



TRANSCEND

Ascot Vale Uniting Church Newsletter

60 Maribyrnong Road, Moonee Ponds

Services: Sundays at 10am

MAY
2018

Worship Services & Themes- 10 am Sundays

May 6 "Love Changes Everything"

Bible Readings- Psalm 98, Acts 10: 44-48, John 15:9-17

May 13 "Warts and All"

Bible Readings- Psalm 1, Acts 1:21-26, John 17:6-19

Mothers Day

May 20 "The Day The Wind Blew"

Bible Readings- Acts 2:1-13, Romans 8:22-27, John 15: 26-27

Pentecost

May 27 - T.B.A.



ASCOT VALE UNITING CHURCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 2018

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday May 6th after the service. Please join us for the latest news and reports on the progress of our church.

Reverend Ian Collings is our Supply Minister until June 30th. He is taking our Sunday Services and providing one day a week pastoral care.



Our Church Officer Candace deals with many of the church administrative tasks. You can contact her using the new church email avuniting@gmail.com

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Ascot Vale Uniting is a safe place for all people to worship regardless of age, race, creed, gender, cultural background, or sexual orientation

Dates for your Diary

Sunday May 6th: Annual General Meeting after service

Wednesday May 9th: Church Council Meeting

Sunday May 13th: Mothers Day

Saturday May 26th: "Fish and Chip" social night

Sunday May 27th: Harvest Swap after service

UPDATING OUR RECORDS

An unexpected incident at church last Sunday has led me to prioritise a review of our contact lists. A member of our congregation fell ill and we had quite some difficulty finding a phone number to call. Fortunately, everything turned out alright and I was able to make contact with the family concerned, but I would like the whole procedure to be much easier in the future.

In an effort to shore up our emergency procedures I would like to do a thorough update of contact details for members of the congregation. This information will be kept confidentially in electronic version by myself with a hard copy to be kept securely on the church premises. In addition to personal information, I would really like to have an emergency contact phone number for everyone. If something happens to you while at church or working on the property, who should I call?

A spin off of this would also be an update to the church directory, which would be available to other members of the congregation. It is important that YOU choose what information goes into the directory and what information about yourself remains in confidence.

You will be receiving a request by email or by post for information for the emergency contacts and for the directory. I would be grateful if you could take the time to complete the form and return it to me. Alternatively you can come to me in person and I can provide you with a paper copy to fill out in person.

Many thanks

Our next 'Fish and Chip' Social Night May 26th from 6pm

Bring something for dinner (needn't be fish and chips) and have a relaxing social night with friends.

Kid's Uniting

We have a modern Sunday school program. Our teacher Fiona provides a program featuring yoga and guided meditation, and learning about key Biblical stories in a supportive and creative environment.

Harvest Swap



The next Harvest Swap will be on Sunday May 27th following the service.

Bring along plants or anything else related to gardening to swap or share.

Come and meet people who share an interest in growing plants.

Get advice from some of the more experienced growers.





Our church building is where we come to worship God and is our spiritual home. We have many building users that come and go during the week and the impression with which they leave is a reflection of what they see. It has been almost ten years since we re-opened the church after the fire and it is beginning to show signs of wear and tear. We need to do some sprucing up of the place!

In the past we have held working bees on a Saturday or Sunday but they are often hard to organise as we all have such busy lives. However, many people have been offering to help me (Candace) and I think there are lots of small jobs that are able to be done for short periods during the week when the church is open. We'd like to encourage people to pop in and do some cleaning, tidying or gardening any day if they have a spare hour or two.

The Church is open for activities every day between 9:30 and 12pm so you won't need a key. Best days are Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays as they are the least busy. So that Learningland teachers and other building users know you are from the church, please put on a nametag.

I slept and I dreamed that life is all joy, I woke and I saw that life is all service. I served and I saw that service is joy. - Rabindranath Tagore

Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could do only a little. Edmond Burke



Some odd jobs include

- Doing any dishes and putting them away,
- cleaning the cupboards under the sinks (there is a lot of junk)
- wiping down walls
- cleaning toilet walls
- checking toilet rolls
- tidying kitchen cupboards
- cleaning the fridge, emptying overdue milk
- washing tea-towels
- tidying bookshelves
- cleaning windows (especially at toddler level)



Garden – general weeding and pruning

Children's area - weed, tidy, weed.

