

Keeping in touch . . . Sunday 26th May 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 26th May**. All welcome.

Pernaperna Group For some time, the group has been involved in knitting blankets for the NATSICC ('National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Catholic Council') Palliative Care Program. Care packages are provided which include blankets, beanies, shawls, Aboriginal instrumental music, Torres Strait Islander hymns, note books with a pen and sometimes a canvas and paints. In many cases simply staying warm in a location that is very different from their community can be achieved through the provision of a warm blanket. Since the program began in 2020 the Pernaperna women, with the assistance of the Sunbury Community, have sent off 77 blankets and 36 beanies. If you can knit or crochet and would like to assist, we can provide wool to get you started. If you don't knit you may wish to make a small donation towards the postage of the blankets, which can be quite expensive. Donations of 8 ply acrylic wool are also most welcome. We would be grateful for any assistance for this worthwhile program.

The next meeting is on **Thursday 30th May** from 1-3pm at the Sunbury Neighbourhood House (531 Elizabeth Drive). All welcome.
Enquiries to Joan Koren on 0418 302 676.

Lancefield UC visit Next **Sunday 2nd June** we will be welcoming Lancefield Uniting Church to our Service. **There will be a cuppa at 10am with the Service and Communion to follow at 10.30am.** We would like everyone to bring a plate of something sweet or some fruit to share for lunch. Soup, sandwiches and sausage rolls will be provided. If you're unable to get out to the shops, the donation box is available today for any cash donations towards the lunch, and also towards the cost of the petrol for the buses we've used.

UCAF (Uniting Church Adult Fellowship) Our next meeting is at 1.30pm on **Thursday 6th June** at the church. We will be doing some colouring in. If possible, please bring some coloured pencils. All welcome!
Enquiries to Robyn Flett on 0423 277 450.

Book signing New author Michael Prewer will be signing books and answering questions about his first novel 'R.E Generation' after the Service on **Sunday 9th June**. The novel will be available for sale @ \$30 (RRP \$34.99).

May Birthdays



6 Jo Brownscombe 15 Geoff Woods
18 Trish Palamountain 22 Jeanette McBean



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- every Mon and Sat
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- 5th Sun when it occurs

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Sunago For our next meeting on **Sunday 9th June** at 4pm, we have been graciously invited to the *Australian Nepalese Multicultural Centre* to meet with members of their community. The venue address is 100 Duncans Lane, Diggers Rest. Please advise if you'll be attending.

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.*

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.*

News ... Notes ... Advance Diary Dates

• **Bereavement ...** It is with great sadness that we advise of the passing of our dear friend Kathleen Tremlett on Thursday 23rd May at Epworth ICU.

Kath ran the Sunbury Flower Show at our church for 20 years (continuing the legacy of her mother Kathleen Aitken and father William Aitken). She was also heavily involved in both the Sunbury Agricultural ('Aggy') Show and the Liberal Party, for many years.

The Funeral Service to celebrate Kath's life will be on **Thursday 30th May** at 11am at St. Mary's Anglican Church, Sunbury. Please remember the family in your prayers. Such a lovely lady – she will be greatly missed by her family and friends, and the wider Sunbury Community.

• **Workshop with Rev. Dr. Sally Douglas ...** UCA minister/theologian and academic, based on her book 'The Church as Salt'. What would a church look like if it sought to be salt as Jesus spoke about in Matthew 5, rather than enticed by the need to be successful? This is a timely conversation to be had as we wrestle with what it means to be the church in our current context. If you're interested, you are encouraged to obtain a copy of Sally's book either online from [Coventry Press](#), from Koorong (currently on back order), Amazon, or borrow from a library, and read it in preparation for the workshop. An initiative between Craigieburn UCA and St. Andrew's Sunbury UCA, the workshop will be held at Craigieburn UCA. Further details of dates (**possibly in August**) and times will be made known when they are confirmed. Learn more about the book here [The Church as Salt](#).

If you're interested, please contact Rev. Fa'amata'u (0401 592 359).

• **PWMU Cookbook Committee ...** The PWMU Cookbook is the oldest continuous cookbook in Australia, and has been in print since 1904. The 2024 edition celebrates 120 years of the book, with royalties funding the mission and ministry of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria and the Uniting Church in Victoria. If you're interested, you can [order here](#) (\$25 + postage) or ask me (Helen H) and I'll give/email you an order form.

Rosters for Sunday 2nd June

Door: C. Simpson, R. Simpson

Communion: D. Moon, C. Prosser

Morning Tea: L. McLaren, M. Mitchell

Readings for Sunday 2nd June

1 Samuel 3: 1–10 (11–20)

Psalms 139: 1–6, 13–18

2 Corinthians 4: 5–12

Mark 2: 23–3:6



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

