

Keeping in touch

Sunday 30th October 2022

This newsletter temporarily replaces the Sunday Bulletin. Please email or call me with anything you'd like to share, or to advertise or any upcoming events. (Helen Hall – see contact details below.)

Welcome... to the Moderator, Rev. David Fotheringham, and his wife Robyn, who are joining our Service today.

The Moderator's Emergency Response Fund has been established to react quickly in supporting communities in times of major disasters, such as bushfires, floods and storms. The devastating floods currently affecting Victoria and Tasmania highlights the need for emergency assistance. If you would like to contribute, go to the following link, which you will also find at the top of the Synod website home page.

<https://victas.uca.org.au/product/moderators-emergency-response-fund/>

Movie Day Join us for a movie and refreshments at 11am tomorrow **Monday 31st October** at Readings Cinema in Sunbury. Cost is \$20 to see Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris'.

To book, contact Dianne on 0404 266 296 or at dismale@bigpond.com.

UCAF (Uniting Church Adult Fellowship) The UCAF has resumed and will be getting together next at 1.30pm on **Thursday 3rd November** at the church. All welcome. Enquiries to Robyn Flett on 0423 277 450.

Poinsettias in memory of a loved one (or just because you like them) will be available from **Sunday 20th November**. We will use them to decorate the church for the Christmas season, and you can then take them home for Christmas Day. All proceeds will go to the church painting fund. More details next week.

Church picnic Join us for a BBQ lunch on **Sunday 4th December** at the Lerderderg State Park (leaving after the Service) to spend some quality time with Stan and Susan before they leave us. There are forms in the foyer asking for information such as whether you can make your own way there, provide transport or need a lift, can bring a chair or spares or need one (+ more questions). RSVP with this form by 20th November to Dianne.

Christmas Carols The Combined Churches of Sunbury group asks for your prayer support for this year's Christmas Carols event on **Saturday 10th December** which will be held at the new venue of Rupertswood, now that the Village Green is no longer available. **Note:** this is a live event (not on the screen). Further info will be available soon – enquiries to Robyn or Nancy.

Happy Birthday!



November birthdays:

- 1st – Tim Hay
- 4th – Pat O'Meara
- 10th – Harry Watson
- 11th – Ben Brownscombe
- 18th – Dianne Moon
- 22nd – Eileen Dundas
- 27th – Chloe Brownscombe
- 28th – Strickland Lesoa

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Advance notice of Christmas Services

The venue for all of the following is St. Andrew's:

- Sunday 18th December 2pm 9 Lessons and Carols
- Sunday 26th November 2pm monthly Service
- Wednesday 21st December 7.30pm Blue Christmas
- Saturday 24th December 8pm Christmas Eve Carols
- Sunday 25th December 9am Christmas Day

Rosters next Sunday:

Door: C. Ely, P. Palamountain **Morning Tea:** C. Simpson, S. Clarke

Readings next Sunday:

Haggai 1 :15b – 2: 9 Psalm 145: 1-5, 2, 17-21 or Psalm 98
Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-17 Luke 20: 27-38

News and Notes

- **Missing** – did anyone take home a white tablecloth to wash? Please see Margaret Mitchell as soon as possible if you know of its whereabouts.
- **Congratulations** – to Alana McLaren who is performing with the Victorian State Junior Ballet yesterday and today, at the Darebin Arts Centre, in 'The Nutcracker' ballet, Alana is 10 years old.
- **Our annual Car Boot Sale & Craft Market** – will no longer be happening. The Village Green no longer being available means that car sites would be located on our land only. The resulting loss of revenue from the usual large number of car sites, as well as the market stall insurance for the remaining sites having doubled this year, means it is no longer financially viable to continue the event in this format. Our own stalls are still worth running but with a different 'draw card' in lieu of the usual '60+ cars'. Church Council will be discussing an alternative event.

The last Car Boot Sale & Craft Market held was in 2019 (pre-covid) which was the 16th annual event. The total amount raised (round figures) was \$73,280 (includes \$2,472 in 2008 when it hailed!!) Sincere thanks to all those who contributed and/or helped in any way over those 16 years!

... Helen and Dell.

Recycling Corner

Use the recycling trolley in the foyer for donations of the following:

- milk bottle tops
- bread bag tags
- bread bags
- tea bag tags
- old biros
- medication blisters (empty)
- old glasses (spectacles)



Also:

- Used postage stamps – no longer accepted by TLM but continue to donate and Helen will try to send to Sammy Stamp in Parkdale.
- Helen is still collecting mobile phones and chargers (the Zoo's 'Gorilla Doctors' collection), toner/ink cartridges, batteries, small electrical devices.



A great way to recycle plastics that don't belong in the recycle bin is with the REDcycle bin at Coles or Woolies www.redcycle.net.au.

Examples of some plastics that can be REDcycled are:

biscuit packets, pet food bags, cat litter bags, bubble wrap, ice cream wrappers, bread bags, AusPost and courier satchels, snap-lock bags, squeeze pouches (with lid), cereal box liners, cellophane, chocolate and snack bar wrappers, fresh produce bags, netting bags (for fruit), pasta/rice bags, document sleeves (with white strip removed).

... and MANY, MANY more!!

You can use a larger item above, like a pet food bag or toilet roll wrapper, to hold all the rest. If you'd like a full list, please ask me (Helen H) for a hard or emailed copy.



Thank you! 

Thank you! ... to everyone who donated so generously at our 'Australia's Biggest Morning Tea' last Sunday

Special thanks also to –

-  My family and friends for their delicious morning tea
-  Robin and Helen for their fantastic decorating of the church hall
-  Chris Ely, Chris Prosser, and Heather and Lachlan Dodd for serving the tea and coffee

If you'd still like to donate, go to www.biggestmorningtea.com.au/fundraisers/CaroleSimpson

We raised \$667 for Cancer Council research !

Thank you everyone !
... Carole