

Keeping in touch... Sunday 4th February 2024

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

Combined Churches Chorale Singers! Do you enjoy singing with others? The Chorale will begin rehearsals on **Monday 5th February** for our 2024 program. We rehearse each Monday from 7.30 to 8.30pm at St. Andrew's church. There are no fees involved. Rehearsal tracks are available if needed. You don't need to be able to read music – just enjoy singing. All are welcome to join us for fellowship and song – both men and women! For more information contact Gwen Hutcheson 0412 547 643.

Pernaperna Group Our first meeting is on **Thursday 8th February** from 1-3pm at the Sunbury Neighbourhood House (531 Elizabeth Drive). We will have a yarnning circle. Please bring along your thoughts on how you would like to see this group progress. Enquiries to Joan on 0418 302 676.

Quiet Day The first one this year will be held on **Saturday 10th February** from 10am to 3pm at Dromkeen (1012 Kilmore Road, Riddells Creek). For further information, please take a flyer from the bench in either foyer, or contact Barb Ashley on 0410 439 724.



Commissioning of Convenors & Leaders This is a service to pray for and dedicate to God the leaders of the various groups of our congregation. It will be held during the morning service on **Sunday 11th February**.

Sunago commences again at 6pm on **Sunday 11th February**. Please BYO meal.

Pancake (Shrove) Tuesday This is fundraising event at our church on **Tuesday 13th February**. Time not available at time of printing – please check with Di Moon.

Ash Wednesday Service is on **Wednesday 14th February** at 7.30pm at our church. This is a Service to help prepare us for Lent, a season in which the church remembers the life and ministry of Jesus and renews its commitment to him in Christian discipleship. All welcome.

Church Council Next meeting is at 7pm on **Thursday 15th February** which will be a short one followed by a workshop conducted by Narelle Collas.

Sunbury Family History & Heritage Society The first meeting this year will be at 1.30pm on **Thursday 15th February** at the Senior Citizens Club (8 O'Shanassy Street). Anyone is welcome to attend.

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February Birthdays



- 4 Rob Coulson
- 6 Linda Bone
- 11 Carole Simpson



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- every Mon and Sat
- every 3rd Fri and 3rd Sun
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AGM reports Would all groups please hand their reports to Amanda Woods by **Sunday 18th February**. The AGM will be held on **Sunday 3rd March**.

World Day of Prayer This service will be held on **Wednesday 6th March** at 7.30pm at the Salvation Army (27 Anderson Road). All welcome. Enquiries to Gwen on 0412 547 643.



The theme this year is "I Beg You ... Bear With One Another in Love," based on Ephesians 4:1-7.

The program calls us to bear with each other in love, despite all difficulties and oppression. It was written by an ecumenical group of Palestinian Christian women. The Worship Service shares stories of three Palestinian Christian women, who witness to the power of bearing together in love. Their stories illuminate the experiences of Palestinian women from three different generations. The symbol of an olive tree is used throughout the worship service. This represents the three generations through the trunk, branches, and leaves of the olive tree.

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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 – 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.

New fundraiser On 1st November, Victoria's 'container deposit scheme' commenced. The scheme rewards Victorians with a 10c refund for every eligible can, carton and bottle returned and will go towards transforming Victoria's waste and recycling system. A container will be available in the foyer next to the recycling trolley for your donations. Please take care to bring eligible items only (flyers with details are available from the recycling trolley.) Please collect during your Christmas celebrations! Our thanks to Jeanette McBean for suggesting this and agreeing to recycle the donations!

Restoration Fund coin containers Thank you to everyone who brought back their containers last year – the total raised was \$292.35. It certainly all adds up! If you did need a new one, there are spares in the kitchen foyer.

Rosters for Sunday 11th February

Door: R. Coulson, C. Ely **Communion:** L. McLaren, N. Prewer
Morning tea: D. Moon, G. Woods

Readings for Sunday 11th February – Transfiguration of Jesus

2 Kings 2: 1-12 Psalm 50: 1-6
2 Corinthians 4: 3-6 Mark: 9: 2-9

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
- coffee and Slurpee etc. drink cups, plastic straws and lids



Also:

- Used postage stamps – Joycelyn and Reg organise these (Helen will deliver to Sammy Stamp).
- 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

