

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

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

**Monthly 2pm Service** Next one is **today**. All welcome!

**Pernaperna Group** The last meeting for this year is **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November** from 1-3pm at the Sunbury Neighbourhood House (531 Elizabeth Drive). All welcome. Enquiries to Joan Koren on 0418 302 676.

**Sunbury Winter Shelter** A meeting for all supporters will be held at 10.30am on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November** in our church to update you about 2024 and to discuss our plans for 2025.

**Farewell to Paul and Dawn Craig** The Baptist Church invites us to join them at their Service to farewell Pastor Paul Craig and his wife Dawn, at 10am on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December**, followed by a shared lunch. For catering purposes, please let me know (Helen H) by **TODAY** if you wish to attend, so I can notify them.

**UCAF (Uniting Church Adult Fellowship)** Our final meeting for the year will be at 1.30pm on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December** at the church. Please bring a small plate of Christmas food to share. All welcome! Enquiries to Robyn Flett on 0423 277 450.

**Christmas at Rupertswood** ... organised by the Combined Churches of Sunbury, will be held on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 next **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 #7** Pray for the participating schools, the bands and choirs and all other performers on stage.

**Our Christmas Poinsettia fundraiser** is now being organized. If you'd like to purchase one for display at the front of the church during the Christmas season, to be taken home before Christmas Day, please contact Nancy on 0421 885 179 or Jackie on 0478 777 044. The cost of a poinsettia is \$15.



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## November Birthdays



1 Tim Hay                      4 Pat O'Meara  
18 Dianne Moon            22 Eileen Dundas  
28 Strickland Lesoa



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

## Rosters Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December

**Door:** N. Prewer. R. Simpson

**Morning Tea:** D. Moon, G. Woods

## Readings Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December Advent 1 - Hope

**Jeremiah** 33: 14-16

**Psalms** 25: 1-10

**1 Thessalonians** 3: 9-13

**Luke** 21: 25-36



## Regular Events

**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 **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.*

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

**Bereavements** With sadness we report the passing of two of our loved church family – Norma Davis and Neal Dunkley.

✝ **Neal** passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family, on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November. He was 95. More from the Tobin Brothers website:

“Loving husband of Irene (dec), dearly loved father and father-in-law of Darren, Meriel and Chris, cherished Grandpa of Joshua and Iris, Matthew and Janice, and Caleb, Great Grandpa of Isaiah.” Neal's Service will be held at our church at **11.30am** on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November**, later followed by interment at Sunbury Cemetery (1pm).

✝ **Norma** passed away on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November, whilst in palliative care in the Eastern Health Hospital. Her funeral will be held in our church at **1pm** on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November**. A private cremation will follow. The Service will be livestreamed via this link <https://tobin.5stream.com/webcast/133157> (or find it on the Tobin Brothers website).

*Please remember Neal's and Norma's family in your prayers.*

**Congratulations!!** to Margaret and Peter Mitchell who are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary **today!!** Our love and very best wishes to both of you from all of us!!



## 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](http://www.onyalife.com/products)

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

