

Keeping in touch ... Sunday 26th February 2023

This newsletter commenced during lockdowns when Services were not held in person and still temporarily replaces the Sunday Bulletin. Please email or call with anything you'd like to share, or to advertise or any upcoming events. (Helen Hall – see contact details below.)

First Sunday of Lent – a prayer by Rev. Dr. Tevita Nawadra from the Methodist Church in Fiji, Chair of the Regional Ecumenical Community: “Heavenly Father, thank you that no problem we face in our life, church fellowship, local community, or nation, is too difficult for you and that you are the God of the impossible.”

Fundraising profits

- The Bunnings sausage sizzle raised **\$1811.90**.
- The Shrove Tuesday pancake day was a huge success. Thanks to Di for her organising and bulk batter making, to Jacquie H, Jackie C, Margaret W and Chris P for their batter making and cooking. There were about 50 guests mostly *not* connected with our church. (Thanks to Heather for bringing the walking group.) Everyone enjoyed Lorraine’s welcome, being served by Lachlan’s beaming smile, Jeff’s cuppas and the whole friendly welcoming atmosphere, the highlight of course being Di’s masterpiece pancakes. A profit of **\$489.50** was made for the restoration fund. Thanks everyone! Let’s hope we can make this an annual event.

Congregational Annual Meeting The AGM will happen after Worship **today**.

2pm Afternoon Service This monthly Service is **today**. All welcome!

Muslims in Australia This 13th Annual Peter Barcham Memorial Lecture explores the common ground between Muslims and Christians. It will be presented by Imam Alaa Elzokm at Gisborne Uniting Church at 7.30pm on **Monday 6th March**. Admission is free and supper will be provided. Enquires to Janet or D’Arcy Wood on 5428 6700.

UCAF (Uniting Church Adult Fellowship) Our next meeting is at 1.30pm on **Thursday 2nd March**, in our church. Enquiries to Robyn Flett on 0423 277 450.

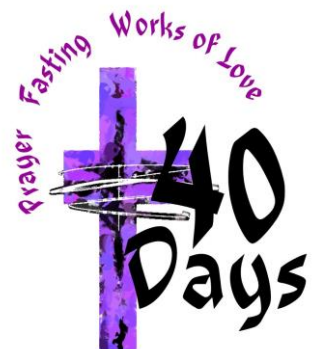
The World Day of Prayer Service is at 7.30pm on **Wednesday 8th March** at the Salvation Army (Anderson Road). The services are always thought-provoking and the fellowship afterwards is a great way to connect with our Christian family in Sunbury. The theme this year is ... *I Have Heard About Your Faith* ... and is God’s promise in the letter to the Ephesians – an invitation to active listening, which is the ground of our prayers. Following the example of the letter (Ephesians 1:15-19), where the

... see overleaf

Happy Birthday!



No more birthdays in February



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author praises the church for their faith in Jesus and love toward all the saints, the Worship Service contextualises the witness of the saints with the stories from Taiwan. www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org

SunFest As in the past, we will be participating in this event on **Saturday 18th March**. We hope to run Devonshire Teas, second-hand books, trash 'n treasure and the variety/craft stall. If you can donate an hour or two – or all day! – please add your name to the list in the Link.

Footy tipping competition A fundraising footy tipping competition has been established on ESPN for the *St. Andrew's UCA Sunbury Restoration Appeal*. The entry fee is \$25 (50% towards painting, 25% winner, 15% second, 5% third, 5% wooden spoon).

Payment can be made in person to Margaret Woolcock, Nancy Prewer or Dianne Moon, or online to the Young Mum's Account (BSB 633 000 Account 115212300). Please include: *painting / your name*with your transaction.

To join the competition, go to the ESPN footy website –
www.footytips.com.au/comps/st_andrews_uca_sunbury_restoration_fund_afi
(Feel free to send the link to your family, friends and work colleagues).

Prizes:

- End of home and away season winner – 25% of prize pool
- Second – 15%
- Third – 5%
- Wooden spoon – 5%
- Tip all teams that win or draw in a full round and win a mystery prize

This is a game of skill – be in it to win it! and please encourage family members to take part.

Rosters for Sunday 5th March:

Door: N. Prewer, M. Woolcock **Morning Tea:** C. Ely, C. Prosser

Readings for Sunday 5th March:

Genesis 12: 1-4a **Psalms 121** **Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17**
John 3: 1-17 or **Matthew 17: 1-9**

News and Notes

➤ **Hume Clean Days** are available to help you recycle the following items (in addition to your yearly at-home hard waste collections and tip passes). The next Clean Day is **Saturday 4th March** at the Sunbury Landfill and Resource Recovery Centre (515 Riddell Road):

- Mattresses
- Couches
- Tyres
- Whitegoods (including fridges, washing machines and dryers)
- E-waste (including TVs, computers, printers, DVDs, CDs, speakers, sound equipment, DVD players, video recorders, mobile phones, household appliances)
- Any other furniture or waste will attract standard fees and charges.



Recycling Corner

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

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



Also:

- Used postage stamps – no longer accepted by TLM but continue to donate and Helen will try to send to Sammy Stamp in Parkdale.
- 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

