



TRANSCEND

SEPTEMBER
2018

Ascot Vale Uniting Church Newsletter

60 Maribyrnong Road, Moonee Ponds
Services: Sundays at 10am

HAPPY FATHERS DAY

MINISTERS TAKING SERVICES SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

Sept 2nd Mark Dunn	Oct 7th T.B.A
Sept 9th Evelyn Payne	Oct 14th Matt Julius
Sept 16th Evelyn Payne	Oct 21st Carlyne Nunchucks
Sept 23rd Matt Julius	Oct 28th Eileen Ray
Sept 30th Eileen Ray	

Evelyn Payne will continue with pastoral care throughout September.

FOR YOUR DIARY

Sept 29th - "Fish & Chip" Social Night: Saturday
Sept 30th - Harvest Swap: After Service
Saturday Oct 13 - Asylum Seeker Benefit Concert
Saturday Nov 24 - State Election - Sausage sizzle

School Holidays - Sat Sept 22ndSun Oct 7th

ROSTERS

Thank you to the many helpers who are rostered on and help to keep our church running so well. We need about ten people per week or up to 50 per month and every little bit helps.

The present roster finishes at the end of September.

In mid September, I will be contacting people and drawing up the roster to go from October until the end of March.

For those already helping on the roster, could you please let me know if you have any dates when you are unavailable.

Importantly we need additional people on the rosters. If you are new we can put you on with an experienced worker.

The rostered tasks are:

Morning Tea: Bring a litre of milk and biscuits or other suitable food, put out cups, mugs etc, make tea and coffee, pack up and do the washing up.

Counting: Very simple money counting, writing down the total.

Bible Reading. Usually following the yearly readings listed by synod. One Old Testament, one New Testament. Plenty of warning. Usually not more than a paragraph each.

Greeting: Welcoming people at the door, especially visitors, handing out name tags and copies of Transcend and Crosslight each month.

The Elders take charge of **Communion** and the Worship team looks after the **music and singing and candles**. If there is anything you like doing, you would be very welcome to help out.

If you currently have a key to the church, consider whether you are able to come early to open the church or stay later to lock up. You might only do something once in three months but it definitely helps.

Chris Waltrowicz

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

Working Bee and lunch Sunday August 12th



**THANK YOU TO ALL
THOSE WHO CAME AND
HELPED**

Much was accomplished in
the garden and we shared a
very enjoyable lunch.





ARE WE ALONE BY DESIGN?

Kimmy Fam

Among the gazillions of celestial bodies and planets in the universe, you might think that we would have detected signs of life with our astronomical space observatories like the Hubble Space Telescope.

Though space scopes 'see' in a spectrum of frequencies, we have not been able to detect, locate, let alone contact E.T. Nothing that suggests habitation of any kind, much less a mirror earth anywhere in our own or other galaxies, or little green men with pointy ears who have mastered interplanetary space travel.

What does that mean? It possibly means that our little third rock from the sun is the only goldilocks planet (not too hot, not too cold and just right) in the cosmos. You would burn up in Venus, you would suffocate on Mars and you would sink right to the centre of Saturn and Jupiter.

It possibly means that we are all alone, that we are purposefully made to be alone, so that we can realise our uniqueness. That there is a Creator and we are His uniquely created. That we ourselves exist is evidence enough of His existence. There can be no life without one who gives it.

On top of our ability to speak, read, write, think in the abstract and create civilisations, we are also the only species that are primed to look for our Creator and worship Him. It is only on the planet of the apes that orang-utans build churches.

Reflection: God created us for a purpose – to love our neighbours and to give generously. Genesis 1:27 begins with 'God created man in His own image'. Let us strive to follow our Creator and cast a light into the world through our kind deeds.

Kimmy Fam VCA victas Pew Sheet

HELP NEEDED!

Thank you to all those who have been working to improve the garden. There's still more to do and every bit helps. It's mainly weeding and raking. If you can spare some time, please drop in any time.



Candace and Ken working in the garden

Election Sausage Sizzle

The church will be a polling station for the State Election on November 24th, 2018. We will be holding a fund raising sausage sizzle and fund raising stall. Sausages are normally the big seller, but there are some of our Union Road fans that will expect cakes (especially if we let them know we will be there selling cakes!). Please consider volunteering some time to cook sausages or sell cakes. It is a great day out!

Vale Malcolm Morrison

Malcolm Morrison passed away on July 21st in Canberra aged 89 years.

Malcolm was a stalwart of our church in the 1960s before transferring to Canberra and was a driving force in the establishment of the Corandirk Aged Care Hostel.

He was also actively involved with the early establishment of the Marivale Nursing Home committee of management before leaving to live in Canberra.

He visited the Ascot Vale church each year and donated the funds for the lectern currently in our church.

I have remained friends with Malcolm since he left Ascot Vale and have regularly visited him in Canberra over many years

I attended the service celebrating his life on July 30th in North Belconnen.



Peter Macdonald

Malcolm and his wife Grace

AVUC ROSTER, September 2018.

Please make your own arrangements for any necessary exchange of dates.

	MINISTER/ COMMUNION	DUTY ELDER	MUSIC	COUNTING	READER	WEL- COMER	MORNING TEA
2 September Communion	Mark Dunn	Angelika	Rob	Candace/ Jean	Ken	Ken	Ken / Jenny
9 September Family Service	Evelyn Payne	Dorothy	Dorothy	Dorothy/ Barbara	Cally	Cally	Judy / Jean
16 September	Evelyn Payne	Dorothy	Candace	Robin/Chris	Chris	Robin	Chris / MaryCon
23 September Kids Uniting Holiday	Matt Julius	Angelika	Julian	Francois/ Noel	Anneke	Judy	Hamid / Marjan
30 September Garden Swap	Eileen Ray	Michael	Rob	Dorothy / Jean	Melita	Michael	Angelika / Barbara

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