

# THE OLIVE BRANCH

October 2017 Brunswick Uniting Church Congregation Worship - 9:30 am

## > Meditation

### Being on Country

I recently joined the Goolarabooloo Community on the Kimberley Coast in Broome and, with them, walked the Lurujarri Songline trail walking 90 kms north of Broome to Minarriny past James Price Point. I was trying to understand relationship to country from an Indigenous perspective. I am trying to understand relationship to country and what it means for myself and my fellow settler people. I am trying to understand my relationship to all creation so that I might care more; might flow more, might understand how to take responsibility more as part of God's creation. As I walked and we talked I began to hear words like '*lian*' and '*Rai*'. These words were powerful and sacred.

My understanding of the word *Rai* is concerning the given purpose to each individual at birth. It was explained to me in the context of care of some aspect of creation – maybe an animal, trees, birds, something on country for which that person had serious responsibility.

My hearing and witness of the word '*lian*' remains clearly in my mind as I remember our Aboriginal leader speaking of that deep feeling within, gestulating with his hands towards his belly – a gut feeling. It refers to the capacity to be in sync with one's total environment. One must pay attention to this or face the dire consequences – once mortal danger or loss of food opportunity. But the thing is that this practice of *lian* is still vital today and refers to being on country and tuning to the deep instinctive knowing of what is right and what is not right and **paying attention!**

Purpose and wellbeing is how I understand these words *Rai* and *Lian* respectively. What pillars for life!

We in the Western world speak of mindfulness but how do we learn to tune with deep awareness to our inner selves and then how do we **pay attention** in order to be in sync with our place, with each other, with our world and with our Creator.



How do we come into our awareness of our purpose and our wellbeing – these gifts of God. This is a huge question and somehow, for me, has to do with '*being on country*'.

In recent years, I have taken to walking. My feet take me out my front gate and on treks of around 150 kms over a week. I have walked from my Bayside home to Yea, to Rosebud and to Queenscliffe. These are contemplative walks so I walk alone – to observe and to reflect on my surroundings and my place. What is *my place* within these places. On one particular trip (the latter) whilst walking through the industrial wastelands that flank the Geelong road, I found myself drawn to a tree. A lone giant, a

eucalypt, with dusty leaves and a saddened demeanour – or so it seemed to me. I wondered about its sadness, about its loss of community, about the birds it had known, the insects, animals, humans which had once gathered around it. In my ignorance then I didn't actually wonder about its loss of fellow species. Ridiculous really. I've since been enlightened by Peter Wohlleben and his book "The Hidden Life of Trees" and now know about the interrelationship within communities of trees and the interdependence, the parenting, the care that exists within arboreal. I have been particularly influenced by his reference to 'street kids', the trees which grow beside roads, out of asphalt, confined by brick borders bearing down on root systems. Trees without like companions - arboreal aloneness. I have read of the adverse effect on these trees as they struggle on without the mentoring, guidance and protection of Elders.

All of us need and yearn for connection, for relationship, no matter what our species, our gender, our origin, our circumstance. Without connection and relationship to each other, to place, to our source of life, we struggle. Our growth can be stunted, our way of being impacted.



I have recently come into this community. I travel a distance to be here – across country. I walk 2 kms along the cliff by the bay to the train station. The train brings me to the city and I look to greet people, pigeons and seagulls alike as I walk to the tram stop to get to Brunswick. On my first day here, I was sitting in the office in front of the big picture window



Coming to Brunswick is yet another *trek*, another *being on country* that is not my own just as the Lurujarri Trail was not my own, the industrial wasteland on the Geelong Rd was not my own. In each case, the deep within me questions – ‘*am I welcome here?*’ In each case I endeavour to **be** with every ounce of my being – to tune, to connect, to listen closely and to respond from that deep place of awareness – the God space wherein the source of life dwells, quickens, pulsates. It is an ongoing practice in which I am sometimes successful ..... and sometimes not so successful. It is the **practice** which is valuable and life giving.

