

Keeping in touch ... Sunday 30th June 2024

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

UCAF (Uniting Church Adult Fellowship) Our annual luncheon will be held at 12 noon on **Thursday 4th July** at 'Club Sunbury' (also known as the Bowling Club). Friends and family members welcome! Please put your name on the list on the notice board in the foyer.
Enquiries to Robyn Flett on 0423 277 450.

Pernaperna Group The next meeting is **Thursday 11th July** from 1-3pm at the Sunbury Neighbourhood House (531 Elizabeth Drive). All welcome.
Enquiries to Joan Koren on 0418 302 676.

Warm Winter Wednesdays meets in the Drop-in Centre **every Wednesday** during winter from 11.30am to 2pm to serve a hot lunch to those in need.
Enquiries to Di Moon.

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.

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.
Enquiries to Peter Canning 0478 777 400.

Uniting Winter Appeal Those in need of support this winter might be closer to home than you think - like a family at your local primary school, a local grandparent who doesn't want to worry their children, even your friendly postie. The reality is, with more than half of Australians struggling to make ends meet, many in our communities are suffering in silence. They need warmth, not just a hot meal or woolly jumper, but the warm embrace of their community. This winter, please help **share the warmth** and provide hope to those who need it most. *At the time of printing, I am still not able to track down the envelopes but hopefully they will be available soon.* In the meantime, there is one in your copy of the June Crosslight. If you'd like a receipt for tax purposes, please fill in your details on the envelope. You may also put your gift (cash is ok, or a cheque payable to 'Uniting') in a donation envelope and place it in the offering bag at any Service. **Thank you!for sharing with those in need this winter.**

June Birthdays



- 17 Lorraine McLaren
19 Bev Dainton, Yvonne Smith,
Max Woolcock
20 Nancy Mead 30 Errel Gray



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The Minister's days off are:

- every Mon and Sat
- every 3rd Fri and 3rd Sun
- 5th Sun when it occurs

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Rosters for Sunday 7th July

Door: names not available today **Morning Tea:** D. Moon, G. Woods

Readings for Sunday 7th July – Communities of trust and hope

2 Samuel 5: 1–5, 9–10 Psalm 48 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10 Mark 6:1–13

News ... Notes ... Advance Diary Dates

• **Workshop with Rev. Dr. Sally Douglas ...** UCA minister/theologian and academic, based on her book [The Church as Salt](#). What would a church look like if it sought to be salt as Jesus spoke about in Matthew 5, rather than enticed by the need to be successful? This is a timely conversation to be had as we wrestle with what it means to be the church in our current context. Buy a copy of Sally's book online from [Coventry Press](#), from Koorong, Amazon. An initiative between Craigieburn UCA and St. Andrew's Sunbury UCA, the workshop will be held at Craigieburn UCA. Dates (**possibly in August**) and times will be made known when confirmed. *If interested, see Rev. Fa'amata'u.*

• **Community Winter Catch-up** Every Friday from 5.30 to 7pm (June to August), the Goonawarra Neighbourhood House (8 Gullane Drive) will be open for those in need to share a warm meal and a friendly chat. Attendees need to RSVP by Wednesday each week (limited capacity) by text to Garnet on 0435 661 917. **Volunteers** are always welcome or donations of food items or (winter only) clothing. Donate by scanning the QR code. Contact the organisers 'Give Until It Hurts' (GIUH) by mobile above or garnet@giuh.org.



'Brief Prayers for Busy People' by Bruce D. Prewer – 30th June entry :

God,
unleash from the inside
your wild and trusting child
hands held
high for swinging
laughter let loose and ringing

Jennie Gordon, UCA minister and poet, Australia, born 1962

Precious the fingers that anointed blind eyes,
the hands that touched lepers,
the arms that embraced little ones.
Precious the smile that welcomed outcasts,
the frown that rebuked the arrogant
the tongue that told parables.
Precious the courage that led to Jerusalem.
the faith that agonised in
Gethsemane, the love that suffered at Golgotha.
Precious the lips that gave the Easter greeting,
the mercy which restored ashamed disciples,
the spirit let loose in the whole world.
Blessed is the Christ who comes
in the name of the Lord God!
Amen!

Lord, I desire that at all times, those who benefit by my daily work may not only be refreshed in body, but may also be drawn closer to your love and refreshed in all your goodness.

St. Gertrude, Cistercian nun, Germany, 1256-1302

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Recycling Corner

Use the recycling trolley in the foyer for the following:

- old biros and textas
- medication blisters
- milk bottle tops
- bread bag tags – plastic only (**NO** tea bag tags, ring pulls please)
- old glasses (spectacles)
- CDs and DVDs (not 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
www.cleanup.org.au/buy-recycled

