

# Keeping in touch ... Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Please email or call with anything you'd like to share, or to advertise or any upcoming events. (Helen Hall – see contact details below.)

**Welcome!** ... to Rev. Linda Young who will be conducting our Service today.

**2nd Sunday of Lent** – a prayer by Pipit Purwadi, \*MBM Foundation, Protestant Christian Church in Bali: *“Towards the end of the year, there were many natural disasters around us, such as floods, landslides, earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. God, give us the strength to survive the threat of future disasters. Enable us to be able to adapt to climate change and maintain our environment. We believe only by your help can we go through every struggle.”*

\*The MBM Foundation is Maha Bhoga Marga (Main Road Towards Prosperity) It is a non-govt organisation established by the above church in 1980 that empowers women, the poor, vulnerable and marginalized groups.

**Lent Event Appeal** Your gift to UnitingWorld will be used where the need is greatest, enabling our church partners in the Pacific, Asia and Africa to lift people out of poverty, end violence and injustice, promote equality and raise up the next generation of leaders. Please give generously and together we can make a powerful difference! For five interesting videos, go to the website <https://donate.unitingworld.org.au/event/lent-event> and click on the donate tab. For those who remember our dear friend John Mercer, one of the videos features the tiny island of Tuvalu where he spent some time volunteering.

*Envelopes are available on the bench in the kitchen. You can place an Appeal envelope containing cash in the offering bag OR fill in the credit card details and mail the envelope. With either method, if you would like a receipt, fill in your name and address on the envelope.*

**Muslims in Australia** This 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Peter Barcham Memorial Lecture explores the common ground between Muslims and Christians. It will be presented by Imam Alaa Elzokm at Gisborne Uniting Church at 7.30pm on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March**. Admission is free and supper will be provided. Enquires to Janet or D’Arcy Wood on 5428 6700.

**The World Day of Prayer Service** is at 7.30pm on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March** at the Salvation Army (Anderson Road). The services are always thought-provoking and the fellowship afterwards is a great way to connect with our Christian family in Sunbury. The theme this year is ... *I Have Heard About Your Faith* ... and is God’s promise in the letter to the Ephesians – an invitation to active listening, which is the ground of our prayers.

... see overleaf

*Happy Birthday!*



*No more birthdays in February*



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author praises the church for their faith in Jesus and love toward all the saints, the Worship Service contextualises the witness of the saints with the stories from Taiwan. [www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org](http://www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org)

If you would like to know more about this year's theme, I've put together a page featuring a beautiful painting by a Taiwanese artist. Copies can be found on the table in the kitchen foyer – please feel free to take one.

**SunFest** As in the past, we will be participating in this event on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March**. We hope to run Devonshire Teas, second-hand books, trash 'n treasure and the variety/craft stall. If you can donate an hour or two – or all day! – please add your name to the list in the Link.

**Footy tipping competition** A fundraising footy tipping competition has been established on ESPN for the *St. Andrew's UCA Sunbury Restoration Appeal*. The entry fee is \$25 (50% towards painting, 25% winner, 15% second, 5% third, 5% wooden spoon).

**Payment** can be made in person to Margaret Woolcock, Nancy Prewer or Dianne Moon, or online to the Young Mum's Account (BSB 633 000 Account 115212300). Please include: *painting / your name* ....with your transaction.

**To join the competition, go to the ESPN footy website –**  
[www.footytips.com.au/comps/st\\_andrews\\_uca\\_sunbury\\_restoration\\_fund\\_afl](http://www.footytips.com.au/comps/st_andrews_uca_sunbury_restoration_fund_afl)  
(Feel free to send the link to your family, friends and work colleagues).

#### Prizes:

- End of home and away season winner – 25% of prize pool
- Second – 15%
- Third – 5%
- Wooden spoon – 5%
- Tip all teams that win or draw in a full round and win a mystery prize

This is a game of skill – be in it to win it! .... and please encourage family members to take part.

#### Rosters for Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March:

**Door:** P. Baulch, P. Palamountain      **Morning Tea:** D. Moon, G. Woods

#### Readings for Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March:

Exodus 17: 1-7      Psalm 95      Romans 5: 1-11      John 4: 5-42

#### News and Notes

##### ➤ Some more 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 biro's
- 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](http://www.onyalife.com/products)

[www.cleanup.org.au/buy-recycled](http://www.cleanup.org.au/buy-recycled)