*Thanks be to God the source of all creation, the source of all life.*

**Trish Graham**

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## > Preaching Plan

October 1	Sunny Chen <b>Pentecost 17, Holy Communion</b>	October 22	Ian Ferguson <b>Pentecost 20</b>	November 12	Ian Ferguson <b>Pentecost 23</b>
October 8	Graeme Garrett <b>Pentecost 18</b>	October 29	Ian Ferguson <b>Pentecost 21, What is Creativity?</b>	November 19	Ian Ferguson <b>Pentecost 24</b>
October 15	Ian Ferguson <b>Pentecost 19</b>	November 5	Ian Ferguson <b>Pentecost 22, Holy Communion</b>	November 26	Ian Ferguson <b>Reign of Christ</b>

## > Worship Calendar

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### Meditation

Sunday morning meditation in the Youth Hall from 8.15 am until 8.45 am on the first Sunday of the month. Join us on **Sunday 1st October** and **5th November**.

### Holy Communion & All Age Worship

Also on the first Sunday of the month we celebrate Holy Communion. With school holidays happening the usual All Age activities in the Gathering Space will be replaced with activities for the young people to do in their seats on **1st October**. All Age Activities will return for worship on **5th November**.

### Long Service Leave

Preachers during the last two weeks of Ian's Long Service Leave will be

- **1st October** - Sunny Chen (Holy Communion)
- **8th October** - Graeme Garrett

### Ride or Walk to Worship

Leave the car at home (if you can) and ride, walk or catch a train or tram to worship on **15th October**. In this small symbolic way we acknowledge and celebrate our care for the earth which is our home. See Special Events for information about the Spring Picnic being held after worship.

### Reflective Service

On **29th October** our worship will be shaped in part by the 'What is Creativity?' Arts Exhibition. See more about the exhibition in JAM News, p 12

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### Advent

Are you interested in helping to plan worship for the season of Advent - a season of preparation in which we 'recall our hope and expectation of the coming of Christ, past, present and future?

*Note - Advent 4 morning worship, being on 24th December, will be a quieter Meditation service led by Richard Arnold*

Contact Saide Cameron, 0407 096 743, to find out more.

### Welcoming Ceremony

The Pastoral Care Committee will participate in leading worship on **12th November**. During this service we will also offer a Welcoming Ceremony.

This is an opportunity for people who are new to the congregation an invitation to share their story and publicly express their desire to be part of this community and say that it is their spiritual home for now.

After people have shared their stories these questions are asked:

*To those who are being welcomed:* "Do you name the Brunswick Uniting Church congregation as your community of faith and do you commit yourself to actively participating within this community?"

*To the congregation:* "Do you joyfully receive these people as fellow travellers along the way of discipleship, and do you commit yourself as a community of Jesus Christ to maintain the life of faith?"

Please note that this is not formal church membership although people who do have UCA membership are encouraged to do so.

Please contact Ian Ferguson 0438 547 842 to indicate your interest in participating in the welcoming ceremony.

### Baptism

During worship on **19th November** we will celebrate the baptism of Nathaniel Hayek, third son of Elenie & Bilal.

### Christ the King

The liturgical year draws to a close on **Sunday 26th November** as we reflect on the Reign of Christ. We will also launch the Christmas Bowl Appeal.

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### Christmas worship

*More details next month ...*

- Blue Christmas 7:30pm, **Wednesday 13th December**, tbc
- Christmas Eve Pageant 7:00pm
- Christmas Eve Holy Communion. 11:30pm
- Christmas Day, 9:30am

## > Reflections on Synod 2018

### An Overview

The meeting of the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania was held between **September 8th and 13th** at the Box Hill Town Hall. These meetings occur on a roughly 18-month cycle and are attended by elected representatives of the Synod's 8 Presbyteries, various UCA Institutions and Boards, and designated ex officio members. All up there were about 300 members.

The Synod meeting occurs to do the business of the Synod: it receives reports, makes appointments, forms policies, issues statements on matters of public interest, and modifies (or introduces new) church regulations. And it does all this in the context of worship, bible study, shared meals and a lot of really hard work (and long hours). A meeting of the synod provides a particular glimpse of what the UCA looks like. It's a particular mingling of rural and city, leaders and members, not to mention the cultural and linguistic diversity of this church. You can check out the specific decisions of the meeting at this [website](#).

Like many others who attended the meeting, I came away from it thinking it was one of the best Synod meetings I'd attended. There are some obvious reasons why this was such a common response. For instance, we did not have the tensions and divisions generated by Uniting our Future or the Major Strategic Review dominating the horizon as had been the case at the 2014 and 2016 meetings. It was something of a 'catch-our-breath' kind of meeting. But I think the reasons for the positive mood of this synod were ultimately more positive than the absence of these particular tensions. I'll name a few.

