



## Keeping in touch . . . Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024

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

**Our Monthly 2pm Service** is today, **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October**. All welcome!

**Stronger Together** This is an information session for people living in the Hume area, to be held next **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October** from 10am-12pm at the Sunbury Global Learning Centre (40 Macedon Street). It will be presented by 'Elder Rights Advocacy' with Victoria Police (Senior Constable Kim McKeowen) and supported by Hume Council.

Some of the areas to be covered are:

- ❖ your rights in aged care
- ❖ how advocates can help you
- ❖ recognising, responding to and reporting elder abuse
- ❖ how to recognise and protect against scams, with cyber safety tips

If you'd like to attend, please register your interest by signing the form in the hall after the Service. See *Pat Baulch* if you have any questions.

**Pernaperna Group** The next meeting is **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October** from 1-3pm at the Sunbury Neighbourhood House (531 Elizabeth Drive). All welcome. Enquiries to *Joan Koren* on 0418 302 676.

**Men's Group** Next month's meeting will be a trip to Melbourne to visit 'il Mercato Centrale' for lunch. We will catch the 10am V-Line from Sunbury to Southern Cross on the morning of **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**. All welcome!

**Christmas at Rupertswood** ... organised by the Combined Churches of Sunbury, will be held on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December**, from 5 to 8.30pm. The day will feature free activities and a nativity stable, concluding with Christmas Carols. Many volunteers will be needed to set up from 2pm to 8.30pm. If you're able to help in any way, you'll find some leaflets on the pamphlet rack in the Link, with details of time slots and help needed.

**A Volunteers' Briefing Session** will be held on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November**, 7.30pm at our church. All volunteers must have a valid WWC card and you can register here <https://www.sunburychurches.com.au/volunteers.html>. Forms can be filled in online, then printed and signed. Forward the completed form to Robyn Flett or bring to the Briefing Session.

**Prayer request #3** Pray that people will come with open hearts, so that they will receive and understand the Christmas message.

### October Birthdays



2 Malcolm McBean 10 Debbie Millardship  
13 Betty Harris 28 Valerie Pearce



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The Minister's days off are:

- every Mon and Sat
- every 3<sup>rd</sup> Fri and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sun when it occurs

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## Uniting Church for Climate Action t-shirts



front

These are for sale @ \$30 each.  
Sizes are S, M, L, XL, 2XL.  
A sample is available for you to look at. Black only.

back



See above for the designs on the front and back. If you'd like to order one, please see or ring Nancy (or Helen H when Nancy is in UK). The sample t-shirt can be found in the photocopy room.

**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 **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays** at Barb's home (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! **See page 1 for November's activity.** *Enquiries to Peter Canning 0478 777 400.*

### Rosters for Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

**Door:** N. Prewer, C. Prosser

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

### Readings for Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Ruth 1 :1–18

Psalm 146

Hebrews 9: 11–14

Mark 12 :28–34

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

### News about 'our Joyce' from Robyn Flett who recently visited her:

"Jan Morrison kindly drove me to 'CraigCare Plumpton Villa' in Glenroy, where Joyce Wheeler is now living. Joyce looks well. She doesn't think she will return to her home in Sunbury, but will stay in care where she is being well



looked after. She sends her good wishes to everyone. I send her the *Keeping in Touch* newsletter each week so she can know what's happening in our church, and she is grateful for Rev. Fa'amata'u visiting her. Joyce has a new great-granddaughter, Elizabeth, who was born in October. She now has two great-granddaughters and two great-grandsons."

**Editor's note:** *I feel I can speak for everyone in the congregation by sending a message to Joyce . . . "We extend our love and very warm wishes to you Joyce! We hope you are keeping well and settling in at CraigCare."*

**Data Projector Roster:** A request has been made for extra volunteers on this Roster. Only basic computer skills are required. Please see Rob Marlow if you're interested in finding out more.

**Back copies:** Just a reminder that back copies of *Keeping in Touch* and *Crosslight* are available in a labelled box in the photocopy room. Feel free to take any copies if you missed one or need a back copy for some reason. The current and previous *Keeping in Touch* can be found in the Link pamphlet rack.

## Recycling Corner

**Use the recycling trolley or boxes in photocopy room for:**

- old biros and textas
- medication blisters
- milk bottle lids
- x-ray transparencies
- bread bag tags – plastic only (no tea bag tags or ring pulls please)
- old glasses (spectacles)
- CDs and DVDs (and 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](http://www.onyalife.com/products)

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

