

Minister's word

In this Winter period, I find myself curled up in a comfy chair with a good book. It is fortuitous that I found an unread book on my shelves for a few years by Cynthia Bourgeault, an Anglican priest, called *The Wisdom Jesus: Transforming heart and mind—A new perspective on Christ and his message* (2008). At St Francis Theological College, (where I work remotely two and a half days a week) this is a set text in the Unit Christian Mysticism and Spiritual Direction. This Unit's aim is for students to not merely learn about the mystics of the past but to see how we can connect with their ways of seeing and intimately connecting to God today. I have enjoyed reading *The Wisdom Jesus* as it does offer pearls of wisdom by engaging with contemporary biblical scholarship and integrating Bourgeault's personal experiences of Jesus as a mystical teacher in the past and today. One insight she observed is that:

In the gospels, all the people who encountered Jesus by hearsay, by what somebody else believed about him, by what they'd been told, by what they hoped to get out of him: all those people left. They still leave today. The ones that remained—and still remain—are the ones who have met him in the moment; in the instantaneous mutual recognition of hearts and in the ultimate energy that is pouring forth from this encounter (p.12).

In a similar way, Karl Rahner, the German Jesuit, and twentieth century theologian, famously argued that the future of faith would be contingent on personal, direct spiritual encounter. He stated in 1960 in his essay "Christian living: Formerly and Today" that "the devout Christian of the future will either be a mystic—someone who has experienced

something—or will cease to be anything at all". What Rahner said rings true by challenging people and stressing the difference between those who might know a lot about Jesus, yet do not have any sense of experiencing Jesus and the life-giving love of God.

Today, though we do not have Jesus physically present, we may encounter Jesus spiritually through Prayer and Spiritual Practices. Bourgeault attests to the way Wisdom Christianity is practice-driven and points to a definition of orthodoxy as "right (ortho) glory (doxa) which flows into orthopraxis (right practice) they are not separated, as people have done over the centuries". Bourgeault sets forth 5 core practices to engage in Prayer, Eucharist, Singing Spiritual Psalms and Meditating on the Scriptures. One practice, Lectio Divina, she claims, can carry us deeper into a heart-knowing. This ancient prayer practice beckons us to experience God's Word as living and includes 4 sequential steps of lectio (slow reading of short Scripture passages, several times), meditatio (reflection) then oratio (prayer evoked by the reading) and finally contemplatio (contemplation, resting with God). This devotional way can be like spiritual food for the journey.

As the mystics of all time have revealed in their prayer lives, God is not distant, Jesus still speaks as God's living Word and invites them and us to "Come and see"! Engaging in Lectio Divina and other spiritual practices can affect and challenge us. The Scriptures can therefore be read, not as a textbook of information or historical facts but as words of life that can form us and help us remain faithful in our contexts and communities. I encourage you to find what spiritual practices might help to nurture and grow in your own wisdom journey, encountering Jesus afresh.

Blessings

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Church Council Report

The May Church Council's reflection on Luke 24:44–53 considered how Christ is present among us and how we can continue responding to Jesus' call through worship, community engagement and mission. The July reflection encouraged us to open ourselves to new ways of doing things through a series of images of open hands.

The Council continues conversations with Presbytery and Synod representatives regarding the future use of church-owned properties and the meaning of "missional purposes" and has offered its experience of community engagement, particularly with Caulfield South Community House, to help shape discussions at the Synod level.

Following a meeting with representatives from Glen Eira Council, Godfrey Street Community House, CSCH and Murrumbeena UCA, good progress is being made on a grief support group program for the wider community, facilitated by Greg Smith and his colleague Dr Marnie Sather. A grant application was submitted to Elwood Community Bank (Bendigo Bank) to assist in funding together with letters of support from CSCH and Glen Eira Council. Promotional material has been developed and distributed to local churches, community houses, residential care homes, hospitals, and learning centres. The group will commence on Wednesday 19 August at 2.30pm.

Planning for the kitchen renovation is progressing. New appliances – cooktop, ovens and a two-drawer dishwasher – have been purchased and a builder engaged to undertake the work. The Council is grateful to Gary Elliott and Cathy for their leadership in this important project. Once work commences, it is expected to take two weeks to complete and there will be some disruption to building users, however, there is no start date yet.