**The contribution of Young Adults.** This was not simply in the form of providing a 'YA perspective', and nor was it merely ornamental. The YA members of Synod were not overly numerous, but their contribution was substantive and out of proportion to their numbers. This was seen not only in their input into particular proposals via speeches, but also in a particular session dedicated to "[Leadership and Generational Change](#)". What I saw in their contribution was not YAs trying their best to cling on to a dying UCA, but members of the UCA (who just happen to be young) who are committed to it and are already among its leaders.

**Theological Considerations.** Theologians like me have a habit of grumbling about the absence of theology in church discourse and meetings. This could not be said of this meeting. Theological considerations were most obvious in the [excellent daily theological reflections](#) on the meeting itself by Dr. Margaret Campbell, a member and elder at Burwood UC. It was also evident, for example, in the rationale for the proposal to support Safe Injecting Rooms as well as in the occasional request from the floor of synod for better theological reasons for certain proposals.



**Honest Conversations.** At the request of the (national) Assembly Standing Committee, the Synod was asked to have discussions on the two issues which are likely to dominate next year's [triennial Assembly meeting](#) (which will also be held at Box Hill, July 8-14): same sex marriage; and indigenous sovereignty. The Synod was not required to make any decisions on these issues, but to discuss them and identify concerns and ideas to be fed into the Assembly meeting. These had the potential to be divisive discussions, but, although not universally easy, they were conducted with honesty, respect and a widespread desire to engage alternative ideas about sex, gender, marriage, and the question of church ownership of property. The discussion of these issues will demand much of UCA members between now and July 2018. One message from the Synod meeting is that we need to raise awareness within our own contexts that the issues are being discussed and that decisions will be made next year. (The Synod's discussion of same-sex marriage was featured on [Lateline](#).)

These are just some of the big-picture dimensions of synod. As noted above, you can read about the details [here](#). But it was not just the big-picture factors which led to it being a positive meeting. The meeting was superbly chaired by the Moderator, BUC's own Sharon Hollis. Various changes in format provided opportunities to discuss particular reports away from the plenary sessions but in self-selected options in the 'Market Place'. In addition to Sharon's leadership, the Synod was well served in various ways (membership, the welcoming team, reports etc) by a range of BUC members: Carlynne Nunn, Fi Bottcher, Shawn Whelan, Anika Jensen, Barry and Glenice Cook, Graeme Garrett and Joan Morgan. (*I hope I haven't missed anyone.*)

Synod will next meet in 2019. This synod elected [Rev Denise Liersch](#), presently the minister at Blackburn UC to be the next moderator. She will be installed at the opening service of that meeting. As 2019 approaches, I strongly urge members of BUC to consider being involved in some way, even putting yourself forward as a member. It is a big commitment, but a tangible expression of our relationship to the wider community of the UCA.

**Geoff Thompson**

Geoff is the Co-ordinator of Studies in Systematic Theology at Pilgrim College, a member college of the University of Divinity





convictions to let the mysterious divine speak into our confusion”.

Everyone was so lovely and gave me such wonderful feedback for sharing this difficult story, to be honest I didn't think it was that big a deal to share, because othering is such a normal experience for so many people, but I'm glad it was heard

and acknowledged. I'm truly lucky to be in a community that supports and encourages me to come as I am, to be seen and see the divine. I hope by sharing this story the broader Uniting Church can start to feel like they can acknowledge this pain and face these conversations in compassion and forgiveness.

Anika Jensen

## > Children, Youth & Young Adult Ministry News

### Student House

Everyone is gearing up for the big and crazy exam and assessment time yet again! Some of the crew are coming for the pointy end of their whole degree and are feeling the pinch of portfolio work and placements, shout out the Sam and Steph completing their major projects in graphic design, and Emily who's just finished her FINAL EVER teaching placement.

We've had some lovely dinner's this semester, including a recent collaboration with table church, and are excited for some fun celebratory dinners as the year winds up! It'll be a time of change and transition with a fair few of the members finishing up their time in the community, and we are thinking and praying for them in this time of flux.

If you know any young tertiary student moving to Melbourne for study who would like to be a part of the student house community, give them my details!

