



## Keeping in touch . . . Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Welcome to our Worship Service. If you're visiting, please join us in the hall afterwards for tea/coffee and a chat!

**The Gisborne Singers** will be performing on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church (Hutton Street, Kyneton) commencing at 8.30pm, featuring Christmas choral favourites and classics with organ and piano. All tickets \$40 (under 12 free). Bookings: [www.trybooking.com/CIWMK](http://www.trybooking.com/CIWMK)

**Welcome!** ..... to our new minister Rev. Fa'amata'u Leota. His Induction Service is next **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** at 2pm, followed by afternoon tea. Please bring a plate to share (savoury or sweet) as we will be hosting many visitors that day.

**Remembrance poinsettias** will arrive this week. There are a few left if you haven't ordered yet. The cost is \$15 each and you can pay in cash to Nancy Prewer or Jackie Cowan, or by direct deposit to:

**St Andrews UC Fundraising Group, BSB 633 000, Account number 115212300**  
All proceeds will go to the Restoration Fund, thanks to Bunnings' sponsorship.

**Pernaperna Group** The final meeting for the year is from 1-3pm on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December** at the Sunbury Neighbourhood House (531 Elizabeth Drive). Enquiries to Joan Koren on 0418 302 676.

**Carols at Rupertswood** Carols this year will be again held at the same Rupertswood location on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December**, commencing at 5pm. We would welcome anyone who can spare some time on the day – in the afternoon (from 2pm) or evening (or both!) to help set up tents, arrange chairs, help the choirs on and off the stage etc.

**For a full description of where/when help is needed** please take a flyer from the holder on the bench near the tea/coffee window. If you can spare even a couple of hours, you will help will be very much appreciated and will contribute to making the day a success!

### **Carols at Rupertswood Prayer Requests**

- Pray that people will come with open hearts and receive and understand the Christmas message, and that through the nativity stable, the *Jesus' Birthday* children's activities and gift bags, the children will understand the true Christmas story.
- Pray that all goes well in the food stalls.
- Pray for protection from accidents and mishaps.
- Pray for good weather on the day, as that has a major influence on the attendance and atmosphere of the event.

. . . see overleaf

### *November Birthdays*



- 18 Dianne Moon
- 22 Eileen Dundas
- 27 Chloe Brownscombe
- 28 Strickland Lesoa

### *~ A glimpse of the past ~*



**Sunbury Station (2 of 4) c. 1910**  
Note different roof, overhead bridge

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**Restoration Fund coin containers** Please bring your containers to church on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December**.

**The Congregational Annual General Meeting** will be held on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December** after the Service to elect Church Council office bearers and councillors whose terms are expiring. The office bearers for election are Congregational Chair, Congregational Secretary, Congregational Presbytery Representative and three Church Council members. These current positions will be declared vacant at the meeting and an election will be held amongst those who are nominated. Nominations must be submitted in writing to Amanda Woods or an office bearer by the 3<sup>rd</sup> December, and permission of the nominee must be obtained before the name is submitted. If no nominations are received, the positions will not be filled.

Also to be discussed at this meeting is the number of people who should be on Church Council. The suggestion is that we should reduce the number of representatives, and after discussion a motion will be drafted to reflect the wishes of the congregation. The reduction of representatives would take place over a number of years due to natural attrition.

### **The Combined Churches of Sunbury Traditional Carol Service**

This year this will be held at St. Anne's Church (101 Riddell Road) at 7pm on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December**. We need three readers from our church. Please let Nancy Prewer or Robyn Flett know if you would like to be involved.

**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.

**CareWorks** The current needs are: chocolates, mince pies, puddings, Christmas cakes. *Any Christmas fare* will be greatly appreciated! Distribution of the Christmas hampers will begin on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December**.

**Please note:** CareWorks will be closed from Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December '23 until Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January '24.

### **News and Notes**

**Thank you .....** from Fay and Monique (Noel's daughter and granddaughter)  
"Dear friends, Monique and I wanted to express our heartfelt appreciation to you all. Thank you for welcoming us in with so much care and making us feel like we were part of the church family, it was as though we were wrapped in a warm hug. Thank you to everyone who gave their time behind the scenes and for the stories shared with us. The service was beautiful and we felt like it truly captured who he was. Thank you again .....

**Group leaders e.g. DiC, KYB, Sunago** – please let me know the date of your final meeting this year (Helen H).

### **Rosters for Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December:**

**Door:** R. Coulson, C. Prosser

**Morning tea:** L. McLaren, M. Mitchell

### **Readings for Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – First Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 64: 1-9

Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19

1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

Mark 13: 24-37

## **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](http://www.onyalife.com/products)

[www.cleanup.org.au/buy-recycled](http://www.cleanup.org.au/buy-recycled)

