

Keeping in touch ... Sunday 30th March 2025

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 next meeting is at 1.30pm on **Thursday 3rd April** at the church. All welcome!
Enquiries to Robyn Flett on 0423 277 450.

Ordinary Days The Boilerhouse Theatre Company, featuring Ben Prewer, presents 'Ordinary Days'. Productions at Sunbury are over but you can still catch it at Essendon, at the Bradshaw Street Community Hall, on **Fri-Sat-Sun 4th, 5th and 6th April**. The seating is Cabaret style so bring some food and drink to enjoy while you experience a beautiful night of theatre! Show times are 8 to 9.30 pm on Friday and Saturday, and 2 to 3.30pm on Sunday. Doors open half an hour before the show. Tickets cost \$25 adults, \$20 concession.
To book, go to: www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1363078.

Prison Fellowship Easter Biscuit Bake If you'd like to contribute, the need is for homemade, crisp, nut-free biscuits, sealed in a disposable container and with the ingredients clearly listed. Please deliver to St. Mary's Anglican Church **between 31st March and 3rd April** (for the church office hours, please ring Narelle on 9744 1347). The challenge is 61,000 homemade biscuits. Each prisoner will receive a packet of biscuits with a card that speaks of God's love and Jesus' death and resurrection. Enquiries to Chris Prosser.

CareWorks speaker Fiona Cordon, CareWorks Service Delivery Manager, will be our guest speaker at our Service on **Sunday 6th April**. Invite a friend or family member to learn more about this great community outreach.

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 13th April** during the morning worship service. If you're interested, please see Rev Fa'amata'u.

KYB (Know Your Bible) After many years, this group will no longer be meeting due to the leader retiring from the role. We wish the members well and thank them for their faithful commitment to KYB for such a long time.

Rosters Sunday 6th April

Door: will be notified **Morning Tea:** R. Flett, D. Parrey

Readings Sunday 6th April - Lent 5

Isaiah 43: 16-21 Psalm 126
Philippians 3: 4b-14 John 12: 1-8



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April Birthdays



5 Joycelyn Young 7 Margaret Weate
14 Margaret Woolcock 16 Jan Morrison
20 Chris Prosser 29 Joy (Elwyn) Davis



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- every Mon and Sat
- every 3rd Fri and 3rd Sun
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Thank you! “A big thank-you to everyone who attended our wedding last Saturday and for your cards and gifts. Thank you also to Betty Harris for her beautiful floral arrangements, to the helpers in the kitchen and to all those who brought food to share – from John and Lanie Marlow.”



Editor's note: Thank you John and Lanie for inviting us to your beautiful wedding!



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.

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** 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 **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

Emergency Management Petition update from Judy Unwin: This legislation was eventually debated in Parliament on 5th February. Boyd and Bianca were there. Enver Erdogan MP, Minister for Corrections, was the only Government minister present. This minister reconfirmed that they agree with the measures taken during covid on the Emergency Management Days and aren't looking at changing the legislation for violent and high risk prisoners. The other members of parliament had some good information and talked about why the legislation *should* be changed. It was also noted the Federal Government opposed this legislation.

Boyd and Bianca were interviewed by the Herald Sun after the debate and the paper eventually ran an article on Monday 17th March on page 2. This is getting the message to other people and Boyd is hopeful it will still be talked about and change will eventually come. Boyd and Bianca are continuing their Advocacy work. Bianca spoke at the 'She Matters' Rally in Melbourne on Saturday, 15th March.



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

www.cleanup.org.au/buy-recycled