Other property projects include:

- installation of new sound and audio equipment in the church
- painting and maintenance work at the manse
- installation and painting of new doors, including attractive new glass entrance doors, at Kooyong Road
- Wi-Fi extender placed in the church to improve Internet connection
- new cisterns for two of the urinals in the men's toilets have been ordered –

unfortunately, the suppliers have sent the incorrect units twice (!).

Worship Ministry

- Lynette led a funeral in May for an out-of-state family.
- Lynette's 30 years of ordained ministry was recognised at a Presbytery event on Sunday 24 May. She was supported at the occasion by Rod and Greg.
- Presbytery PRC and Church Council have approved Lynette taking two weeks of long service leave from 5 to 18 October, inclusive. We wish her well for a time of refreshment.
- Worship attendance remains encouraging, with numbers consistently in the low- to mid-20s.
- Pastoral care lists have recently been reviewed, ensuring that new attendees are connected with a pastoral carer.
- ECSUCA ministry at Victoria by the Park was warmly received, with positive feedback from staff following the recent service led by Cathy McNicol.

Community Engagement

- Planning continues for a Mini Fete on 31 October, with details to be confirmed.
- Caulfield Garden Club held their annual Mother's Day stall on 9 May in poor weather. They missed the support of the church with Devonshire teas.
- Greg, Cathy and Cathryn are participating in a 6-week course at the Ormond Learning Hub at Ormond UCA. Entitled *Service as mission: Living our theology through community*, the course led by Rev Dr Ji Zhang, and featuring international and local guest speakers, encourages us to think about the ways God is active in the world – and not just in the work of the church. We have felt affirmed in how ECSUCA understands and lives out our mission and we feel that we really are part of a broad movement of like-minded people.

Cathryn remains active in seeking ways to connect with the local community.

- She and Greg attended a Death Café at Godfrey Street Neighbourhood House to learn from community experiences around grief and loss.
- Chair exercise sessions commenced at the end of April, with varying attendance. There are now three very regular participants. Ways to further promote the sessions are being sought.

- The June Peace Concert was a great success. A donation of \$766 was made to UNHCR. See more details on page 8.
- Planning is now underway for the next Concert for Peace, featuring jazz music, which will be held on Sunday 20 September. This will hopefully be held outdoors.
- Regular noticeboard updates continue, including social justice and peace-themed displays.
- Friday Friends gatherings are helping build new connections within the community.

Please continue to keep our ministries, community partnerships and future planning in your prayers as we seek to serve Christ and our wider community.

Cathy and Cathryn

Bible Word

Light was the second thing God created after the heavens and the earth, Gen1:3.

The ancients held **light** to be holy. Hence the Bible associates it with God. He not only lives in **light** (Ex 24:10; 1Tim 6:16) and is clothed in it (Ps 104:2) but he is **light** (1 John 1:5). Hence when God became incarnate, He is called “The **Light** of the world” (John 1:1–9, 8:12). To walk in the **light** brings salvation (John 12:36; 1 John 1:7; 2 Cor 4:6, etc) while a life lived without God is darkness (John 3:19; 12:46, etc).¹

Light as a type of God's favour, Ex 10:23; Ps 4:6; Isa 9:2; 60:19.

God's word is **light**, Ps 19:8; 119:130; Prov.6:23.

Instances of miraculous **light**, Matt. 17:2; Acts 9:3.

Christ the **light** of the world, Luke 2:32; John 3:19; 8:12; 12:35.

Disciples called children of **light**, Eph 5:8; 1 Thes 5:5.

Neh 9:19, ... the pillar of fire to show them **light** by night. (AV)

Ps 27:1, The Lord is my **light** and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

Prov 4:18, The path of the righteous is ... shining ever brighter until the full **light** of day. (NIV) c.f. But of the just is as a shining **light** ... (AV) Matt 5:16, Let your **light** shine before men that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

1 Cor 4:5, Judge nothing before ... the Lord comes. He will bring to **light** what is hidden ...

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and expose the motives of men's hearts.

