



Church News

5 May 2024



THE VILLAGE CHURCH MT.ELIZA

FAITH JUSTICE COMMUNITY

The Uniting Church in Australia

OUR VISION AND MISSION

Vision:

Following Jesus by living God's love, justice, and compassion to transform lives and our community.

Mission:

We live out our vision by:

- Nurturing faith that questions and is authentic.
- Seeking justice and creation care.
- Building inclusive community and collaboration.
- Offering abundant care and healing.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday 5 May 2024

WELCOME/ NOTICES

SONG (TIS 703) As the deer pants

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG Community

PRAYERS

SONG How deep the Father's love for us

PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTRODUCING THE THEME

OFFERING & PRAYER

The children may leave for Kids' church and youth to Youth Sundays

READINGS Acts 10: 44-48
John 15: 9-17

SONG Love our neighbour

REFLECTION Alicia Starkins

A time of quiet prayer and reflection

SONG (TIS 536) An upper room

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

COMMUNION

SONG Bring heaven to earth Lord

BLESSING

SONG (TIS 755) You shall go out with joy



THE VILLAGE
CHURCH

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Sunday

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| May 5 | 10:00am | Morning service led by Rev Cam McAdam, Alicia Starkins and others, including church band and Communion |
| | 10:20am | Kids' Church and Youth Sundays |

Monday

May 6

Tuesday

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| May 7 | 9:30am | Village Playgroup |
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Wednesday

May 8

Thursday

May 9

Friday

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| May 10 | 9:30am | Village Playgroup |
| | 10:00am | Ladies morning tea at Sages Cottage, Baxter |
| | 5:00pm | KUCA |
| | 7:00pm | Village Youth Fridays with Teesha |

Saturday

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| May 11 | 9:00am | Monthly Village Church Working Bee |
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Sunday

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| May 12 | 10:00am | Morning service led by Rev Cam McAdam |
| | 10:20am | Kids' Church |

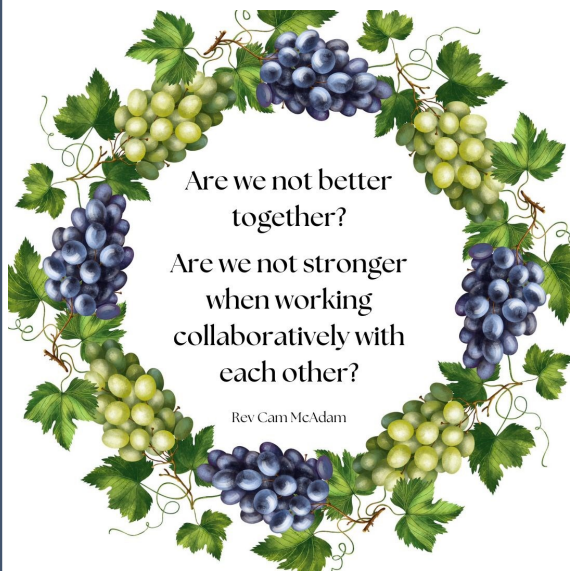
UNITING IN PRAYER 2024

19 May - 22 June

5 Ways To Connect



Highlight from Social media...



"Jesus knew that people needed to be together, that life and strength could be found that way.

Father, Jesus and us. Vine, vine grower, branches, a beautiful interwoven togetherness, mutual dependence, reciprocal need, or in our case collaboration that brings resurrection life to our community and world."

Moderator Rev David Fotheringham will represent the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania at the Yoorrook Justice Commission tomorrow (May 1). David will appear on a panel, alongside Victorian representatives of the Anglican and Catholic churches, as part of the Yoorrook "Land, Sky and Waters" hearings. The session is scheduled to take place from 10am-1pm and will be streamed on the commission's website:

<https://yoorrookjusticecommission.org.au/video/land-sky-waters-hearings-1-may-2024-church-representatives/>



Hot Cross Buns have disappeared from our shelves once again (until Boxing Day!) but the celebration of Easter in Christian Churches continues. This Sunday we explore the intrigue and backstory of what really happened after Easter.

This week...with Cam

You might have seen some press this week about churches (including the Uniting Church) presenting to the Yoorrook Justice Commission. I was disappointed by media reports which painted the church as defensive. As a result, I followed up with the Moderator, and was told about the work that went into providing the information the Commission had requested and the challenge of this.

You might like to read the Uniting Church report on the Commission appearance:

[Moderator calls for healing - Uniting Church in Australia. Synod of Victoria and Tasmania \(uca.org.au\)](https://uca.org.au)

This is the Commission's recording of the appearance of the churches:

[Land, Sky & Waters Hearings, 1 May 2024 | Church representatives - Yoorrook Justice Commission](#)

Communications

Periodically we do some updates on our church website, updating photos and information. We are currently working through this, and some updates have been made. I encourage you to have a look at the website and tell us if you think there is something missing, and also to send photos to Sally that might be suitable. www.villagechurch.me We are also looking for someone that has experience with Mailchimp. Is that you? Can you offer us some training and/or ideas??

