



Keeping in touch . . . Sunday 2nd February 2025

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

Combined Churches Chorale Rehearsals begin at our church at 7.30pm on **Monday 3rd February**. New singers are always welcome – both men and women. Enquires to Gwen Hutcheson on 0412 547 643.

Quiet Day Our first one will be held next **Saturday 8th February** from 10am to 3pm at 'The White Goose' (old Uniting Church – 3 Sutherlands Road, Riddells Creek). Lunch, tea/coffee and light snacks will be provided. A small donation (on the day) would be appreciated to help with costs. Enquiries to Barb Ashley on 0410 439 724.

Pernaperna Group Meetings are fortnightly so the next one is on **Thursday 13th February** from 1-3pm at Sunbury Neighbourhood House (531 Elizabeth Drive). All welcome! In fact, the group would love some new members this year!

What is Pernaperna? (which means 'sun') It is a cross-cultural group that provides an opportunity for women to share culture and knowledge through art, crafts and special activities, bringing them together in friendship and engaging in projects to benefit Sunbury and the wider community. Some current and past projects include: knitted pouches for orphaned joeys at a wildlife sanctuary, knitted rugs for a palliative care program and a bush tucker garden. Feel free to visit a meeting to share a cuppa and learn all about the group! Ask Errel Gray who attends (or Joan Koren on 0418 302 676).

Sunbury Family History & Heritage Society Meetings take place on 3rd Thursdays so the next one is **Thursday 20th February** at 1.30pm in Meeting Room 5, Hume Global Learning Centre (temporary venue while the Senior Cit's building is being rebuilt). Anyone is welcome to attend.

Rosters for Sunday 9th February

Door: R. Coulson, G. Warne **Communion:** L. McLaren, N. Prewer
Morning tea: R. Flett, D. Parrey

Readings for Sunday 9th February

Isaiah 6: 1-8, (9-13) Psalm 138 1 Corinthians 15 :1-11 Luke 5 :1-11

February Birthdays



4 Rob Coulson 6 Linda Bone
11 Carole Simpson



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- every Mon and Sat
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Regular Groups

A couple of changes to our regular groups:

- ★ **Drop-in Centre new hours:** 11am to 3pm, still on Fridays (not public holidays).
- ★ **Prayer Circle:** is the new name of the Contemplative Prayer Group. Meeting times and days remain the same.

KYB (Know Your Bible) meets at Pat Hay's home **every Thursday** at 10am for a cuppa, chat and Bible Study, until approximately 12pm. This small, interdenominational group follows the guidelines of [CWCI International](#). *If you'd like to join, or just visit now and then, please speak to Pat.*

UCAF (Uniting Church Adult Fellowship) meets on **1st Thursdays** at 1.30pm at our church. *Enquiries to Robyn Flett on 0423 277 450.*

Prayer Circle gathers on **2nd and 4th Fridays** (commencing in **Feb** on **14th** and **28th**) from 9 to 10am at Barb's home (Unit 1, 5 Timins Street) for a time of quiet prayer for our church family. *Enquiries to Barb Ashley on 0410 439 724.*

Drop-in Centre is open **every Friday** from 11am to 3pm. Drop in for a free cuppa and chat – the cheapest café in Sunbury! Feel free to browse our many good quality second-hand books – for sale from 50c to \$2. *Enquiries to Jan Semmens on 0400 404 901.*

Men's Group meets monthly on **1st Saturdays** from 10am-12pm in the Drop-in Centre over coffee and toast to relax and chat – about anything! *Enquiries to Peter Canning 0478 777 400.*

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

Recycling – new items: use the biros drawer in the trolley for used textas, highlighters, correction tape dispensers and liquid white-out bottles. If unsure of what we collect for recycling, please check the 'Recycling Corner' column which I try to keep up to date. **And don't forget those stamps!** See next story.



Sammy Stamp news from October UCAF Network magazine: A couple of Sammy's helpers journeyed to Kangaroo Flat UC (Bendigo) last year to speak at a UCAF Regional gathering. Their presentation included how a lot of sales are accomplished through the internet, including buyers from overseas. Sammy Stamp volunteers came home that day with many stamps to trim, sort and sell. Up to and including the 5th Sep 2024, sales had reached about \$22,330 (\$22,542 in the same period last year).

Extract from December Crosslight: In 1919, the PWMU (Presbyterian Women's Missionary Union) started a stamp collecting program to raise money for missional work. Taken on by the UC when it formed in 1977, the UCAF Stamp Fund (now called Sammy Stamp), has since chalked up \$1.2 million through the sale of stamps, with about \$1.15 million given to numerous projects. *"The Sammy Stamp guidelines say that 'funds will be used for the relief of suffering, whether that suffering be physical, emotional, spiritual, or economic, or for the betterment of people who, in turn, will be able to influence the health and wellbeing of their immediate or extended community.'"* convenor Allan Clark says. Among recent projects were aid to Zambia (\$4000), Frontier Services Bush Chaplains (\$5000), the Uniting Vic/Tas Winter Appeal (\$5000), and construction of a medical building in Solomon Islands (\$5000). *Read full story on pages 8-9 of the December Crosslight (still available in each foyer). Stamp and coin collections are also gratefully accepted.*

Recycling Corner

Use the recycling trolley or boxes in photocopy room for:

- medication blisters
- x-ray transparencies
- milk bottle lids
- used biros, textas, highlighters, correction tape dispensers
- 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 new 7-Eleven on Sunbury 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 container for:

- 10c bottles etc. 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