### YUCY and OG

Semester 3 of YUCY was a blast! Lots of new and old faces, new and old games, and an ever evolving culture of fun, community and mischief (well, I hope that's what it's like for everyone)! We finished up our final YUCY for the term editing Caitlin Mullen's wonderful Christmas Pageant script and brainstorming making our own short films!! To be continued next term... Along with some super exciting and fun excursions AND EVEN A CAMP!! Check out the YUCY dates for term 4 below, and if you know a teenager who'd like to come along and participate (or lead) let me know!

We'll also hopefully be having some study sessions with the older teenagers, the OGs real soon! I'll keep you all posted. Hannah Alvis, Chantelle and Jacque Matthews and Gen Mullen are heading into big VCE exams (some accelerated in year 11 and some the full year 12 load), our thoughts and prayers are with you brilliant women!!

## > Happy Birthday

Gwen Arnold, Alan Austin, Frances Boreham-Delaney, Anna Calder, Benjamin Clough, Kirsten Connan, Steph Gesling, Isabel Jolley, Lucas Kramer, Mick McCarthy, Richard Moore, Cecilia Otarola, Mal Rowe, Christina Rugel, Leanne Salau, Holly Slattery, Maggie Somerville, Joel Townsend

### Student House Faith Spot

Hi I am Tabitha. I am in my final year of my Bachelor of Science degree at the University of Melbourne. It's been just over a year since I moved in to the student house and it's been a wonderful community to be a part of. Beginning of this year I was given the opportunity to be the Payments book keeper for the church and to work under Linda the treasurer. This is has been a rewarding experience. I have always been learning everything Science and Health related I never had the opportunity to explore the commerce stream. Working under Linda allows me to learn different basic accounting concepts and actually practice them while I do my job. She has taught me so much over the past couple of months that I might even consider a masters in accounting next year. I'd like to thank her for giving me the chance to work under her wings. If you haven't met me before come say hi to me at church and I'd love to have a chat with you.



### YUCY Term 4

**Friday 20th October** -  
Classic YUCY

**Friday 3rd November** -  
Laser Tag & Bowling excursion  
(arrive at Brunswick Uniting  
at 6:30pm)

**Friday 17th December** -  
Classic YUCY

**Friday 1st December** -  
Daylesford Camp Out

**Friday 15th December** -  
Christmas Hangs

WOWIES!



YUCY Contact: Anika Jense  
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## > Sharing our Faith

### Rainbow Family Day

A few weeks ago Ian was contacted by an organizer of a Rainbow Family Day that was going to be held in Preston for families in Darebin and the surrounding areas on **Sunday 17th September**. As Ian was going to be away he asked if I would be happy to take on the organizational part for the church.



Supported by the CY&YA committee I decided to make a stall where children could decorate cupcakes with rainbow icing and sprinkles. At the stall we had the BUC banner on display and a number of people commented how great it was to see a church presence there! Over 400 cupcakes were decorated and the environment with the approximately 1500 people who attended was incredible.

Currently, it's not a particularly easy time to be someone who is same-sex attracted and the event operated with the goal of having a day where the environment would be inclusive and welcoming. It was such a great thing to be a part of - and I loved that I could do so as not only a part of my role with the church but as a member of our community.

**Caitlin Mullen**

Interim Children & Families Co-ordinator

## > Discipleship & Education News

### The Stones Cry Out

When is the last time you heard anything about Palestinian Christians?

On the **21st of September** we gathered in the church

for the first session in our 'Spiritual Survival Guide' for second semester to view the film 'The Stones Cry Out'. The film is a moving and insightful portrait of the Christian community of Palestine. Almost universally ignored by commentators who portray the region as divided along 'Israeli-Jewish/Palestinian-Muslim lines', the film takes a deep dive into the stories of the Church in its homeland.

The film begins with testimony from elderly Christians in Palestine who saw their homes occupied and destroyed in the partition of 1948. Their grief and outrage at this remains raw to this day. It follows their displacement to the West Bank and explores the interesting history of their civil disobedience to Israeli occupation. It traces the steady advance of Jewish settlements and the social and physical dislocation caused by the erection of walls through communities. It ends with interviews of leaders of today's Christian community in Palestine.

The Church in Palestine is suffering, but although much reduced, remains a vibrant and faithful community. The film is a call to the global Church and to the world, that their stories are heard, and that they are not abandoned.



