



## Keeping in touch ... Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 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.)

### **Palm Sunday**

➤ “Pray for God’s protection over the world from disasters.” (by Rev. Noa Turaganivalu, Gender Equality Theology Champion, Methodist Church in Fiji.)

➤ “Please pray for us and continue to work with us so that one day Timor Leste can be independent in terms of finances, human resources and other things that we need.” (by Julio Da Costa, Program Manager, Protestant Church in Timor-Leste.)

**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.

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

**Drop-in Centre** The Drop-in Centre is open **every Friday** from 10am to 230pm. 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.

**Easter Services** See other side.

### *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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### ***Rosters for Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April:***

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

**Morning tea:** J. Unwin, P. Palamountain

### ***Readings for Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April:***

**Acts 10: 34-43** *or* **Jeremiah 31: 1-6**

**Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24**

**Colossians 3: 1-4** *or* **Acts 10: 34-43**

**John 20: 1-18** *or* **Matthew 28 :1-10**

### ***News and Notes***

**Bereavement** Well-known local identity Peter Free passed away on the 25<sup>th</sup> March. 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.

**The funeral** will be held at Sunbury's St. Mary's Anglican Church (in the old bluestone church) on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 1.30pm. If the church is full there will video access in the Worship Centre where there will be another 300 seats. After the Service he will be taken to the Clarke Oval for a lap before cremation. The wake will then be held at the Footy Club.

*"On behalf of the Free family, I would like to thank everyone for the warm condolences and wonderful words/messages that people have said and left. Dad instilled in us the importance of community." ..... Andrew Free.*



## ***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)