2 Cor 4:4, The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so they cannot see the **light** of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

2 Cor 4:6, For God ... made his **light** shine in our hearts to give us the **light** of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

Rev 21:23, And the city has no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it; for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the **light** thereof. (AV) c.f. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it **light**, and the Lamb is it's lamp. (NIV)

¹ *The Bible Reader's Encyclopedia and Concordance*. AV The King James version . NIV New International Version.

Andrea

- Craft and Chat Mondays @1–3
- Chatty Café Wednesdays @10–12
- Friday Friends Last Friday @12.15
- Chair Yoga Fridays @9.45
- Sunday Nite at St John's 2nd Sunday in the month @5.30. BYO food to share
- Reflection at CSCH 23 August and 27 September @5
- Peace Vigil Wednesdays @4–5

Sermon themes

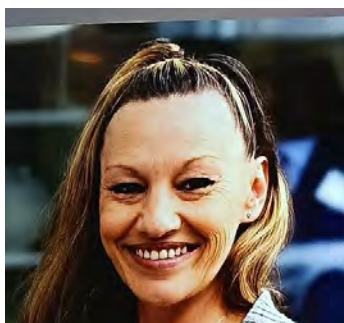
We have recently heard the following sermon themes in morning worship:

- The Challenging Healing Hope of Jesus
- Surprising Hope
- Detours: Navigating Terrain Changes 49th Uniting Church Anniversary
- Right way Right relationships
- Struggling to be wise
- What is sown in the heart
- God is present: seeing and knowing God

Sign of the Times
Chilly wait for the morning tram



Vale Kristi Bevear



We were saddened to hear that Kristi Bevear, who had worked at the Op Shop, had died.

Kristi had come to the Op Shop after a long period of unemployment and

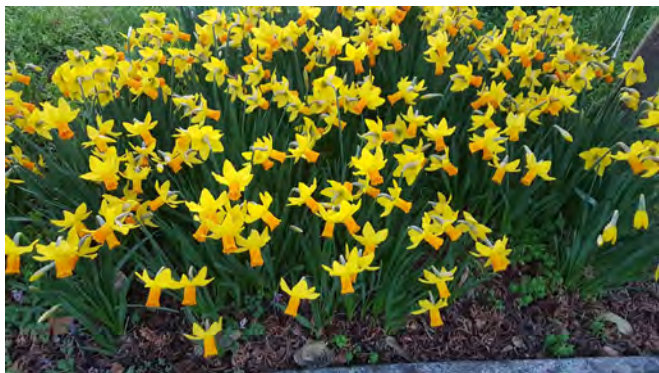
quickly made herself a key team member.

As an energetic and dedicated worker, she was employed as Assistant Manager and continued to grow in confidence and skill. Her warm heart, infectious laugh, and connections with people contributed much to building the outreach of the shop.

At her memorial service, she was remembered as a very loving daughter, sister, partner, mother and aunt. Refreshments at the church were greatly appreciated by the family.

Cathy

Ministry of Flowers



LIGHTING A CANDLE

... for a loved-one
... for someone on your mind
... for a pet
... for peace.

A time of quiet, peace and personal reflection.
Bring something that represents your care, if you wish
South Caulfield Community House
450 Kooyong Rd. Caulfield South 5-6pm Sunday
23rd Aug, 27th Sept



Church Calendar

August 2026

- 4 National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day
- 6 1945: Destruction of Hiroshima by Atomic Bomb
- 9 International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples
- 9 1945: Destruction of Nagasaki by Atomic Bomb
- 12 International Youth Day
- 19 World Humanitarian Day
- 22 International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief
- 23 International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition
- 26 2001: Tampa Affair and Rescuing of 433 Refugees
- 30 International Day of the Victims of Forced Disappearances

September 2026

- 1 World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation
- 1 Beginning of National Biodiversity Month
- 1 Season of Creation (to 4 October)
- 7 National Threatened Species Day
- 8 International Literacy Day
- 10 World Suicide Prevention Day
- 11 RUOK? Day
- 15 International Day of Democracy
- 19 World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel (to 25 September)
- 21 International Day of Peace
- 26 International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons

Source: Justice and International Mission

Prayer

God, In my prayer, you listen,
In my silence, you speak,
In your mercy, I find strength,
In your light, I find clarity,
In the word, I find the path.
Thank you. Amen

Author unknown

Welcome Jean



Northern Queensland in 2021

My name is Jean. I am originally from China and came to Sydney as a student in early 1990. I completed a degree in Materials Engineering and later worked as a scientific researcher. I have lived in both Sydney and Brisbane. Recently, I moved to Melbourne to join my sister, who has been living here for many years.