Having welcomed us to the screening Tim Budge then invited Sary father is Palestinian and lived in Jerusalem. Having lost his home



Sary's father had to leave Palestine, first moving to Lebanon and then Australia. Sary is studying how biblical themes affect the way the Middle East is portrayed in art. He has returned to Palestine a couple of times since becoming an adult and shared his story eloquently demonstrating how the stories of Palestinian Australians echo the stories portrayed in the film.



The event was co-sponsored by Tribal Strategies Palestine Israel Ecumenical Network. If you interested in purchasing the film for \$20, or more information about advocacy in this issue, contact Tim Budge.

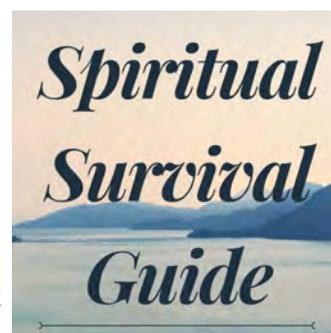
### Griefs Observed

Our next event is a two-part series on Grief taking place on the **12th and 19th of October**. The first session on the 12th will be a [practical session on living through grief](#) led by Meg Moorhouse, who will draw upon her extraordinary experience as a counsellor. The session on the 19th will be led by Jenne Perlstein and Ann Soo, and offer diverse opportunities for expressing grief and stories through [contemplative and spiritual activities](#).

These sessions will be a beautiful time of reflection and community. All are welcome.

[Spiritual Survival Guide series 3](#), part 2: 12th and 19th of October, 7:30, BUC.

**Daniel Broadstock**



## > Pastoral Care News

### Hospitality

We continue to be blessed with a diversity of newcomers to Brunswick Uniting Church (BUC) and offer them our warm welcome. If you are new or newish and have yet to obtain a name tag or to get onto the BUC email list, please ask for the Newcomers Card to complete, from the welcomers at the front door on a Sunday morning or contact Jane Allardice or Tricia Graham (whilst Ian Ferguson is on away). Equally if you wish to become more engaged with the activities and life at BUC, the Hospitality team would love to assist you – Tricia Graham/Ian Ferguson, Jane Allardice, Ray Cameron, Sheila Calwell, Graham Lawrence, Alyce Verheijden and Michael Rigby.

Jane Allardice

### Compassion

The Crisis Care Team continued to work behind the scenes responding to needs of several within the congregation. Visits and several phone calls were made and food was delivered. This is always available, so please let us know if this support could help you.

A ministry of personal prayer is also offered through which members of the congregation, friends or family are prayed for on a daily basis until a request is made to be withdrawn. We feel blessed that this is a service which is constantly used and also blessed by those offering to pray. It is a personal and confidential act and we do not need to know why you have requested prayer if that is your wish. We believe that God knows the innermost workings of our hearts. If you wish to be included and prayed for or wish to join in praying, please just telephone or email Glenice Cook or Leanne Salau. Each Friday the Prayer group will be emailed the names of those participating. If you know of someone who may need prayer please feel free to ask them if this would be helpful and forward their name to us.

Glenice Cook

### International Meal

Thanks to the very warm and generous hospitality of Saide and Ray Cameron a number of the BUC congregation were treated to a wonderful night.

There were a number of different courses of foods from eight countries - expertly created in the Cameron kitchen, including home-made bread, Aussie lamb and Cameroonian Peanut soup. I think the highlight was the magic pudding lemon meringue pie. David has assured us he will bake the next one.

Jackie proved to be an amazing purveyor of wines, describing palate, nose and colour – and never a drop passed her lips. We were very impressed.

Liz and Claire exceeded expectations in simultaneously describing the personality of a wine as 'being in the style of Annabel Crabbe' – how clever is that?

Michael F's description of the Collingwood cheer squad was only for those who attended the dinner – sorry!

### Community

#### Cafe Style Morning Tea,

Morning Tea after worship on **8th October** will be offered 'Cafe Style' making use of the Olive Way tables & chairs. We'd love to hear from anyone who can come to worship a little early to help us set up.

The BUC Arts group will invite us to contribute to the 'What is Creativity?' Exhibition by building a Community Wall of Creativity. Be ready to have some fun together. Colin Hunter will lead the way.