Food Appeal

We have extended the Autumn Food Appeal for the Mornington Community Support Centre (MCSC) to our playgroup community and, recognising this is a difficult time for many, a reminder to bring what you can on Sundays in May and we'll ensure it makes it's way to the MCSC.

Working Bee

Next Saturday, May 11, is our working bee day, where we do gardening and maintenance on the church property. There's always lots to do both inside and outside, and I encourage you to join us between 9 – 12 and share in some community time.

Sunday Support

It takes a whole community to gather and share in worship on a Sunday. This week we begin your opportunity to input for our next roster season, June – August. How can you help the community, and what availability do you have. Let us know through writing your details in on Sunday or sending Sally an email.

An ocean swim to mark some special occasions...

On Thursday, Margaret Loadman and Carol Carney took a very special Bay swim in Mt Eliza together.

For Margaret, it was a birthday swim (happy birthday Margaret!), where as for Carol, it was her last swim in the Bay before an impending, permanent move to Canberra.



We take this opportunity to wish Carol and her husband all the very best in their big move to Canberra, as they seek to live closer to family.

Carol, you will be missed. Thank you for your significant contribution to the life of our church community over many years. All the very best for your move and this next chapter of your life.



Men's coffee catch up

Men's Coffee group enjoyed their time together this week, with conversations taking them all around the world and into many different areas.

The next Men's coffee catch up will be held on Wednesday 15 May at 10am, 1001 Nights café in Mt Eliza.



MT.ELIZA COMMUNITY PANTOMIME

JOIN OUR HEROIC KNIGHTS FOR A
PANTOMIME ADVENTURE



**Knights
FEVER**

by TLC Creative

7th, 8th & 9th June 2024

Mount Eliza Community Hall

Tickets: www.trybooking.com/CONXC

Adults \$30 Children \$15 Family \$75



Proudly supported by The Village Church Mt Eliza

Cast having a ball as they rehearse for this year's hilarious new Pantomime, 'Knight Fever'

The Village Church is a proud supporter of Mt Eliza Community Pantomime, who we understand are hard at work creating another Pantomime spectacular.

This year's production is titled 'Knight Fever', a tale about King Arthur and his battle with the infamous Black Knight. Lucky for Arthur, there is always a hero to save the day and marry the princess. Loads of fun, great puns, and audience participation.

Book your tickets for performances this June across the King's birthday long weekend at: <https://www.trybooking.com/CQNXC>



Roster sign up: June - August 2024

It's that time again when we need to plan for our next roster, which will extend from June - August 2024. A sign up sheet will be available in the foyer to indicate the role/s you can assist and any dates you can't do availability or you can email or call the church office.



Roles we are seeking volunteers for are as follows:

- Door welcomingers
- Bible reader
- Kid's Church leader/ helper
- Sunday Youth helper
- Technical support
- PowerPoint
- Counting
- Morning tea
- Communion
- Music



**MORNINGTON
COMMUNITY
SUPPORT
CENTRE**

Village Church Food drive to support urge needs....

The Mornington Community Support Centre was very busy leading up to the Easter weekend, and this week sent the Village church an email with a list of items they are now running low on.

As a way of providing abundant care, over the months of April and May, we will be running a special food drive to support the centre with these items, which are as follows:

- **Coffee**
- **Muesli bars**
- **Pasta Sauce**
- **Tins of tuna large and small**
- **Soap (body wash)**

If you are you able to help, a basket will be left in the foyer entry from this Sunday until the last Sunday in May for you to place your item/s in. We will then coordinate deliveries to the centre across this time.

A vibrant poster for a 'Fete' event. The background is a collage of colorful paint splatters in shades of blue, red, green, yellow, and purple. In the top-left and bottom-right corners, there are clusters of colorful balloons in red, green, yellow, pink, blue, and purple. The central text is contained within a large white circle.

High Street Uniting Church
16-18 High Street Frankston

FETE!

Saturday 11th May

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Handmade goods, sausage sizzle, coffee van,
Devonshire teas, books, cakes, sauces, plants

Mother's Day gifts, Trash 'n' Treasure
Market stalls.

and much more...

Book a market stall
contact Marg info@margscarlett.com

Enough is enough. Women deserve better.



Image: via the [What Were you Wearing Facebook Page](#)

The Uniting Church stands in support of rallies across the country speaking up against violence against women.

The Uniting Church stands in solidarity with all those demanding greater action on the nation's violence against women crisis. Thousands joined protests across the country this weekend, including 15,000 people in Melbourne, 10,000 in Sydney, and thousands more in Adelaide, Perth, Brisbane, Canberra, Ballarat and other cities and towns. The resounding call of these rallies was: enough is enough. Women deserve better than violence and abuse.

In 2018, the 15th Assembly resolved to reaffirm the Uniting Church's commitment to ending gender-based violence. Despite years of advocacy, the scourge of brutality against women and children has intensified in 2024, with at least 27 women - on average one every four days - having lost their lives to male violence already this year.

