

Keeping in touch

Sunday 4th December 2022

This newsletter commenced during lockdowns when Services were not held in person and still temporarily replaces the Sunday Bulletin. Please email or call with anything you'd like to share, or to advertise or any upcoming events. (Helen Hall – see contact details below.)

The Poinsettias are here and looking good at the front of the church. Please remember to write your card and attach it to a plant. If you don't have a card yet you can collect one from Nancy. We pre-sold 33 of the original 30 so I have acquired 10 more. There are only 2 left if anyone has missed out. A huge thank you to Bunnings for the donation of the original 30 and to Errel for organising, also to Stan for making the display shelves.

If you are going away you may take your plant, but we would like to have a good display for a while. They will be lovely to have for the Blue Christmas Service. Please make sure you take yours on Christmas Day at the latest.

A Congregational Meeting will take place immediately after the Service **today** to hold the Church Council election of members. Those nominated are Pat Baulch, Chris Prosser – new members and Helen Hall (current member, eligible for re-election).

Church picnic Join us for a BBQ lunch **today** at the Lerderderg State Park to spend some quality time with Stan and Susan before they leave us. Enquiries to Dianne Moon.

Respect: Empowering Women in Sunbury You are warmly invited to join us for a delicious morning tea and to hear about what our community is doing to empower women and raise gender equality in Sunbury during the *16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence*. The morning tea will take place on **Thursday 8th December** from 10.30am to 12pm at the Community Room, Sunbury & Cobaw Community Health Centre (12-28 Macedon Street). The morning is free and refreshments will be provided. (This event has been shared with us by the Pernaperna Women's Group in Sunbury.)

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to 0413 136 192 or by email to healthpromotionsunbury@scchc.org.au.

Christmas Carols at Rupertswood This year's live event will take place on **Saturday 10th December**. Free activities with bands and choirs will be on stage and a nativity stable from 5 till 7 pm, followed by the Christmas Carols. We are asking for volunteers from all the churches to assist us. *If you can help, please contact Wilmy at wilmyjohnson@hotmail.com.*

Happy Birthday !



December birthdays

11 th	Calum Hay
14 th	Betty Dodd
18 th	Joyce Wheeler, Graeme Fenton
22 nd	Neal Dunkley

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Christmas Services and Events

The venue for all of the following (except the first one) is St. Andrew's:

- Saturday 10th Dec from 5pm Carols at Rupertswood
- Sunday 18th Dec 2pm 9 Lessons and Carols
- Sunday 18th Dec 7pm 9 Lessons and Carols (ecumenical)
- Wednesday 21st Dec 7.30pm Blue Christmas
- Saturday 24th Dec 8pm Christmas Eve Carols (outdoors)
- Sunday 25th Dec 9am Christmas Day

Drop-in Centre

The Drop-in Centre is open every Friday from 10am to 2.30pm. Enter via the door near the white gates on the brick wall (fountain end). All welcome! Drop in for a cuppa and chat, and browse through our many good quality second-hand books which are available for sale from 50c to \$2. Cuppas are free – cheapest café in Sunbury! *Enquiries to Jan Semmens on 0400 404 901.*

Rosters for next Sunday 11th December:

Door: P. Baulch, C. Ely **Communion:** D. Moon, C. Simpson

Morning Tea: D. Moon, G. Woods

Readings for next Sunday 11th December:

Isaiah 35: 1-10 Luke 1: 47-55 James 5: 7-10 Matthew 11: 2-11

News and Notes

- I have a handy resource available which is a list of the Lectionary readings from now until 26th November 2023 – all on one page. If you would like a copy, please let me know. I can email it to you or print a copy, whichever you prefer – Helen Hall.
- All your questions about Carols at Rupertswood are answered at: www.sunburychurches.com.au then go to the blue box under the picture which says, 'click here for carols info'.
- Newly discovered items that can be recycled are:
 - DVDs/CDs (Helen will take to Officeworks). Place in the batteries drawer – NOT the plastic cases please.
 - Any brand coffee, Slurpee or drink cups, plastic lids and straws can be recycled!! (but not in your recycle bin). 'Simply Cups' is working with new technologies to upcycle cups into useful items, e.g. outdoor furniture, garden beds, reusable cups and most recently, a road! The Gap Road 7-Eleven is a collection centre and has a receptacle for cups, lids and straws. Please save any coffee and similar drink cups (as above) and drop into 7-Eleven or bring to church (rinsed and dry please) and Helen will take them.
So far, over 29 million cups have been saved from landfill!!!



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 bios
- medication blisters (empty)
- old glasses (spectacles)
- CDs and DVDs
- coffee and Slurpee etc. drink cups, plastic straws and lids

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.



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

