

Keeping in touch ... Sunday 3rd March 2024

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

Tesselaar spring flowering bulbs There are two ways to order: **1** you can order online yourself (following instructions on the green sticker on the catalogue – you will pay \$6 postage but the order will be delivered directly to you **2** Fill out a form and hand it to Glenys Warne or Nancy Prewer with cash, or pay direct into the bank account :



'St. Andrew's UC Fundraising Group' **BSB 633-000 Account 115212300** – please add **your name** to the payment – and we'll do a combined order.

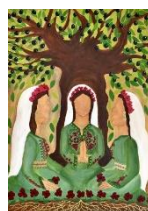
Our Congregational AGM will be held **today** after the Service.

The Sunbury Winter Shelter AGM is at 2.30pm **today** at our church.

Footy tipping – last call to join the competition!footy starts next Thursday. Our tipping competition hopes to raise funds for our building renovations. The entry fee is \$25, to be paid to 'St. Andrew's UC Fundraising Group' **BSB 633-000, Account 115212300** – please add **your name** to the payment or you can pay in cash to Nancy Prewer, Di Moon or Marg Woolcock. **The prize pool will be:** Building Restoration Fund – 50%, 1st prize – 25%, 2nd prize – 15%, 3rd and 4th prizes – 5% each. The wooden spoon this year will win exactly that. Go to the following link to join the competition: https://www.footytips.com.au/comps/st_andrews_uca_sunbury_restoration_fund afl

DIY Lenten Study This is a study you can do at your leisure on your own or with others, throughout Lent or at another time you choose. The study by Bruce Barber is entitled: 'The Lord's Prayer – Prayer for those who can no longer pray'. Please contact Rev. Faama if you are interested.

World Day of Prayer This Service will be held on **Wednesday 6th March** at 7.30pm at the Salvation Army (27 Anderson Road). The theme this year is "I Beg You ... Bear With One Another in Love," based on Ephesians 4:1-7, which shares stories of three Palestinian Christian women, who witness to the power of bearing together in love. Enquiries to Gwen on 0412 547 643.



UCAF (formerly Women's/Ladies Fellowship) Our next meeting will be at 1.30pm on **Thursday 7th March** at the church. All welcome! Enquiries to Robyn Flett on 0423 277 450.

March Birthdays



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



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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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Pernaperna Group The next meeting is **Thursday 7th March** from 1-3pm at the Sunbury Neighbourhood House (531 Elizabeth Drive). All welcome. Enquiries to Joan Koren on 0418 302 676.

Sunfest 2024 is on **Saturday 16th March**. Ways you can help:

★ **Devonshire Teas** Anyone able to help serve on the day, please see Dianne. Donation slips for items will be out soon, or money donations can be placed in the labelled wooden cash box in the kitchen foyer.

★ **Books** Anyone able to help on the day, please see Rob or Crystal Marlow. If anyone has any children's books or non-fiction to donate, please bring to the Drop-in Centre any Friday or to church on any Sunday.

★ **Trash 'n Treasure** Donations can be left at the Drop-in Centre on any Friday for Janene, or given to her on any Sunday leading up to Sunfest. If you can help out on the stall on the day, please let Janene know.

★ **Sunfest Ecumenical Service** Our morning Service for **Sunday 17th March** will be held on the Village Green at 10am. Morning tea will be held at our Church after the Service – all welcome. If you could bring a packet of biscuits, or better still make something to share, it would be most appreciated. Please see Dianne or Nancy if you can assist with food.

Monthly 2pm Service Our next one will take place on **Sunday 24th March**. All welcome. (Apologies for my date error last week – what was I thinking?!)

Combined Churches Chorale Rehearsals are held **every Monday** from 7.30 to 8.30pm at 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. If you'd like to join, or just visit now and then, please speak to Pat.

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.

Rosters for Sunday 10th March

Door: B. Ashley, C. Ely **Communion:** L. McLaren, C. Prosser

Morning tea: J. Hay, T. Hay

Readings for Sunday 10th March – Fourth Sunday in Lent

Numbers 21: 4-9 Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22 Ephesians 2: 1-10 John 3: 14-21

News ... Notes ... Advance Diary Dates

➤ **Invitation** to attend the Service on **Sunday 21st April** at Lancefield Uniting Church. Please see Di or Geoff if you'd like a lift or can provide one for others.

➤ **Australia's Biggest Morning Tea** (Cancer Council) will be held at our morning tea time after the Service on **Sunday 5th May**. For offers of food (closer to the date) please see Carole Simpson.

➤ **Recycling update Bread bag tags** – plastic only please, no cardboard. Cardboard tags can go in your compost or put in an envelope in the recycle bin. **Tea bag tags** – we currently have nowhere to send these so please don't bring them to church. If anyone has a craft use for them or knows anywhere to take them, please let Nancy or Helen know.



Recycling Corner

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

- milk bottle tops
- bread bag tags
- tea bag tags
- old biros
- medication blisters (empty)
- old glasses (spectacles)
- CDs and DVDs (not plastic cases)
- ALL coffee/Slurpee cups, plastic straws and lids – *please take to 7-Eleven in Gap Road*



Also:

- Used postage stamps – Joycelyn and Reg organise these for Sammy Stamp.
- Helen is still collecting mobile phones and chargers (the Zoo's 'Gorilla Doctors' collection), toner/ink cartridges, batteries, small electrical devices.



The other side of the story – buy recycled:

The other side of recycling is to try to purchase products made from recycled materials to create a market for the material we recycle. If there is no market, it has to go to landfill.

Check out these websites:

<https://littleecoshop.com.au>

www.onyalife.com/products

www.cleanup.org.au/buy-recycled

