

Keeping in touch . . . Sunday 24th September 2023

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 is today, **Sunday 24th September**. All welcome.

Pernaperna Group meets next on **Thursday 28th September** from 1-3pm at the Sunbury Neighbourhood House (531 Elizabeth Drive).
Enquiries to Joan Koren on 0418 302 676.

Chorale Rehearsals Do you enjoy singing Christmas music? The Combined Churches Chorale will be resuming rehearsals on **Monday 2nd October** from 7.30 to 8.30pm at our church. All welcome! Please note the following:

- Rehearsal tracks will be provided
- There is no charge to join the choir
- If you have any questions, contact Gwen Hutcheson on 0412 547 643, chat to Lorraine, Nancy, Peter M or Carole . . . or simply join us on a Monday night!

UCAF (Uniting Church Adult Fellowship) Our next meeting is at 1.30pm on **Thursday 5th October** at the church. All welcome!
Enquiries to Robyn Flett on 0423 277 450.

Name badges With our new minister joining us soon it would be great if everyone was wearing a name badge each week. Peter Canning will place another order soon so we can all be wearing one when Rev. Fa'amata'u Leota arrives. Badges cost \$10 each.
Enquiries and orders to Peter on 0478 777 400.

Fashion Parade results A huge thank you to Robyn Flett and the UCAF ladies for organising a very successful fashion parade! Approx 65 visitors attended and **\$650** was raised for the Restoration Fund (\$365 entry fees and donations, \$285 commission). Thank you to our wonderful models – Lorraine, Janene, Jackie, Dell and Jacquie, and to everyone who provided afternoon tea.

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 – open **every Friday** from 10am to 2.30pm. Drop in for a free cuppa and chat, and browse our many books – for sale from 50c to \$2.
Enquiries to Jan Semmens on 0400 404 901.

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Happy Birthday!



September birthdays

5	Annette Bereshnyj
16	Elaine Michaelidis
17	Bev Simonsen
23	Margaret Beer
26	Margaret Paterson

~ A glimpse of the past ~



Final Service in the old Chapel 13.04.1986
(Preacher was David Weate)

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Rosters for Sunday 1st October:

Door: not available at time of printing

Morning tea: C. Ely, C. Prosser

Readings for Sunday 1st October:

Exodus 17: 1-7

Psalms 78: 1-4, 12-16

Philippians 2: 1-13

Matthew 21: 23-32

Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child Shoebox Project From this year onwards, our church will no longer be a collection point for shoeboxes. Our church has been successfully participating in this project since 2006, when it was initiated by Bev Dainton, assisted by Inge Jerszewski with her sewing and knitting of dozens of items to stock the 'shop' held after the Service. The shop provided an amazing amount of items people could buy at minimal cost to add to their boxes. Errel took over the project from Bev, having previously run it for about 20 years at the NAB where she worked.

If you have been collecting items or have completed a box to contribute this year, we will collect these and take to another collection point – **this year only**. If contributing a completed box, please try to include **\$12.50 postage** (or pay online and print the label). If you'd like to participate in the future, you can do so online at [Pack a Shoebox Online](#). Choose from 6 pre-packed shoeboxes for a boy or girl, age groups 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14. Online boxes cost \$35 each, which includes the cost of postage.

A date will be given soon when you can bring boxes and/or items to church. Enquiries to Errel Gray on 0423 779 224.

News and Notes

Pat Baulch and Ursha On Wednesday 6th September 2023, 'Vision Australia Seeing Eye Dogs' held its annual Graduation Ceremony to celebrate handlers and Seeing Eye Dog working teams who have successfully completed their life-changing training. This year's Graduation welcomed 53 Seeing Eye Dogs and handlers from across Australia, marking the largest graduating class in its history. Certificates were presented to the handlers. The event featured on the 6pm Channel 7 News. *Well done, Pat and Ursha!!*



Thank you "On behalf of the Wheeler family, I would like to thank everyone at St. Andrew's for the beautiful Service and send-off for Dad. He would have been so happy with the way everything went on the day. In particular, I would like to thank Dianne for all her work in the preparation and running of the Service, Peter for his wonderful organ playing, Margaret for organising the splendid afternoon tea, and all the people who contributed to it. Many thanks! ... Ken Wheeler."

Please note: Ken would also like everyone to know that Joyce and Robert's email address joyrobi@ozemail.com.au will become inactive soon, so please remove it from your contacts.

Recycling Corner

Use the recycling trolley in the foyer for donations of the following:

- milk bottle tops
- bread bag tags
- tea bag tags
- old biros
- medication blisters (empty)
- old glasses (spectacles)
- CDs and DVDs
- coffee and Slurpee etc. drink cups, plastic straws and lids



Also:

- Used postage stamps – Joycelyn and Reg organise these (Helen will deliver to Sammy Stamp).
- Helen is still collecting mobile phones and chargers (the Zoo's 'Gorilla Doctors' collection), toner/ink cartridges, batteries, small electrical devices.



Buy recycled:

The other side of recycling is to try to purchase products made from recycled materials to create a market for the material we recycle. If there is no market, it has to go to landfill.

Check out these websites:

<https://littleecoshop.com.au>

www.onyalife.com/products

www.cleanup.org.au/buy-recycled

