

Keeping in touch ... Sunday 25th August 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 is today **Sunday 25th August**. All welcome.

Victoria Welsh Choir St. Mary's Anglican Church will be hosting the Victoria Welsh Choir for a concert on **Saturday 31st August** at 2pm, with all funds raised going towards the restoration of the historic chapel roof. Tickets are \$40 adults and \$35 concession and can be purchased here <https://www.trybooking.com/CTHFO>.

Pernaperna Group Next meeting is **Thursday 5th September** from 1-3pm at the Sunbury Neighbourhood House (531 Elizabeth Drive). All welcome. Enquiries to Joan Koren on 0418 302 676.

Quiet Day Our next one will be held on **Saturday 14th September** from 10am to 3pm at 'The White Goose' (old Uniting Church – 3 Sutherlands Road, Riddells Creek). Lunch, tea/coffee and light snacks will be provided. For full information, take a flyer from the foyer bench and/or contact Barb Ashley on 0410 439 724.

Warm Winter Wednesday This group happens 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.

Contemplative Prayer Group We gather from 9 to 10am on the **2nd and 4th Fridays** at 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.

August Birthdays



20 Judy Unwin **30** Doris Bremner
Do you know of any others in August?



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- 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 - like a family at your local primary school, a local grandparent who doesn't want to worry their children, even your friendly postie. More than half of Australians struggling to make ends meet are suffering in silence. They need warmth, not just a hot meal or woolly jumper, but the warm embrace of their community. This winter, please help **share the warmth** and provide hope to those who need it.

Envelopes will be available until the end of August on each foyer bench and in the new (August) edition of Crosslight.

If you'd like a receipt, please fill in your details on the envelope and place it in the offering bag during any Service. Cash is acceptable, or a cheque payable to 'Uniting'. **Thank you!for sharing with those in need this winter.**

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Rosters for Sunday 1st September

Door: R. Coulson, L. McLaren

Morning Tea: D. Moon, G. Woods

Readings for Sunday 1st September

Song of Solomon 2: 8-13

Psalm 45: 1-2, 6-9

James 1: 17-27

Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

Recycling updates

1. Hume Clean Days The next one is 8am-4pm on **Saturday 7th September**. 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, video recorders, mobile phones, appliances)

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

2. Did you know? (I didn't!) Discarded electric blankets are considered e-waste and can be taken to any facility that collects this type of recycling. I've verified this on the phone with the Sunbury Resource Recovery Centre who said "anything with a power cord is e-waste".

3. New items to recycle! If you have any old x-ray transparencies hidden in your cupboards that you don't know what to do with, bring them to church! Leave them in the photocopy room on top of the recycle boxes, in one of the paper envelopes they came in please. As these are no longer provided to patients, it won't need to be an ongoing collection. Pass the word around and collect from friends if you wish – much better than them being put into landfill, and they should not go in your recycle bin.

4. Do you have any old VHS or Beta video tapes? I'm considering providing a limited service of taking these to a recycle centre I've found that accepts them, and also the plastic cases from CDs and DVDs (the discs themselves can be brought to church as per the adjacent 'Recycling Corner' column). Before bringing the videos to church, please contact me (Helen H) with the approximate number you'd like to dispose of.

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

