

Keeping in touch... Sunday 4th August 2024

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

Workshop with Rev. Dr. Sally Douglas UCA minister/theologian and academic, based on her book [The Church as Salt](#) . The two remaining pre-workshop sessions via Zoom are **today** and the **11th August** from 4pm to 6pm. Please note: even if you haven't so far attended any of the Zoom sessions, you are still very welcome to go to the workshop at Craigieburn UCA on **Saturday 24th August**. Contact Rev. Fa'amata'u with any queries.

The Zoom link is here:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85263972515?pwd=izUFY97lcsWlt5Y1fsx7ngYvlwFEDp.1> Meeting ID: 852 6397 2515, Passcode: 675335.

Or listen to the podcast here:

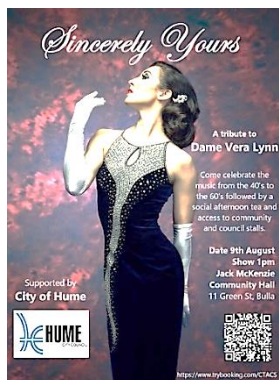
<https://youtu.be/ivSp0Je1Mhs?si=psTm9kXjILjKqJOP>

Editor's note: Because these links are not helpful on the hard copy, you will find both in the Google Group emails sent by Fa'amata'u on the 6th July, or the above links are 'live' in this and previous pdf copies of *Keeping in Touch* which I (Helen H) send out via that email group. The newsletters are also available for viewing or downloading on our church website.

Pernaperna Group The next meeting is **Thursday 8th August** from 1-3pm at the Sunbury Neighbourhood House (531 Elizabeth Drive). All welcome. Enquiries to Joan Koren on 0418 302 676.

Sincerely Yours - a tribute to Dame Vera Lynn

'Little Pine Tree Productions', working in collaboration with Hume City Council to help enrich Seniors with their social, mental and physical wellbeing, is proud to announce this fantastic event! Come celebrate the music of the 40's to 60's with Dame Vera Lynn, presented by Victoria Mantynen, followed by a social afternoon tea where you can access community and council stalls, linking the neighbourhood together. The event takes place on **Friday 9th August** from 1-4pm at the Jack McKenzie Community Hall, 11 Green Street, Bulla. (Two other performances are on 16th Sep in Dallas and 18th Oct in Craigieburn.)



Tickets cost \$25 adults, \$15 concession. Book at www.trybooking.com under 'book tickets' and the event name (Sincerely Yours).

August Birthdays



20 Judy Unwin 30 Doris Bremner



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- every Mon and Sat
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Sunago The next one is at 6pm next **Sunday 11th August**. Please BYO meal.

Sunbury Family History & Heritage Society The next meeting is at 1.30pm on **Thursday 15th August** in Meeting Room 5, Hume Global Learning Centre (temporary venue while Senior Cit's building is being refurbished). Anyone is welcome to attend.

Warm Winter Wednesday This group happens 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.*

Contemplative Prayer Group We gather on the **2nd and 4th Fridays** at 9.30am for a time of quiet prayer for our church family. Next one will be on **Friday 9th August** at Unit 1, 5 Timins Street. *Barb Ashley.*

Men's Group meets **monthly** on **first 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.

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. More than half of Australians struggling to make ends meet 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.

Envelopes will be available until the end of August on each foyer bench and in the new (August) edition of Crosslight. **Uniting** If you'd like a receipt, please fill in your details on the envelope and place it in the offering bag during any Service. Cash is acceptable, or a cheque payable to 'Uniting'. **Thank you!for sharing with those in need this winter.**

Rosters for Sunday 11th August

Door: B. Ashley, J. Unwin **Communion:** R. Coulson, L. McLaren
Morning Tea: C. Morgan, C. Marlow

Readings for Sunday 11th August - Jesus: bread of life

2 Samuel 18: 5-9, 15, 31-33 **Psalm** 130
Ephesians 4: 25 to 5: 2 **John** 6: 35, 41-51

Children's letters to God

"Dear God, I bet it is very hard for you to love all of everybody in the whole world. There are only 4 people in our family and I can never do it." *Nan.*

"Dear God, instead of letting people die and having to make new ones, why don't you just keep the ones you have now?" *Jane.*

"Dear God, The bad people laughed at Noah 'You made an ark on dry land you fool.' But he was smart, he stuck with you. That's what I would do." *Eddie.*



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