#### Triple Letter Dinners

Put aside an evening or lunchtime over the weekend of **10th-12th November** so that you can participate in **Notoriously Nourishing November Dinners**. You can be a guest or a host or even both if you want to participate in two gatherings.

This year, following on from the recent success of the Share Appeal International Meal (see below), hosts will be invited to set a theme for their meal. Sound intriguing? We hope so. Invitations will be available mid-October.

#### Congregation Lunch

After the Congregational Meeting on **26th November** everyone is encouraged to stay on afterwards for lunch. We'll be providing a range of delicious pastries and fruit platters. Offers of assistance to help with organizing the meal will be gratefully accepted.

If you want to know more about the Community Ministry speak to Ian Ferguson, Rachel Beagley, Kristin Dahl, Karlie Kok, Tess Alston or myself. Join us, we meet every second month or so on a Saturday afternoon.

Saide Cameron



We also had the pleasure (!) of Michael C's snakes making themselves comfortable with both Emma and Michael at the dinner table.

David was very clever in joining the dots between politicians and wine – this is a feat much easier to manage once you have had a taste or two; and

Ken was not only a full bottle (excuse the pun) on wine tasting but it turned out he is a regular whiskey taster in his spare time.

It was a great opportunity for all of us to make a contribution to the hosted FUNdraising event. I couldn't think of a nicer way to raise some money and to meet and have a laugh with members of the congregation in a different, relaxed setting.

Thanks again to Saide and Ray, talented cooks and amazing hosts.

Claire Foley

### From the committee

The Justice & Mission committee met on 7th September and enjoyed a delicious meal together as always.

Once again Richard Arnold joined us to discuss the **Olive Way Ministry**. (We think we've convinced him to join the committee.)

- We're very excited about the Olive Way Happenings Newsletter which is a collection of stories from OW guests. The first edition was greatly enjoyed and we hope to make the next edition available to the congregation as well.
- Peter has started work on expanding our pool of volunteers.
- Mal Rowe has expressed interest in joining the OW Steering Committee. Richard will continue as Chair of the OWSC until the end of 2018.
- Peter is exploring possible structural changes to the Olive Way space and will bring a design concept to JAM for consideration later in the year
- We have asked the Property Committee to explore the possibility of replacing some or all of the wooden benches with stackable chairs. This will make setting up for Wednesday lunch much less of an OHS risk.

### Olive Way Story

Towards the end of Olive Way last week an elderly gentleman approached me showing a letter he'd received from the Moreland City Council. He asked me what it was and why he was receiving it, as English is not his first language. I scanned through and saw that the letter was in regards to a complaint about a rooster that he was keeping, advising that he was to get rid of it or be fined. "Apparently you have to get rid of it", I said.

"No, I will not," he replied, somewhat defiantly. "This rooster is my friend. He is like my son." I explained that my brother in law raises chickens and could do with a rooster, but lives near Castlemaine. "But I will never see him," he said. "No, I cannot. I would rather pay a fine and keep him." I didn't have the heart to tell him that would not keep the council off his back.

The conversation drifted from there to talk of his ex-wife and his acrimonious divorce, and the pain he experiences from the separation from his two sons whom he rarely sees. Perhaps he wasn't kidding when he said the rooster was like his son. He obviously misses his boys who live in Sydney.

**BUC Arts** is thriving - see stories further on in this section

**FUNdraising** activities continue to provide ways for our congregation to be informed about the needs of our wider community, gather as community and have fun all while raising much needed funds - stories also further on.

**Food Co-op** is in the process of advertising for the Purchasing position. During worship on 10th October the JAM committee acknowledged Christine's voluntary role in this position and presented her with a gift of a plant grown in Kirsty's garden.

We participated in **World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel** activities including: afternoon tea with Joan Fisher, Glitter Balls & Big Hair FUNdraising, worship with Joan, and watching the film 'The Stones Cry Out'. We also received our exchange peace felt.

**Join us** - we have oversight of a wide range of programs, committees and activities. We enjoy sharing hospitality and find the work we do engaging, encouraging and thought provoking.

Speak to one of us to find out more: Kirsty Bennett, Leanne Salau Gwen Arnold, Meredith Budge, Abi Benham-Bannon and me!!