Bring morning tea supplies: Free trade tea bags, ground coffee, long life milk, raw sugar.

Donate cleaning items, biodegradable dishwashing liquids, cleaners, sponges.

We can each do little bits to make big jobs achievable.



Many thanks to Hamid and Marjan who are helping with painting starting with the children's church room. Hamid recently started his own painting business.

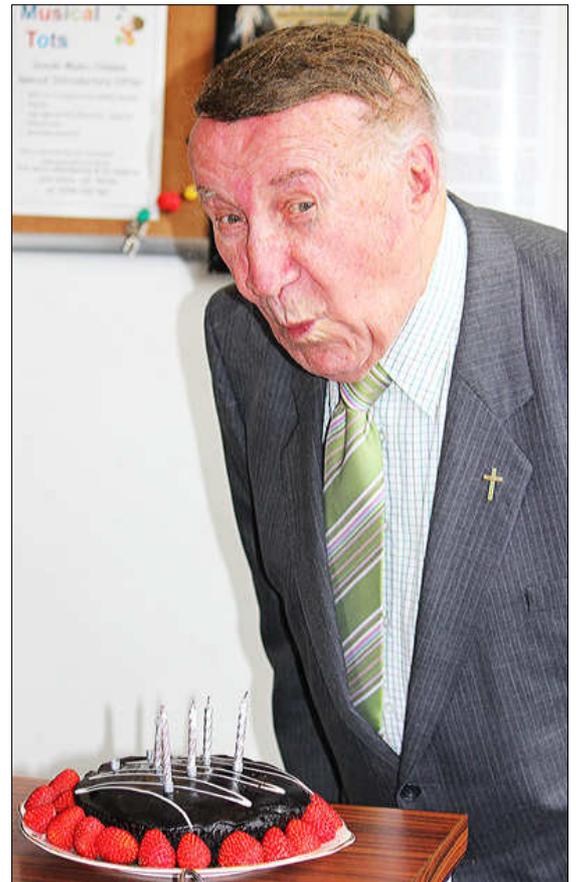


Ken and Jenny helped clean the light fixtures in the gathering space, bathrooms and kitchen.



On Sunday April 29th we said goodbye to Jerry. We very much enjoyed the time he spent with us and extend our best wishes to him as he settles in to continue his research at Townsville.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
IAN**

ALL GOD'S CREATION IS VERY GOOD



The 2018 World Day of Prayer service was prepared by the Suriname World Day of Prayer Committee. Suriname is a beautiful country located in Northern South America. The people who arranged the program described their country in this way:

Suriname is a country with incredible flora and fauna, where people from different ethnicities may live in peace with each other. We thank God for the freedom to worship and to worship together.

The Bible reading chosen for this service was Genesis 1:1-31 from which the title "All God's Creation is Very Good" was taken.

A minister taking religious education in a very small one-teacher school in the Victorian Mallee many years ago asked the children what they thought 'creation' meant. A little girl, about 10 years old, offered an answer. She stood up and extended her right arm, hand open, and while she curled her arm and closed her hand up to her chest, said, "Creation is making something out of nothing".

That one sentence embraced the whole of God's action in creating the world as we know it.

Reflection:

God who made the earth,

The air, the sky, the sea,

Who gave the light its birth,

Joan Addinsell

UCA Pew Sheet

AVUC ROSTER, MAY to JUNE 3rd 2018

DATE	LEADER /COMMUNION	DUTY ELDER	COUNTING	MUSIC	WEL-COMER	READER	MORNING TEA
6 May Communion	Rev Ian /Dorothy	Noel	Noel/Judy	Rob	Judy	Noel	Dorothy/Jean
13 May Family Service	Rev Ian	Dorothy	Michael/Jean	Dorothy	Michael	Michael	Marycon/Judy
20 May	Rev Ian	Michael	Peter/Francois	Julian	Ken	Barbara	Ken/Jenny
27 May Garden Swap	Rev Eileen	Noel	Candace/Jean	Candace	Peter	Peter	Hamid/Rashed
3 June Communion	TBA /Noel	Dorothy	Robin/Judy	Rob	Robin	Chris	Chris/Angelika



Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge and give thanks that the land on which our church building stands is country for which the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation are the traditional custodians.

We honour their elders past and present and commit ourselves to