



## Keeping in touch... Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025

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

**Pernaperna Group** Meetings are fortnightly so the next one is on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February** from 1-3pm at Sunbury Neighbourhood House (531 Elizabeth Drive). All welcome! In fact, the group would love some new members this year!

**What is Pernaperna?** (which means 'sun') It is a cross-cultural group that provides an opportunity for women to share culture and knowledge through art, crafts and special activities, bringing them together in friendship and engaging in projects to benefit Sunbury and the wider community. Some current and past projects include: knitted pouches for orphaned joeys at a wildlife sanctuary, knitted rugs for a palliative care program and a bush tucker garden. Feel free to visit a meeting to share a cuppa and learn all about the group! Ask Errel Gray who attends (or Joan Koren on 0418 302 676).

**Sunbury Family History & Heritage Society** Meetings take place on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays so the next one is **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February** at 1.30pm in Meeting Room 5, Hume Global Learning Centre (temporary venue while the Senior Cit's building is being rebuilt). Anyone is welcome to attend.

**World Day of Prayer** This annual Service will be held at our church on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February** at 7.30pm. The theme by the Cook Islands is 'I Made You Wonderful' (Psalm 139:14) which invites us to recognise that God created each one of us with great attention and loving care. God knows us intimately, and we are special to God in our uniqueness. When we open the doors of our hearts to this truth, everything in our life changes. We glow from within, and we begin treating others as beloved children of God.

**World Day of Prayer** is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome us to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. We can come to know how our sisters of other countries, languages and cultures understand the Biblical passages in their context. We can hear their concerns and needs and can feel ourselves in solidarity with them as we pray with and for them. In this way, it is possible to enrich our Christian faith as it grows deeper and broader in an international, ecumenical expression.

### Rosters for Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February

Door: P. Baulch      Morning tea: J. Hay, T. Hay

### Readings for Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February - Gathered at the level place

Jeremiah 17: 5-10      Psalm 1      1 Corinthians 15 :12-20      Luke 6: 17-26

... continued overleaf

### February Birthdays



4 Rob Coulson      6 Linda Bone  
11 Carole Simpson



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## Regular Groups

### A couple of changes to our regular groups:

- ★ **Drop-in Centre new hours:** 11am to 3pm, still on Fridays (not public holidays).
- ★ **Prayer Circle:** is the new name of the Contemplative Prayer Group. Meeting times and days remain the same.

**Combined Churches Chorale** Leading up to the next ecumenical event (World Day of Prayer) rehearsals are held at our church at 7.30pm **every Monday**. New singers are always welcome – both men and women. Enquires to Gwen Hutcheson on 0412 547 643.

**KYB (Know Your Bible)** meets at Pat Hay's home **every Thursday** at 10am for a cuppa, chat and Bible Study, until approximately 12pm. This small, interdenominational group follows the guidelines of [CWCI International](#). If you'd like to join, or just visit now and then, please speak to Pat.

**UCAF (Uniting Church Adult Fellowship)** meets on **1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays** at 1.30pm at our church. Enquiries to Robyn Flett on 0423 277 450.

**Prayer Circle** gathers on **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays** (commencing in **Feb** on **14<sup>th</sup>** and **28<sup>th</sup>**) from 9 to 10am at Barb's home (Unit 1, 5 Timins Street) for a time of quiet prayer for our church family. Enquiries to Barb Ashley on 0410 439 724.

**Drop-in Centre** is open **every Friday** from 11am to 3pm. Drop in for a free cuppa and chat – the cheapest café in Sunbury! Feel free to browse our many good quality second-hand books – for sale from 50c to \$2. Enquiries to Jan Semmens on 0400 404 901.

**Men's Group** meets monthly on **1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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

**Recycling – new items:** use the biros drawer in the trolley for used textas, highlighters, correction tape dispensers and liquid white-out bottles. If unsure of what we collect for recycling, please check the 'Recycling Corner' column which I try to keep up to date.

**Sammy Stamp:** A reminder that saving stamps is still as important as ever!! Despite a lot less (snail) mail these days, stamps are still being received, sorted and sold by the Sammy Stamp team. Stamp collections/albums are also welcome. **A BIG thank you** to all of you who are still bringing these to church!!



If you missed the full story on pages 8-9 of the *December Crosslight*, a few copies are still available (today only) in each foyer. *February Crosslight* is now out and can be found in each foyer.

## Recycling Corner

### Use the recycling trolley or boxes in photocopy room for:

- medication blisters
- x-ray transparencies
- milk bottle lids
- used biros, textas, highlighters, correction tape dispensers
- 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 new 7-Eleven on Sunbury 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 container for:

- 10c bottles etc. 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](http://www.onyalife.com/products)  
[www.cleanup.org.au/buy-recycled](http://www.cleanup.org.au/buy-recycled)

