

# Keeping in touch ... Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025

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

**Pancake (Shrove) Tuesday** on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March** will **not** be happening as we didn't hear from enough volunteers to run it.

**Ash Wednesday Service** is at 7pm on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March** at our church. Prepare for the season of Lent and Easter. All welcome.

**Lent Study - how to be a good global neighbour** This is a 4-week study during Lent when we will explore what it means to be a good global neighbour. We will use the Uniting World study booklet 'How to be a good global neighbour'. Some of the topics we will touch on are:

- What does it mean to be a good global neighbour?
- Neighbouring is part of our Godly identity.
- Neighbouring requires vulnerability.
- Are we called to generosity or justice?
- Who is my neighbour?

The first session will be on the **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March** (first Sunday of Lent) following morning tea. Please bring your lunch. At this initial gathering we can discuss days and times to meet. A minimum of 6 is required for the study to go ahead. *Please let Rev Fa'amata'u know if you are interested.*

**Combined Churches of Sunbury Inc** The Annual General Meeting will be held at 7.30pm on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March** in St Mary's Worship Centre.

**SunFest - volunteers needed** SunFest takes place on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March** from 9am for a 9.30am start until 4pm, followed by cleaning and packing up. We need names of anyone who can help, either for the whole day or part of it. *Please see Dianne Moon.*

**2025 Lenten Calendar** A 'Care for Creation – Pilgrims of Hope' Lenten calendar with an environmental focus, has been created by Catholic Care Caritas Australia. It begins today **2<sup>nd</sup> March** and ends on **Easter Day 20<sup>th</sup> April**. This interesting resource has been handed out today and copies will be available for the duration of the calendar. Everyone is encouraged to peruse, and where possible follow, the daily environmental hints.

**Today's calendar entry is:** "Let Sunday's quotes from St. Francis of Assisi's *Canticle of Creation* inspire a deeper appreciation for God's creation. Celebrate 'Clean Up Australia Day' today."

**Editor's Note:** Watch and listen to [The Canticle of Creation](#) – a beautiful version of St. Francis' *Canticle of Creation*. (The link above will be live in the emailed newsletter.)

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## March Birthdays



5 Chris Ely    15 Barb Ashley  
20 Pat Baulch    25 Geoff Hitch



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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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**Wedding**  John Marlow and Lanie Delos Santos will be married at 2pm on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** at St. Andrew's by Rev. Linda Young. Members of the church family are invited to attend the service, which will be followed by refreshments at the church.



Please RSVP to Rob and Crystal Marlow on 5428 6121 if you plan to attend.

**Membership Service** For those who would like to formalise their membership with the St. Andrew's congregation, a Membership Service will be held on **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April** during the morning worship service. If you're interested, please see Rev Fa'amata'u.

**Footy Tipping** The competition is on again! Same rules as before – the cost to enter is \$25 with 50% to be returned to the top four tippers. To enter, please pay \$25 to:

St. Andrew's UC Fundraising Group  
BSB 633 000, Account 11521230

If paying by cash, please give to Nancy or Tim (today only).

### Rosters Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March

**Door:** R. Coulson, R. Simpson      **Morning tea:** D. Moon, G. Woods

**Communion:** C. Prosser, C. Simpson

### Readings Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Lent 1

**Deuteronomy** 26: 1-11

**Psalms** 91: 1-2, 9-16

**Romans** 10: 8b-13

**Luke** 4: 1-13



### Regular Groups

**Combined Churches Chorale** Leading up to the next ecumenical event (World Day of Prayer) rehearsals are held **every Monday** at 7.30pm in our church. New singers are always welcome – both men and women. Enquires to Gwen Hutcheson on 0412 547 643.

**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](http://www.cwci.org.au). If you'd like to join, or just visit now and then, please speak to Pat.

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

**Prayer Circle** gathers on **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays** from 9.30 to 10.30am 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 **1<sup>st</sup> 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.



## Recycling Corner

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

- medication blisters
- x-ray transparencies
- milk bottle lids
- used biro's, 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](http://www.onyalife.com/products)

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