I grew up in a loving and Christian family with one sister and two brothers. We have always cared for one another and supported each other in every situation.

My understanding of Christianity began when I was a teenager in China. I loved reading Christianity articles, and one Christmas my mother, who was a Christian, took me to church for a Christmas concert. The Christmas songs I heard that night deeply touched me – they sounded like they came from heaven. From that moment, I began my journey of getting to know God.

I believed in God's creation: that everything – music, painting, architecture – is created by Him. Later, I learned that we humans are also created by God. We have a soul because God breathed life into us.

My life began to transform after I read the entire Bible and learned about God's attributes, His works, and His ways. I came to understand that we are sinners and often rebellious.

In 2022, when the Brisbane flood came and my house was submerged under water, I wondered whether God was punishing me for my sins. I felt very sad and kept asking myself whether I had done something wrong – being proud, seeking comfort, not meditating every day, not saying grace before meals, and so on. I tried to find answers through my own understanding of the Bible, but I could not find any.

Then I thought in another way: God is merciful and loving. He trains and tests our hearts, but He does not punish His children. As Romans 8:28 says, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God."

I believe that God never leaves us or forsakes us. He never abandons His children. He saves us in every circumstance. The flood was terrible, but I was safe – and I know God was with me.

Now I feel very much at home at the Uniting Church Elsternwick, everyone here is friendly and welcomes me. Thank you!

Jean

An Irish Toast

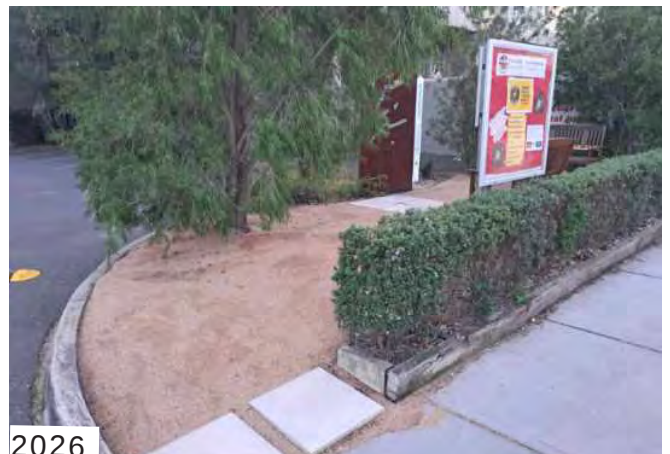
There are good ships
and wood ships.
Ships that sail the sea.
But the best ships are friendships
and may they always be.

The editors, Andrea, Patricia and Geoff, thank all *Link* contributors. Thanks to Colin for his proofreading.

Peace Garden six years on



2020



2026

Thinking about Grace

After a recent church service, Greg shared about his time spent with Papunya and Ikuntji communities, west of Alice Springs. Senior community members had suggested visits to remote culturally important locations, recorded for the benefit of future generations.

Thinking about Grace ...

"I'm not being aggressive am I?" Simon walked back to me several times, taking time out from his conversation with a station manager, frustrated but checking out how he was sounding.

Simon is a senior man in his community, with responsibilities for this country of Pikilyi. We had come to visit it on the request, over several years, from Sammy Butcher in Papunya. Pikilyi, many hours from Alice Springs, was the country of his and Simon's Grandfather.

Simon was explaining to the station manager the connection between Sammy, the local country and the spring on the property. The spring was the centre of a community and gathering place for many groups, prior to being given over and fenced as a pastoral lease.

The Coniston massacres, infamous amongst many massacres, happened close by. I heard other stories of other cruel practices of local pastoralists and miners.

