



Keeping in touch... Sunday 9th March 2025

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

Lenten Study - how to be a good global neighbour This is a 4-week study during Lent when we will explore what it means to be a good global neighbour, using the Uniting World study booklet on that subject. Some of the topics we will touch on are:

- What does it mean to be a good global neighbour?
- Neighbouring is part of our Godly identity.
- Neighbouring requires vulnerability.
- Are we called to generosity or justice?
- Who is my neighbour?


The first session will be today **Sunday 9th March** (first Sunday of Lent) following morning tea. At this initial gathering we can discuss days and times to meet. A minimum of 6 is required for the study to go ahead.

Combined Churches of Sunbury Inc The Annual General Meeting will be held at 7.30pm on **Tuesday 11th March** in St Mary's Worship Centre.

SunFest - volunteers needed SunFest takes place on **Saturday 15th March** from 9am for a 9.30am start until 4pm, followed by cleaning and packing up. We need names of anyone who can help, either for the whole day or part of it. Please see Dianne Moon.

2025 Lenten Calendar A 'Care for Creation – Pilgrims of Hope' Lenten calendar with an environmental focus, has been created by Catholic Care Caritas Australia. Copies of this interesting resource are available in the kitchen foyer for the duration of the calendar. Everyone is encouraged to peruse, and where possible follow, the daily environmental hints.

Tomorrow's calendar entry is: "A Meatless Monday helps your heart and also reduces deforestation and methane gas that result from raising livestock." See [Meatless Monday](#) (this link will be live in the emailed newsletter).

Wedding  John Marlow and Lanie Delos Santos will be married at 2pm on **Saturday 22nd March** at St. Andrew's by Rev. Linda Young. Members of the church family are invited to attend the service, which will be followed by refreshments at the church.



Please RSVP to Rob and Crystal Marlow on 5428 6121 if you plan to attend.

Membership Service For those who would like to formalise their membership with the St. Andrew's congregation, a Membership Service will be held on **Sunday 13th April** during the morning worship service. If you're interested, please see Rev Fa'amata'u.

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March Birthdays



5 Chris Ely 15 Barb Ashley
20 Pat Baulch 25 Geoff Hitch



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The Minister's days off are:

- every Mon and Sat
- every 3rd Fri and 3rd Sun
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Footy Tipping The competition is on again! Same rules as before – the cost to enter is \$25 with 50% to be returned to the top four tippers. To enter, please pay \$25 to:

St. Andrew's UC Fundraising Group BSB 633 000, Account 11521230

If paying by cash, please give to Nancy or Tim (today only).

Rosters Sunday 16th March not required – Ecumenical Service

Readings Sunday 16th March – Lent 2

Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18

Psalms 27

Philippians 3: 17 to 4: 1

Luke 13: 31-35



Regular Groups

Combined Churches Chorale Leading up to the next ecumenical event (World Day of Prayer) rehearsals are held **every Monday** at 7.30pm in our church. 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 **1st Thursdays** at 1.30pm at our church. Enquiries to Robyn Flett on 0423 277 450.

Prayer Circle gathers on **2nd and 4th Fridays** from 9.30 to 10.30am 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 **1st 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

Labour Day 10th March The first march for an 8-hour day by the labour movement occurred in Melbourne on the 21st April 1856. On this day, stonemasons and building workers on building sites around Melbourne stopped work and marched from the University of Melbourne to Parliament House to achieve an 8-hour day. Their direct action protest was a success, and they are noted as being among the first organised workers in the world to achieve an 8-hour day, with no loss of pay.

Recycling requests (1) If you're a Chemist Warehouse customer, could you please consider taking your used pill blisters with you when you go there for prescriptions? The box is in the corner next to the Prescriptions counter (in both shops). They mount up very quickly in our trolley and this will help me keep up with them! I usually have the whole bin-full to squeeze into these boxes! Note: CW is the only pharmacy chain that recycles pill blisters **(2)** Please remove all packaging from ink cartridges/toners when you leave them in the recycle boxes or trolley (if you don't, I have to). *Loose in a bag is perfectly ok instead of ink stains on your hands or clothing!*

Recycling Corner

Use the recycling trolley or boxes in photocopy room for:

- medication blisters
- x-ray transparencies
- milk bottle lids
- used biro's, 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

www.cleanup.org.au/buy-recycled