**Saide Cameron**

It seems that language, and the struggles associated with it, for this man have been a recurrent theme in his life. The struggle to be understood, to understand, and feel a part of something where he belongs keeps resurfacing. I was grateful at that moment that Olive Way could stand in the gap where he was able to feel a sense of belonging and welcome. We cannot be a substitute for that need for family that is at the heart of every human being, but we can be part of the picture of community.

I love that food, the universal need that transcends boundaries, language, religious and cultural divides is the thing that draws us together in Olive Way. It is the essence of hospitality; when



language fails, there is always food! And for our old friend struggling to find his place, there is always Olive Way... and his rooster.

**Peter Blair**, Olive Way Coordinator

*(not the rooster in this story)*

## World Week of Peace in Palestine and Israel

### Peace Felt Exchange

Ann Soo sent our Peace Felt, made by Natalie Papworth during the Felting Workshop on 27th August, to our exchange partner in Norfolk, UK.

*We have received the following message from our partner:*

Hello, I had a lovely delivery yesterday as your Peace Felt arrived safely to me.

It's a beautiful piece and I love that it's come from so far, and your church looks a beautiful building. I've been having a little browse of your website and found your blog about it too. It brings extra joy knowing its life began in such a happy gathering and amongst so much art being created.

Thank you Ann for organizing the posting and Natalie for creating this piece. The felting community has always been the friendliest and most giving of all crafting groups I've encountered.

All the best, Leila



*We have since received our Peace Felt from Renee in Utah with this message:*

Hi Ann

I hope my peace felt brings you love and happiness. I made it in a shape of a flower because I get lots of pleasure from them. With the peace sign in the centre I am hoping and praying for a more peaceful world.

The pearls I added are said to give the wearer a sense of calmness and centredness, and to promote faith, loyalty, truth and purity. I called this pin 'Pearls of Peace and Love'!

A bit about me – I live in Utah and love to craft! I felt, sew, draw, make paper, tat, knit, crochet and weave. I try just about any form of crafting I come across. It gives me joy in the making process and especially in the giving and seeing others enjoy what I've made. Have a fabulous day.

Renee Setema

*Ann is planning to use the felt as inspiration for a Felting Workshop with the Sunday Morning Program on 15th October.*



### Afternoon Tea with Rev. Joan Fisher

On **16th September** Ray & Saide Cameron hosted afternoon tea on behalf of the Pastoral Care Community Team. Twelve of us gathered to learn more about the Ecumenical Accompaniment program in Palestine and Israel which we supported with our FUNdraising stalls & Op Shop in September 2016.

Joan gave an inspiring presentation describing her experiences as a volunteer with EAPPI in 2015.

Joan had previously visited Palestine and Israel as a tourist and was subsequently inspired to volunteer with EAPPI. She told us about the process for becoming a volunteer including the need to fundraise \$14,000 to participate in the program. She commented that volunteers from European countries are sponsored by their governments as a form of international aid and are required to provide reports.



Volunteers are grouped together in a household of six people all from different countries. They go out in pairs, spending many hours walking, standing alongside Palestinians and bearing witness to their daily struggles. Joan showed us the vest that all volunteers are required to wear along with the equipment they need to fulfil their role.

One of the key tasks of EAPPI volunteers is to monitor checkpoints. This involves arriving at the designated checkpoint very early in the morning. Volunteers documented activity at the checkpoints and wrote daily reports

to send to the head office. Joan told us stories and showed many photos highlighting the disruption to the daily lives of Palestinians as they attempted to move through the checkpoints to go to work and school. Delays of 2-4 hours were common.

Another task is to respond to call-outs. This may include attending an incident, witnessing demolition of homes, documenting human rights violations.

Joan outlined the history of the creation of Israel as a state, the loss of Palestinian land from 1948 onwards and spoke of the impact of war and violence, the deep division between Palestinians and Israelis, of the hardships of the lives of Palestinians and their extraordinary resilience in the face of land encroachment, constant harassment, building of the separation wall. She also shared stories about the peaceful resistance of a minority of Israeli citizens.

Listening to Joan we were reminded again of how much we don't know and don't understand. We acknowledged the vital role that Joan and other returning volunteers have in sharing these stories and witnessing to the lives of Palestinians in this way. We offered our thanks to Joan for her time and stories and enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea.

