



Keeping in touch ... Sunday 26th March 2023

Please email or call with anything you'd like to share, or to advertise or any upcoming events. (Helen Hall – see contact details below.)

5th Sunday of Lent "Grant us a willing spirit to act and serve justly for the common good of the whole of humanity. Help us to discern where there is need to address and attend to, for the good of your people and for your own glory. Give us a willing spirit to serve you and your people."

(A prayer by Rev. Armstrong Pitakaji, United Church in the Solomon Islands.)

Lent Event Appeal Your gift to UnitingWorld will be used where the need is greatest, enabling our church partners in the Pacific, Asia and Africa to lift people out of poverty, end violence and injustice, promote equality and raise up the next generation of leaders. Please give generously and together we can make a powerful difference! For five interesting videos, go to the website <https://donate.unitingworld.org.au/event/lent-event> and click on the donate tab. For those who remember our dear friend John Mercer, one of the videos features the tiny island of Tuvalu where he spent some time volunteering.

Envelopes are available on the bench in the kitchen. You can place an Appeal envelope containing cash in the offering bag OR fill in the credit card details and mail the envelope. With either method, if you would like a receipt, fill in your name and address on the envelope.

Footy tipping competition Thank you to the 27 tippers who have joined our footy tipping competition. **\$337.50** has been raised for the restoration fund. Good luck everyone! Nancy Prewer.

2pm Service Our monthly Service is on **today**. Come and enjoy the message, the music and a sumptuous afternoon tea!

UCAF (Uniting Church Adult Fellowship) Our group will meet next at 1.30pm on **Thursday 6th April** at our church. All welcome!

Easter Services See other side.

Drop-in Centre The Drop-in Centre is open **every Friday** from 10am to 2.30pm. Enter via the door near the white gates on the brick wall (fountain end). All welcome! Drop in for a cuppa and chat, and browse through our many good quality second-hand books which are available for sale from 50c to \$2. Cuppas are free – the cheapest café in Sunbury!
Enquiries to Jan Semmens on 0400 404 901.

Happy Birthday !



April birthdays

- 1 Jack Borg
- 4 Pat Bond
- 5 Sarah Prince, Joycelyn Young
- 7 Margaret Weate
- 14 Margaret Woolcock,
Jess Brownscombe
- 16 Jan Morrison
- 18 Andrew Mitchell
- 20 Chris Morgan-Prosser
- 29 Elwyn Davis



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EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday 2nd April

9.30 am St. Andrew's Uniting Church

Good Friday 7th April

10.00 am St. Mary's Worship Centre
(7-19 O'Shanassy Street)

The collection will go to the victims of the Turkey-Syria earthquake

Livestream on the day at www.tinyurl.com/victory2023

See www.sunburychurches.com.au

Easter Sunday 9th April

9.30 am St. Andrew's Uniting Church

Rosters for Sunday 2nd April:

Door: not available at time of printing. Roster people will be notified.

Morning tea: R. Flett, J. Hay

Readings for Sunday 2nd April:

Liturgy of the Palms: Matthew 21: 1-11 Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

News and Notes

Bereavement Well-known local identity Peter Free passed away yesterday morning (25th March). No further details yet. Peter will be sadly missed by his family and friends and by many in the Sunbury community. Please remember the Free family in your prayers.



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

