



Keeping in touch ... Sunday 6th October 2024

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

Baptism next **Sunday 13th October** – of Phoebe, the daughter of Ian and Natalie Toki, will be held during the morning Service. Please hold the family in your prayers as they prepare for this important moment in their child's life.

Pernaperna Group This group's next meeting is **Thursday 17th October** from 1-3pm at the Sunbury Neighbourhood House (531 Elizabeth Drive). All welcome. Enquiries to Joan Koren on 0418 302 676.

Sunbury Family History & Heritage Society The next meeting is at 1.30pm on **Thursday 17th October** in Meeting Room 5, Hume Global Learning Centre (temporary venue while Senior Cit's building is being refurbished). Anyone is welcome to attend.

Church Council meets next at 7.30pm on **Thursday 17th October** in the meeting room.

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.

Contemplative Prayer Group We gather from 9 to 10am on the **2nd and 4th Fridays** at Barb's home (Unit 1, 5 Timins Street) for a time of quiet prayer for our church family. Enquiries to Barb Ashley.

The Drop-in Centre is 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.

Men's Group meets monthly on **first Saturdays** from 10am-12pm in the Drop-in Centre over coffee and toast to relax and chat – about anything! Enquiries to Peter Canning 0478 777 400.

Rosters for Sunday 13th October

Door: P. Baulch, R. Simpson

Communion: L. McLaren, C. Simpson

Morning Tea: D. Moon, G. Woods

Readings for Sunday 13th October – Lamenting with God

Job 23: 1-9, 16-17 **Psalms** 22: 1-15 **Hebrews** 4: 12-16 **Mark** 10: 17-31

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October Birthdays



2 Malcolm McBean **10** Debbie Millardship
13 Betty Harris **28** Valerie Pearce



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The Minister's days off are:

- every Mon and Sat
- every 3rd Fri and 3rd Sun
- 5th Sun when it occurs

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Bereavement: Anne Stewart of her husband Ron. Anne is the daughter of Allan and Roma Matheson who were part of our congregation many years ago (*Allan passed away in 2008, Roma this year at Goonawarra Aged Care. Some of you may remember that Ron and Anne ran a milk bar where Cash Converters is now located.*) Ron's funeral was held last Tuesday at Sunbury Salvation Army. Please remember Anne and her family in your prayers.

Parliamentary Petition: The petition relating to the revoking of the 1990s legislation to have time reduced from prison sentences is still available to sign if you missed doing so and would like to help. Please see Judy Unwin.

Recycling update

1. X-ray transparencies If you still have some hidden in your cupboards that you don't know what to do with, bring them to church! Leave them in the photocopy room on top of the recycle boxes (in the paper envelope they came in please). As these are no longer provided to patients, it won't need to be an ongoing collection. Pass the word around and collect from friends if you wish – much better than them being put into landfill. They should not go in your recycle bin.

2. Do you have any old VHS or Beta video tapes? I have found a recycle centre that accepts these, plus the plastic cases from CDs and DVDs (the discs themselves can be brought to church as per the adjacent 'Recycling Corner' column). Before bringing the videos to church, please contact me (Helen H) with the approximate number you'd like to dispose of.

Extract from 'Brief Prayers for Busy People' by Bruce Prewer:

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This evening, God of numberless mercies,
put your arms around your suffering ones
and gently cradle and comfort them
through the long night hours.
Grant them the precious gift of deep sleep,
that they may wake up tomorrow
stronger in body and mind
better able to cope with whatever
pain and distress may be their lot.
Through your Son Jesus,
whose hands never touched a person in vain.
Amen!

Lord, Sweet Jesus, this life is full of trials and sufferings, and I have no other helper but you. Take me over then, Sweet Jesus, that I may be under your governance and your shepherding, and that my heart may never turn away from you, no matter how great the trial. But ever cleave to you, sweet Jesus. Amen.

Richard Rolle, mystic, England, c. 1300-1349



Recycling Corner

Use the recycling trolley or boxes in photocopy room for:

- old biros and textas
- medication blisters
- milk bottle lids
- x-ray transparencies
- bread bag tags – plastic only (no tea bag tags or ring pulls please)
- old glasses (spectacles)
- CDs and DVDs (and plastic cases)
- all coffee/Slurpee cups, plastic straws and lids – *or take to 7-Eleven in Gap Road*
- used postage stamps – Joycelyn and Reg collect for Sammy Stamp
- toner/ink cartridges, batteries, small electrical devices
- mobile phones and chargers, to support Melbourne Zoo's 'Gorilla Doctors' program in East Africa



Use the big plastic container for:

- 10c containers such as:



– see flyers on the recycling trolley.

The other side of the story is to BUY recycled:

The other side of recycling is to try to buy products made from recycled materials, in order to create a relevant market. Without a market, the recycled material has to go to landfill.

Check out these websites:

<https://littleecoshop.com.au>

www.onyalife.com/products

www.cleanup.org.au/buy-recycled

