

Keeping in touch

Sunday 5th February 2023

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.)

Samaritan's Purse Shoe Boxes A **BIG** thank you to everyone who packed shoeboxes or donated money for postage last year. I very much appreciated your support for this worthwhile project!

This year I collected 517 boxes. Victoria's total was 35,213. Vic/Tas/SA combined collected 63,948. The boxes were shipped in 740 containers to the Philippines and Cambodia. We wanted to send some boxes to Ukraine but unfortunately the area is much too volatile to reach. Also, the children have been dispersed to other countries and have no place to call home – such a shame and so heartbreaking. There are no distribution centres left in Ukraine.

Thank you – to each and every one of you!
Wishing you all the best for a wonderful New Year! ... Errel.

The Bunnings sausage sizzle was cancelled by Bunnings due to strong winds but fortunately they were able to offer us next **Saturday 11th February**. Tim Hay will our BBQ captain for the day. A few people including myself are not around, so if you're able to help and haven't let us know, please contact Tim or me as soon as possible. *Thanks ... Nancy Prewer.*

Safe Church Training will be conducted on **Sunday 12th February** by Jeanne Beale. Jeanne will also be our preacher for the morning Service. Please bring your WWC checks on this day. Lunch will be provided.

Pernaperna Group

'Conversation and Journey Of Discovery along the Timeline – 1770 to Present'
The Pernaperna Women will embark on this discussion during our meetings this year. *TRUTH TELLING* is one of the things *The Uluru Statement From The Heart* is calling us to embrace. As we make this journey along the Timeline, we will discover the truth of our history. To enable more members to participate, we will hold an extra session on the third Saturday of each month. Our next meetings are at 1-3pm on **Thursday 16th February** and 10am-12pm on **Saturday 18th February**.

At the conclusion of the Timeline discussions, it is hoped to produce a Sunbury Timeline. This will mean further in-depth discussion of ideas of how this could be presented as something for the local community to be able to view.
Enquiries to Joan on 0418 302 676.

Happy Birthday!



Feb	6 th	Linda Bone
	11 th	Carole Simpson

Happy birthday to Rob Coulson for yesterday, 4th February.



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2pm Afternoon Service is on again on **Sunday 19th February**. All welcome.

Pancake (Shrove) Tuesday Join us on **Tuesday 21st February** in the Drop-in Centre area from 10.30am for pancakes and a cuppa to support our church restoration fund.

Ash Wednesday Service This special Easter Service will commence at 7pm on **Wednesday 22nd February** in our church.

Congregational Annual Meeting Our AGM will take place after Worship on **Sunday 26th February**. Please give all reports to Amanda by 12th February so they can be ready for distribution on Sunday 19th February – in person or by email to amandasymonds@gmail.com.

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 – the cheapest café in Sunbury!
Enquiries to Jan Semmens on 0400 404 901.

Rosters for Sunday 12th February:

Door: P. Baulch, C. Ely **Communion:** L. McLaren, D. Moon
Morning Tea: L. McLaren, M. Mitchell

Readings for Sunday 25th December:

Deuteronomy 30: 15-20 **Psalms** 119: 1-8
1 Corinthians 3: 1-9 **Matthew** 5: 21-37

News and Notes

- Does anyone have any information about the group KYB (Know Your Bible) which used to meet in our church, led by Michelle Dennis? Michelle has given me a contact name and number but I don't know if any of our members still attend (neither does she). Any information regarding this group would be appreciated before I ring the contact Michelle gave me.
- 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
- 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