The station manager had not been informed beforehand of the visit and was only willing for us to briefly visit a tap fed by the spring, while she stood by and watched on. I listened as Simon gently pleaded with the owner "... Our grandfather lived here ... he drank this water when he was young ..." I did my best, explaining that this may well be Sammy's last chance to visit this country, but got no further.

The encounter had me thinking about grace. Sammy played guitar on the Warumpi Band classic *Black Fella White Fella – it doesn't matter what your colour*. Despite the many reasons for resentment about continued marginalisation of Aboriginal voice and interests, Sammy has only ever been inclusive with me, a privileged white man whose family history benefited directly from dispossession of Aboriginal lands near Shepparton, sharing membership of his community, family and cultural practices.

I have experienced much grace from Elders in Victoria. Uncle Les Stanley came to my defence one day in St Kilda when I had been given a hard time by an Aboriginal service manager. Les

looked me in the eye and let me know that how I had been treated was not OK by him – that it was never OK to treat anyone with disrespect and exclusion no matter "if they are white, black or any colour." He held up interlocking fingers and said "This is how it should be, black and white, working together." Uncle Les is an ex-shearer and tough as they come, but he had me in tears with his grace and encouragement.

This grace extends to us even when we are not aware of it. On a trip the previous week to the culturally-important Muruntji Waterhole, Lisa had introduced me and other visitors to the local spirit speaking in Luritja. I asked later what she had said to the spirit. "I was introducing you, asking her to keep you safe – not only while you are here but after you have left – always." It was important to Lisa that I was protected, even though I may never have known that she had requested protection on my behalf.

We both had to ignore large initials carved on the sacred rock by a tourist who had travelled a long way with the intention of desecrating it. The Uluru Statement of the Heart is pure Grace. Whilst recognising past injustice, it offers to share the land, its lore and culture.

If I'd had the opportunity to spend time with the station manager, I would have come to a stronger understanding of her thinking.

But she lost an opportunity to show respect and learn. To show and receive grace. Let's all learn from that, no matter what the context.

Greg



Lisa Multa, talking about Muruntji Waterhole



Douglas Multa, Muruntji Waterhole

Unbearable Sorrow

April 6 2026 7a.m.

Who wants us, who will have us?
As a guest in your house.

Who wants us, who will
Have Us A Guest ...
A guest in Your home.
I don't have a home.

Who will want me in
A Home, Who wants Me;
Who will love Me when the
Light is Out.
Who will Tend Me, Who
Will quench My Thirst...
When the Lights Go Out.

I have no Family ... to
Love me.
You annihilated that.
Who will Love Me ... Who
Will need Me.
Has Your Empty, Your Empty

Heart Have Space.
Who will Love Me...
Who will need Me.
I am not of colour of
A space... Neither will
It matter.
I may be black or white
Or colour.
What is a skin ... of what
Colour.

Who will love Me ...Who will
Need Me.
I am The Human Race

Pack Me Up...
Distinguish My Spirit.
Give Me The Grace.
They bomb and annihilate
Us the Human.
We hear Gods call.
Deaf.
Silence.
No Earth ... below;
Flesh Burning.
The Stench unbearable.

Who will want Me,
Who Will need Me.
The Universe... The Stars will Mine
Milk... the richness and Rape the
Minerals... Who will Want Me.
The Planet No Longer.

Who will want us...
Who will Need Us.
What a Wonderful Place
The Earth Is.

Who will Want Me ,, Who
Will Need Me...Who Will
Let Me Dwell in Your Heart.
Forever and Love Me For
Eternity.... And Forever Beyond.

I am of Flesh.
Flesh of and Beyond.
Who Will Love Me, More

And Beyond.
May I be Your Guest. May I
Dwell in Your Empty Space ...
Your Empty Space; Dwells in
It Dwells In Your Heart.

Who will want us ...
Who Will Need Us.
Who will Want Us....
Who Will Want Us ...
Who Will Need Us.
Mourn and Grief...
Intolerable Grief.

Who will start to open
A Heart... And cast that
Unbearable... unbearable
And distinguish a Flame
Who Will want us... who
Will Need Us.

