

Keeping in touch . . . Sunday 10th March 2024

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

Sunfest 2024 is next **Saturday 16th March**. Ways you can help:

- ★ **Devonshire Teas** Anyone able to help serve on the day, or for items needed (milk, jam etc.), see Dianne. Money donations can be placed in the labelled wooden cash box in the kitchen foyer.
- ★ **Books** Anyone able to help on the day, please see Rob or Crystal Marlow. If you have any children's books or non-fiction to donate, please bring to the Drop-in Centre next Friday or to the church during the week.
- ★ **Trash 'n Treasure** Donations can be left at the Drop-in Centre on Friday or give to Janene. If you can help on the stall on the day, please see Janene.
- ★ **Sunfest Ecumenical Service** Our morning Service for **Sunday 17th March** will be held on the Village Green at 10am. Morning tea will be held at our Church after the Service – all welcome. If you could bring a packet of biscuits, or better still make something to share, it would be most appreciated. *Please see Dianne or Nancy if you can assist with food.*

DIY Lenten Study This is a study you can do at your leisure on your own or with others, throughout Lent or at another time you choose. The study by Bruce Barber is entitled: 'The Lord's Prayer – Prayer for those who can no longer pray'. *Please contact Rev. Faama if you are interested.*

Sunbury Family History & Heritage Society The next meeting is at 1.30pm on **Thursday 13th March** at the Senior Citizens Club (8 O'Shanassy Street). Anyone is welcome to attend.

Pernaperna Group The next meeting is **Thursday 21st March** from 1-3pm at the Sunbury Neighbourhood House (531 Elizabeth Drive). All welcome. *Enquiries to Joan Koren on 0418 302 676.*

Monthly 2pm Service Our next one is on **Sunday 24th March**. All welcome.

Combined Churches Chorale Rehearsals are held **every Monday** from 7.30 to 8.30pm at 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. *If you'd like to join, or just visit now and then, please speak to Pat.*

March Birthdays



5 Chris Ely 15 Barbara 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
- 5th Sun when it occurs

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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.*

Fundraising update as at 3rd March A big thank you to everyone for their fundraising efforts! So far in 2024 we have raised:

★ Jan's Jams	\$220.60
★ Jeanette's 10c containers	\$114.50
★ Jacquie's cards	\$ 45.00
★ Tesselaar bulbs	\$271.80
★ Footy tipping so far	<u>\$212.50</u>
	<u>\$864.40</u>

As you can see it all adds up, so please keep up the good work! Glenys will be distributing bulbs soon to those who have ordered so far. You can still order individually on our fundraising page www.bulbfundraiser.com.au/STANDCH at any time until the 11th April. There are many more bulbs online than shown in the catalogue. *Nancy Prewer.*

Rosters for Sunday 17th March

Door: N. Prewer, G. Warne

Morning tea: C. Morgan, C. Marlow

Readings for Sunday 17th March – Fifth Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Psalms 51: 1-12 or Psalm 119: 9-16

Hebrews 5: 5-10

John 12: 20-33

News ... Notes ... Advance Diary Dates

➤ **Email addresses** We now have the following new ones to use for church matters. In particular, please update your email Address Book for Fa'amata'u.

Rev. Fa'amata'u Leota

minister@sunburyunitingchurch.org.au

Pat Baulch or Jackie Cowan

secretary@sunburyunitingchurch.org.au

Tim Hay

treasurer@sunburyunitingchurch.org.au

➤ **Recycling update** **Bread bag tags** – plastic only please, no cardboard. Cardboard tags can go in your compost or put in an envelope in the recycle bin. **Tea bag tags and ring pulls** – we currently have nowhere to send these so please don't bring them to church. If anyone has a craft use for them or knows anywhere to donate them, please let Nancy or Helen know.

10c containers – please keep bringing those bottles, cans and small fruit boxes (there are leaflets on the recycling trolley showing eligible items).

➤ **Invitation** to attend the Service on **Sunday 21st April** at Lancefield Uniting Church. *Please see Di or Geoff if you'd like a lift or can provide one for others.*

➤ **Australia's Biggest Morning Tea** (Cancer Council) will be held at our morning tea time after the Service on **Sunday 5th May**. *For offers of food (closer to the date) please see Carole Simpson.*

➤ **Sacrededge Festival** ... a 3-day festival of arts, music and stories hosted by the Uniting Queenscliff community. It nurtures and connects people from diverse backgrounds and brings together an array of musicians, poets, storytellers and artists from First Nations, refugee and LGBTIQ+ communities, together with carers for the earth and oceans who seek to nurture wholistic wellbeing. The event will take place at Queenscliff Uniting Church from **Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th May**. *For more information or to book, go to [Sacrededge – Uniting Queenscliff](#).*



Recycling Corner

Use the recycling trolley in the foyer for the following:

- old biros and textas
- medication blisters
- milk bottle tops
- bread bag tags – plastic only
- old glasses (spectacles)
- CDs and DVDs (not 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 basket on wheels for:

- 10c containers such as:



– see flyers on the recycling trolley.

The other side of the story – 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

