



Keeping in touch . . . Sunday 8th September 2024

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

Sunago . . . will not be happening tonight.

Quiet Day Our next one will be held next **Saturday 14th September** from 10am to 3pm at 'The White Goose' (old Uniting Church – 3 Sutherlands Road, Riddells Creek). Lunch, tea/coffee and light snacks will be provided. For full information, take a flyer from the foyer bench and/or contact Barb Ashley on 0410 439 724.

Monthly 2pm Service Our next one is on **Sunday 22nd September**. All are welcome to attend!

Warm Winter Wednesdays . . . have now ceased for this year. Thank you to all those who volunteered, made food, donated money and supported this outreach program.

Footy Tipping The 2024 St Andrew's Footy Tipping fundraiser for the Church Restoration Fund has finished. Congratulations to the **winner!** known as *Radar C* who set such a high standard throughout the season and ended with a score of 137. In **2nd place** was *Martino86* with an excellent score of 133, who possibly leads the Prewer family tipping competition. **3rd place** was *Kooka's Mum* with a score of 132, who was also the only tipster to score a perfect 9 during the season, resulting in being the recipient of an amazing mystery prize. **4th place** was *Simmo49*, also with 132 but with a higher margin score. The recipient of the **wooden spoon** was *Hometipper* who scored a disgraceful 93. All other tipsters scored over 100. The Church Restoration Fund share of the footy tipping pool is **\$325**. Thanks to all our participants! *Margaret Woolcock aka NobuddyCares*.

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 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.

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September Birthdays



5 Annette Bereshnyj 16 Elaine Michaelidis
17 Bev Simonsen 23 Margaret Beer
29 Taega Leota



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- every Mon and Sat
- every 3rd Fri and 3rd Sun
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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 15th September

Door: D. Moon, J. Unwin **Morning Tea:** R. Flett, D. Parrey

Readings for Sunday 15th September – Wisdom calls out

Proverbs 1: 20-33 **Psalms** 19 **James** 3: 1-12 **Mark** 8: 27-38

News ... Notes ... Advance Diary Dates ... Community Events

Emergency management petition

Many of you will know that Judy Unwin's family suffered a tragedy 6½ years ago when her son Boyd's daughter Katie was brutally murdered by her partner. Boyd's family was notified in May that Katie's killer had received a reduction of 427 days off his sentence, just for being locked up in prison during covid. Many people are unaware that this legislation exists, it is from the 1990s, intended for emergencies and industrial disputes in prisons. As covid was considered an emergency by the state, all prisoners in Victoria were entitled to up to 4 days off their sentences for every day or part day they were inconvenienced. Over 1000 years has been taken off prison sentences over the covid period in Victoria.

Boyd, along with his daughter Bianca, have a parliamentary petition running to have this legislation revoked and debated in parliament as they feel it is utterly ridiculous, and once again has a huge impact on victims and their families. They are asking for your support by signing this petition.

Petition forms will be available to sign after the Service each Sunday.

Recycling update – new items

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'm considering taking these to a recycle centre that accepts them, 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.

Church Signs



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