"It is important for the church to be clear in repudiating violence, to express God's desire for life-giving mutually respectful relationships, homes and communities, where all people can flourish."

The advocacy group, What Were You Wearing, organised the rallies to call for greater, urgent action to save women's lives. In response, the Prime Minister Anthony Albanese has declared gender-based violence a national crisis.

Protestors called for reforms to be enacted by governments and the media, including access to alternative reporting options for victims of violence, sustainable funding for organisations on the frontline of preventing violence against women and supporting survivors.

The Uniting Church laments all violence against women and grieves victims of violence in recent weeks, including those killed in the Westfield Bondi Junction attacks, the violent deaths of three women in Ballarat, Victoria, and the murder of a young mother in regional NSW, allegedly at the hands of her former partner. Only just this week, a 19-year-old woman has been found dead in an apartment in North Bondi in Sydney's eastern suburbs.

The Assembly resolution recognises certain theologies have justified inequality and violence. Our churches, like the rest of society, must grapple with how we are complicit in harm to prevent violence before it occurs and assist victims in healing.

"It is important for the church to be clear in repudiating violence, to express God's desire for life-giving mutually respectful relationships, homes and communities, where all people can flourish, and to educate our members about the reality of violence and how they can respond to point people to support, resources and care."

You can read the resolution from the 15th Assembly [here](#) and access the Assembly's Beyond Violence resource [here](#). The Assembly's key resource on domestic and family violence, Beyond Violence seeks to empower the Uniting Church to reflect theologically, understand the UCA's commitments, pray and respond.

Domestic and family violence services

- 1800 RESPECT National Helpline: 1800 737 732
- Lifeline (24-hour crisis line): 131 114
- Women's Crisis Line: 1800 811 811
- DV Connect or call 1800 600 636
- Mensline Australia: 1300 78 99 78
- Men's Referral Service: 1300 766 491

May 2024 Church Roster

5 May

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| Worship Leaders: | Rev Cam McAdam & Alicia Starkins |
| Communion: | Ronda Jenkins & Bob Seiffert |
| Welcomers: | Driver family |
| Bible Reader: | Kaye deWijn |
| Music: | Village Church band |
| Kids' Church: | Ann Connan & Sarah Whitaker |
| Youth Sundays: | Teesha Wishart & Ruth McAdam |
| Power point: | Sandra Scurrah |
| Counting: | John deWijn & Robin Smyth |
| Technical support: | Esther McAdam & Kayne Snow-Cole |
| Morning tea: | Maria Remova & volunteer needed |

12 May

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| Worship Leaders: | Rev Cam McAdam |
| Welcomers: | volunteer needed & Claire Thonemann |
| Bible Reader: | Will McAdam |
| Music: | Margaret Brown |
| Kids' Church: | Kelly Gibbs & Janette McCabe |
| Power point: | David Brown |
| Counting: | Ken Ryall & Doug Thring |
| Technical support: | David Brown & Ivor Burt |
| Morning tea: | Anthony McCabe & Karen Grigarius |

19 May

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| Worship Leader: | Rev Cam McAdam |
| Welcomers: | Volunteers needed |
| Bible Reader: | Liz Corsar |
| Music: | Bev Sleep |
| Kids' Church: | Ann Connan & Sarah Whitaker |
| Youth Sundays: | Teesha Wishart & Georgie/ Ruth McAdam |
| Power point: | Bob Seiffert |
| Counting: | Claire Harvey & Ken Sleep |
| Technical support: | Volunteer needed (Video) & Maddy Read |
| Morning tea: | Volunteers needed |

Making an offering to The Village Church...

If you would like to make a financial offering to The Village Church, you can either place your offering in the offering plate at church or via a direct deposit to the church's General Statement Account:

BSB: 633 000

Account No: 143 632 834

MORE THAN ONE SERMON

By Bill Pugh

In my first parish I had four services on one Sunday and three on the next.

I had morning and evening services in the one church, and some parishioners came to both morning and evening services.

I had to prepare two sermons for each Sunday, and I followed the lectionary for the morning services, but what about the evening?

I found great help from a New Testament scholar, William Barclay.

His daily Bible study writings had wonderful pieces on the Parables, the Sermon on the Mount, the Miracles and the Beatitudes, as well as the Lord's Prayer.

Each study had practical explanations and examples, and I was now able to prepare an evening service on each.

A famous scholar once said, "*feed on the minds of great men*".

I found inspiration in the writings of William Barclay and so did many in our evening congregations.

www.victas.uca.org.au/resources | Photo by freepik.com | May 2024

Bequest

Remember the Church in your will.

A bequest will help continue to work of the Church long after you're gone. There are many ways a bequest can help the work of the Church - whether for a specific cause that's dear to your heart, for a specific congregation or for the general purposes of the life of the Church.

Want to know more?

Speak to your solicitor or financial advisor, or visit the Synod's website:

www.victas.uca.org.au



A Heart Full of Joy

"These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full." John 15:11 (NKJV)

The puzzle is based on John 15:9-17



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