Gwen

*The Lord has made
everything for its purpose,
even the wicked for the day
of trouble. Proverbs 16:14*

Concert for Peace



Elsternwick Caulfield South Uniting Church (ECSUCA) hosted its third Concert for Peace on Sunday, 21 June. The event brought together more than 40 performers from the

Melbourne Community Cellists and Get Noted Music Enterprises, representing a wide range of musical experience from beginners to advanced players. The youngest performer was nine years old, and all musicians were supported by experienced ensemble leaders: Sharon Leibowitz, Director of Melbourne Community Cellists and Anne Shirley-Peel, Director of Get Noted Music Enterprises.

More than 100 people attended this vibrant and uplifting event, which raised over \$500 in support of Australia for UNHCR.

The Concert for Peace is part of our ongoing commitment to peace building, justice, and community connection. The concert took place at the beginning of 100 Days of Meditation, 100 Voices of Peace, an initiative of Religions for Peace Australia, which commenced on 13 June and continues until the UN International Day of Peace on 21 September, when we will host our second Concert for Peace in 2026, which will

feature a jazz concert, expanding the musical diversity of the Peace Concert series.

The concert was facilitated and MC'd by Cathryn, who highlighted the many dimensions of peace — not only the absence of war, but also inner peace, and the peace that comes from food security, climate justice, and the wellbeing of communities. At the halfway point of the concert, many audience members took up the invitation to light a candle for peace while information about the work of UNHCR was displayed on the large TV screen at the front of the church.

The event also drew attention to the work of JustAct, particularly its Peace Building Fund, aligning the concert with broader Uniting Church justice initiatives. JustAct postcards, that can be sent to the Minister named on the card, are available in the East Room.

Following the concert, attendees were welcomed to an afternoon tea, which provided a warm and relaxed opportunity for audience members to mingle, connect with one another, and meet the performers. The hospitality offered by the congregation contributed significantly to the sense of community and shared purpose that defined the event. Thanks to everyone who made this possible.

This Concert for Peace was a meaningful and inspiring gathering that combined musical excellence with a deep commitment to justice, compassion, and community connection. With over 100 attendees, more than 40 performers, and significant funds raised by Australia for UNHCR, the event strengthened ECSUCA's ongoing peace building mission and deepened partnerships within the wider Melbourne musical community.



Winnie Xu performs a violin solo with musicians from Get Noted Music Enterprises.



A collection of cellos, in readiness for performance.

Cathryn

Ministry Milestones

Celebrating ministers for their hard work and dedication



Lynette with David Higham
Presbytery Chairperson

Ordained in 1994, **Rev Dr Lynette Dungan** has spent more than 30 years in parish ministry, serving at Essendon North, Glen Waverley, Warrandyte, The Avenue Blackburn and, currently, St John's Elsternwick.

Alongside her congregational ministry, Lynette has long contributed to the wider Church through spiritual direction, supervision and teaching.

Last year she stepped into a new chapter of that work, becoming Program Director of the Spiritual Direction Program at St Francis College, University of Divinity.

Whether guiding a congregation or mentoring a fellow minister, Lynette brings the same careful, reflective presence, the kind that comes from someone who has spent a lifetime helping others discern their own calling.

Newsbeat

Grief Support Group

Loss is a part of life, but can be challenging.

This group will help us listen and support each other.

It will help us honour connections with those who have died, and their continuing contributions to our lives.

Gold coin or contributions for afternoon tea.

Where and When

2:30pm Wednesdays, commencing 19th August
at Elsternwick Caulfield South Uniting Church,
567 Glen Huntly Road.

Facilitated by experienced counsellors

More information: contact Greg on 0432 596 293



An initiative of Elsternwick Caulfield South Uniting Church



Recipe



Quick Fruit Slice

Ingredients

1x 375g packet mixed dried fruits

1x cup of self raising flour

1x395g can sweetened condensed milk.

Method

Grease a slab pan

Combine all ingredients and mix well

Press mixture into tin

Place in slow oven 160°C for 45 minutes.

