

Keeping in touch

Sunday 6th November 2022

This newsletter temporarily replaces the Sunday Bulletin. Please email or call me with anything you'd like to share, or to advertise or any upcoming events. (Helen Hall – see contact details below.)

The Moderator's Emergency Response Fund has been established to react quickly in supporting communities in times of major disasters, such as bushfires, floods and storms. The devastating floods currently affecting Victoria and Tasmania highlights the need for emergency assistance. If you would like to contribute, go to the following link, which you will also find at the top of the Synod website home page.

<https://victas.uca.org.au/product/moderators-emergency-response-fund/>

Poinsettias in memory of a loved one (or just because you like them) will be available from **Sunday 20th November**. We will use them to decorate the church for the Christmas season, and you can then take them home for Christmas Day. All proceeds will go to the church painting fund. More details next week. Enquiries to Nancy Prewer on 0421 885 179.

Church picnic Join us for a BBQ lunch on **Sunday 4th December** at the Lerderderg State Park to spend some quality time with Stan and Susan before they leave us. See Di by 20th November for a form asking for RSVP etc.

Christmas Carols at Rupertswood 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. See separate notice for list of areas where help is needed. We are also looking for the following:

- A 'Mary' with a newborn to 3-month-old baby to play this role for one hour in the nativity stable.
- Someone to assist the grounds manager prior to and during the event. If this person could borrow a trailer, that would also be helpful.

If you can help, please contact Wilmy at wilmyjohnson@hotmail.com.

Christmas Services and Events

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

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

... see overleaf

Happy Birthday!



Nov birthdays:

- 10th – Harry Watson
- 11th – Ben Brownscombe
- 18th – Dianne Moon
- 22nd – Eileen Dundas
- 27th – Chloe Brownscombe
- 28th – Strickland Lesoa



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Rosters for next Sunday:

Door: J. Unwin, G. Warne **Communion:** S. Clarke, D. Moon

Morning Tea: L. McLaren, M. Mitchell

Readings for next Sunday:

Isaiah 65:17-25 Isaiah 12:2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19

News and Notes

- **Missing!!** Has anyone taken home a white tablecloth to wash? Please see Margaret Mitchell as soon as possible if you know of its whereabouts.
- **Our annual 'Car Boot Sale & Craft Market'** will no longer be happening. The Village Green no longer being available means that car sites would be located on our land only. The resulting loss of revenue from the usual large number of car sites, as well as the market stall insurance for the remaining sites having doubled this year, means it is no longer financially viable to continue the event in this format. Our own stalls are still worth running but with a different 'draw card' in lieu of the usual '60+ cars'. Church Council will be discussing an alternative event.

The last Car Boot Sale & Craft Market held was in 2019 (pre-covid) which was the 16th annual event. The total amount raised (round figures) was \$73,280 (includes \$2,472 in 2008 when it hailed!!) Sincere thanks to all those who contributed and/or helped in any way over those 16 years!

... Helen and Dell.



Prayer notes for Sunbury Shelter, October '22

- Scripture encourages us to carry each other's burdens and I'm encouraging you to hold one particular guest (J) in prayer. He appears to be at a very significant crossroad in his life even as you read this. Pray that he'll have the courage and God-given strength to take the steps he needs to.
- Continue to pray for each guest whose life has touched ours, no matter how briefly, through the Thurs night provision of a meal and fellowship.
- One of our team has expressed the current situation so vividly ... "The wider world is festering with horrible humanitarian crises. Our own friends in Sunbury are heroically battling against rising costs of seemingly everything – health problems, isolation and addictions. All these without having a home base to come back to at night out of the rain and cold."
- Continue to pray that open hearts will show kindness and that we will be prepared to do what we can to show respect and dignity.
- How grateful we are for those who worked tirelessly through the huge challenges of this past winter in order to follow the new paths that God was opening for Winter Shelter. Grateful too for each church family, each volunteer, and those who stood ready to help if needed.
- How blessed we are to be part of this generous, caring community.

"..... reach out to those who are oppressed, share their burdens, and so complete Christ's law." (Galatians 6:2 The Message.)

Bless you for your faithful prayers ... Barb Ashley

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 biros
- medication blisters (empty)
- old glasses (spectacles)



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.



A great way to recycle plastics that don't belong in the recycle bin is with the REDcycle bin at Coles or Woolies www.redcycle.net.au.

Examples of some plastics that can be REDcycled are:

biscuit packets, pet food bags, cat litter bags, bubble wrap, ice cream wrappers, bread bags, AusPost and courier satchels, snap-lock bags, squeeze pouches (with lid), cereal box liners, cellophane, chocolate and snack bar wrappers, fresh produce bags, netting bags (for fruit), pasta/rice bags, document sleeves (with white strip removed).

... and MANY, MANY more!!

You can use a larger item above, like a pet food bag or toilet roll wrapper, to hold all the rest. If you'd like a full list, please ask me (Helen H) for a hard or emailed copy.

