

# Keeping in touch . . . Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023

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

**Chorale Rehearsals** Do you enjoy singing Christmas music? The Combined Churches Chorale has commenced rehearsals on **Monday evenings** from 7.30 to 8.30pm at our church. All welcome! Please note the following:

- Rehearsal tracks will be provided
- There is no charge to join the choir
- If you have any questions, contact Gwen Hutcheson on 0412 547 643, chat to Lorraine, Nancy, Peter M or Carole . . . or simply join us on a Monday night!

**Pernaperna Group** meets next on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October** from 1-3pm at the Sunbury Neighbourhood House (531 Elizabeth Drive).  
Enquiries to Joan Koren on 0418 302 676.

**Sunago** is at 6pm next **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October**. Please BYO meal.

**CareWorks** For many years, generous members of this congregation have been bringing groceries to help stock the CareWorks pantry.

Sometimes there are items that are low in stock, so now and then we'll update you with these. Any donations are still very much appreciated but it will be helpful if you can consider something from the list. Thank you!

- ★ instant coffee – small jars
- ★ long life milk – any kind
- ★ weetbix
- ★ muesli bars
- ★ peanut butter
- ★ vegemite
- ★ jam
- ★ pasta sauce
- ★ gravy
- ★ shampoo
- ★ men's deodorant

**Name badges** With our new minister joining us soon it would be great if everyone was wearing a name badge each week. Peter Canning will place another order soon so we can all be wearing one when Rev. Fa'amata'u Leota arrives. Badges cost \$10 each.  
Enquiries and orders to Peter on 0478 777 400.

**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 books – for sale from 50c to \$2.  
Enquiries to Jan Semmens on 0400 404 901.

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## Happy Birthday!



### October birthdays

- 2 Malcolm McBean
- 10 Debbie Millardship
- 28 Valerie Pearce

### ~ A glimpse of the past ~



Our first Minister,  
Rev. James  
Lambie ...  
"under whose  
care the  
congregation  
prospered  
greatly"  
(1870)

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## Rosters for Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October:

Door: P. Baulch, J. Unwin

Morning tea: C. Simpson, C. Grant

## Readings for Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October:

Exodus 32:1-14

Psalms 106: 1-6, 19-23

Philippians 4: 1-9

Matthew 22: 1-14

**Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child Shoebox Project** From this year onwards, I will no longer be coordinating this project and our church will no longer be a collection point. Our church has been successfully participating in this project since 2006, when it was initiated by Bev Dainton, assisted by Inge Jerszewski with her sewing and knitting of dozens of items to stock the 'shop' held after the Service. The shop provided an amazing amount of items people could buy at minimal cost to add to their boxes. I took over the project from Bev, having previously run it for about 20 years at the NAB where I worked.

If you've been collecting items or have completed a box to contribute this year, we will collect boxes and/or items and take them to another collection point – **this year only**. If contributing a completed box, please try to include **\$12.50 postage** (or pay online and print the label). If you'd like to participate in the future, you can do so online at [Pack a Shoebox Online](#). Choose from 6 pre-packed shoeboxes for a boy or girl, age groups 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14. Online boxes cost \$35 each, which includes the cost of postage.

I will let you know soon when to bring boxes and/or items to church.

Enquiries to Errel Gray on 0423 779 224.

## News and Notes

### The Uniting Church votes 'YES' – Referendum Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October

The Uniting Church has joined a coalition of 9 faith organisations calling on all Federal parliamentarians to co-operate across political divides in support of the upcoming Voice referendum.

Signed by UCA President Rev Sharon Hollis, the letter describes the Voice as "an invitation to move towards national healing, unity and reconciliation".

*"As leaders of Australia's major religious and ethno-religious organisations, we call on Australia's political leaders and all federal parliamentarians to support the Voice, called for by First Nations Australians through the Uluru Statement from the Heart."*

The alliance of 9 national organisations represents diverse Christian, Hindu, Sikh, Muslim, Buddhist and Jewish communities, which have come together to support the Uluru Statement from the Heart. The letter reads:

*"We call on parliamentarians to find ways to collaborate constructively across political divides to achieve the modest constitutional recognition First Nations people seek: a constitutionally guaranteed Voice in their own affairs."*

*"The Voice is an invitation to move towards national healing, unity and reconciliation. It seeks to formalise in our Constitution a way by which First Nations' voices and concerns can be heard, and to establish a means for overcoming the devastating effects of social exclusion."*

*"This is an opportunity to unite Australians around a proposal that seeks to make life better for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people."*

The above was taken from the UCA Assembly website. Read more here: [Religious leaders unite for Voice referendum – Uniting Church Australia](#)

## 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](http://www.onyalife.com/products)

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