Audrey

Envirotip

Shelter for Bees

Bees pollinate fruit trees and bushes. They do not like flying in the wind so provide effective wind screening in exposed gardens. This is likely to be rewarded by crop increases, because bees prefer open undamaged flowers to those that have been wind battered. **Patricia**

Recently Seen

1a–1c St John's recently wished many happy returns to Rhonda, Alex and Luchee. **2** Socceroos fever came to Chatty Cafe. **3a** Cathryn MC'd the well-attended Peace Concert with its delightful cello and violin music. **3b** Sunday Night at St John's mixed shared food and discussion. **4** June Friday Friends was held at Danish Nosh. **5a and 5b** Kooyong Road maintenance has enhanced the property. **6** Greg related his Central Australian journey at a recent morning tea.



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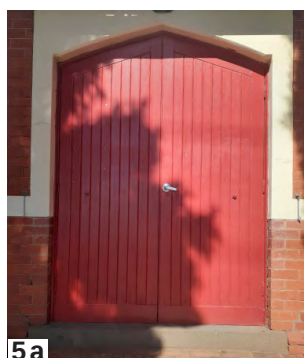
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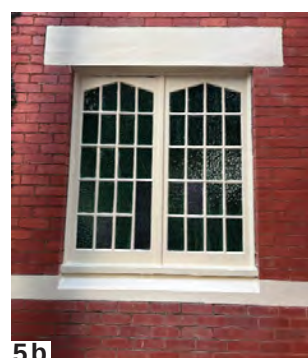
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St John's Uniting Church, Elsternwick

Roster & diary dates for August and September 2026

August	2 Pentecost 10	9 Pentecost 11	16 Pentecost 12	23 Pentecost 13	30 Pentecost 14	August Diary Dates
Leader	Rev Dr L Dungan*	Rev Dr L Dungan	Rev Dr L Dungan	Rev Dr L Dungan	Worship & Nurture	Birthdays 18 Cathy McN 28 Josephine 28 Cathryn P Events 9 Sunday Night @ St John's @5.30 BYO food to share 23 Lighting a Candle at CSCH @5 28 Friday Friends Lunch Friday @12.15 30 Frontier Services Sunday * Holy Communion Weekly Craft & Chat Monday @1-3 Chatty Café Wednesday @10-12 Peace Vigil Wednesday @4-5 Chair Yoga Friday @9.45
Lectionary Readings	Gn 32:22-31; Ps 17:1-7, 15; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:13-21	Gn 37:1-4,12-28; Ps 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b; Rom 10:5-15; Mt 14:22-33	Gn 45:1-15; Is 56:1,6-8; Ps 133; Ps 67; Rom 11:1-2a, 29-32; Mt 15: (10-20), 21-28	Ex 1:8-2:10; Ps 124; Rom 12:1-8; Mt 16:13-20	Ex 3:1-15; Jer 15:15-21; Ps 105:1-6, 23-26 45b; Ps 26: 1-8; Rom 12:9-21; Mt 16:21-28	
Prayer	Rod	Cathy	Greg	Patricia	Audrey	
Greeter	Colin	Raj	Rhonda	Alex	Raj	
Reader	Patricia	Audrey	Rod	Don	Alex	
Screen Operator	Cathy	Greg	Geoff	Cathy	Geoff	
Steward/Offering	Andrea/Colin	Andrea/Raj	Patricia/Raj	Andrea/Raj	Cathy/Raj	
Morning Tea	Luchee/Patricia	Rhonda/Wendy	Alex/Barbi	Patricia/Colin	Audrey/Denise	
Flowers	Patricia	Rhonda	Wendy	Audrey	Alex	
September	6 Pentecost 15	13 Pentecost 16	20 Pentecost 17	27 Pentecost 18		September Diary Dates
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Greeter	Raj	Alex	Colin	Raj		
Reader	Greg	Don	Alex	Patricia		
Screen Operator	Geoff	Cathy	Geoff	Greg		
Steward/Offering	Andrea/Raj	Andrea/Raj	Raj/Colin	Andrea/Raj		
Morning Tea	Luchee/Barbi	Patricia/Rhonda	Denise/Wendy	Audrey/Alex		
Flowers	Alex	Rhonda	Wendy	Audrey		