy. The event is recorded in all four Gospels – Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.



**Monthly afternoon Service** 2pm **today**.

**Good Friday 29th March** The Ecumenical Service this year will be at 10am at St. Anne's Catholic Church (101 Riddell Road). The offering taken will be donated to Sunbury SES.

**Easter Sunday 31st March** 9.30am at our church.

**Pernaperna Group** The next meeting is **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April** from 1-3pm at the Sunbury Neighbourhood House (531 Elizabeth Drive). All welcome. Enquiries to Joan Koren on 0418 302 676.

**Combined Churches Chorale** Rehearsals are held **every Monday** from 7.30 to 8.30pm at 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. *If you'd like to join, or just visit now and then, please speak to Pat.*

**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.

## Rosters for Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March

**Door:** L. McLaren, C. Prosser

**Morning tea:** C. Simpson, C. Grant

## Readings for Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March - Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25: 6-9

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 or Acts 10: 34-43

John 20: 1-18 or Mark 16: 1-8

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## March Birthdays



5 Chris Ely      15 Barbara Ashley  
20 Pat Baulch    25 Geoff Hitch



### Minister

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The Minister's days off are:

- every Mon and Sat
- every 3<sup>rd</sup> Fri and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sun when it occurs

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**Fundraising update as at 3<sup>rd</sup> March** A big thank you to everyone for their fundraising efforts! So far in 2024 we have raised:

★ Jan's Jams	\$220.60
★ Jeanette's 10c containers	\$114.50
★ Jacquie's cards	\$ 45.00
★ Tesselaar bulbs	\$271.80
★ Footy tipping so far	<u>\$212.50</u>
	<b><u>\$864.40</u></b>

As you can see it all adds up, so please keep up the good work! Glenys will be distributing bulbs soon to those who have ordered so far. You can still order individually on our fundraising page [www.bulbfundraiser.com.au/STANDCH](http://www.bulbfundraiser.com.au/STANDCH) at any time until the 11<sup>th</sup> April. There are many more bulbs online than shown in the catalogue. *Nancy Prewer.*

### News ... Notes ... Advance Diary Dates

➤ **Email addresses** We now have the following new ones to use for church matters. In particular, please update your email Address Book for Fa'amata'u.

Rev. Fa'amata'u Leota [minister@sunburyunitingchurch.org.au](mailto:minister@sunburyunitingchurch.org.au)  
 Pat Baulch or Jackie Cowan [secretary@sunburyunitingchurch.org.au](mailto:secretary@sunburyunitingchurch.org.au)  
 Tim Hay [treasurer@sunburyunitingchurch.org.au](mailto:treasurer@sunburyunitingchurch.org.au)

➤ **Recycling update Bread bag tags** – plastic only please, no cardboard. Cardboard tags can go in your compost or put in an envelope in the recycle bin. **Tea bag tags and ring pulls** – we currently have nowhere to send these so please don't bring them to church. If anyone has a craft use for them or knows anywhere to donate them, please let Nancy or Helen know.

**10c containers** – please keep bringing those bottles, cans and small fruit boxes (there are leaflets on the recycling trolley showing eligible items).

➤ **Invitation** to attend the Service on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April** at Lancefield Uniting Church. *Please see Di or Geoff if you'd like a lift or can provide one for others.*

➤ **Australia's Biggest Morning Tea** (Cancer Council) will be held at our morning tea time after the Service on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May**. *For offers of food (closer to the date) please see Carole Simpson.*

➤ **Sacrededge Festival** ... a 3-day festival of arts, music and stories hosted by the Uniting Queenscliff community. It nurtures and connects people from diverse backgrounds and brings together an array of musicians, poets, storytellers and artists from First Nations, refugee and LGBTIQ+ communities, together with carers for the earth and oceans who seek to nurture wholistic wellbeing. The event will take place at Queenscliff Uniting Church from **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May**. *For more information or to book, go to [Sacrededge – Uniting Queenscliff](http://Sacrededge - Uniting Queenscliff).*



## 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
- 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 basket on wheels for:**

- 10c containers such as:



– see flyers on the recycling trolley.

**The other side of the story – 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)