**Saide Cameron**

## FUNdraising News



### Glitter Balls & Big Hair, Alistair's Musical Bingo

What an excellent night we had raising money for the 2018 PIEN Speaking Tour during World Week of Peace on **16th September**. Gathered around our tables we listened and marked off the songs on our bingo cards until a winner emerged and was given a delicious prize. Tim Budge (Executive Officer of the Palestine Israel Ecumenical Network) spoke to us about the Speaking Tour which we are supporting. Alistair was unflagging in his hosting of the evening keeping us moving through the seven rounds the last of which was Bogan Bingo (you really had to be there). We enjoyed a round of musical speed dating with the lucky table receiving a box of chocolates to share. Our raffle prize included a plant grown in Kirsty Bennett's garden and a massage voucher from the Brunswick Health Clinic (Melville Rd. West Brunswick). To help boost the FUNdraising aspect of the evening we auctioned off four very special items: a weekend at Tim & Meredith's holiday house in Dinner Plain, a painting by Ann Soo, a terrarium made by Anna Rowlands, and a shawl & beanie knitted by Nicole Batch. The preserves, bake & craft stalls were well supported on the evening and the following two Sundays.



As a result of all this enthusiasm and generosity we have well and truly fulfilled our role as Foundation Sponsors of the Speaking Tour raising a total (at this stage) of **\$6,446.15** made up of Entry - \$1,145.00, Raffle - \$231.00, Auction - \$1,245.00, Bake & Craft - \$598.15, Preserves - \$227.00, Anonymous donation - \$3,000.

Jessica Kvanskul, Alistair Hunter and I are delighted with this outcome as is Tim Budge in his role as the Executive Officer of the Palestine Israel Ecumenical Network. Thank you to everyone who came, had fun, dressed up, played bingo, sang along (you know who you are), bought raffle tickets, bid at auction, made purchases from the stalls and helped up clean up after the event. Once again we've demonstrated our congregation's capacity for community gathering, having fun and supporting projects and programs.

Saide Cameron



### Coming up ...

The **Stewart Lodge Gift Appeal** will be launched during worship on **19th November**. We are invited to make a donation to help put together gift bags for the residents on Stewart Lodge. The Gift Bags will be handed during Stewart Lodge Carols on Tuesday 19th December.

The **Act for Peace Christmas Bowl Appeal** will be launched a week later on **26th November**. We will support this appeal through personal donations, with FUNdraising stalls after worship on **3rd & 10th December**, possibly another Op Shop and Carols at the Manse (date to be set).



## > Presbytery News

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**Saturday 16 September** was our Presbytery Education Day, which I attended without friends from Brunswick since Jane Allardice (our other Presbytery Rep) had other important commitments and Ian Ferguson is gallivanting about the world on well-deserved long service leave. However, the style of the day – gathered in discussion groups around tables, rather than seated in rows like most Presbytery meetings – was well suited to making some new friends, as well as deepening relationships with people I had met before.

While the meeting included some ‘normal business’, such as the usual reports as well as an update from Shawn Whelan about how the Presbytery is implementing the recommendations from the Cultural Audit, most of the day involved a workshop run by Rev Dr Philip Hughes. Philip, having ‘retired’ from the Christian Research Association, teaches theology at Harvest Bible College. He’s particularly interested in the sociology of religion; his workshop focussed on the information gathered in the Australian 2016 census and how we in the Uniting Church can understand, make use of and respond to this information. Philip alternated between slideshow presentations illustrating interesting aspects of the data and explaining what he thinks it all means, and getting us to look at some of the figures for ourselves, comparing the results of the last three censuses. According to Philip, not many other countries gather data about religion like Australia’s census does. He argued that this represents an opportunity for us, both to understand changes in Australian society over time and also possibly to see needs in our local communities that we could help meet.

Overall, I found the workshop quite interesting. In particular, I was intrigued by Philip’s claim that the biggest and boldest societal change since ~500 BC occurred in countries like Australia in the 60s and 70s, when people started questioning authority and tradition and started looking for meaning for their lives in ‘individualism’ rather than ‘duty’. Furthermore, he argued that our society is still adjusting to this huge change in attitude, particularly as we are joined by migrant groups from countries that didn’t experience the 60s and 70s in the same way. Since our Presbytery is currently trying to become truly ‘intercultural’ and inclusive of our culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) congregations and members, this idea stimulated some somewhat heated discussion!

In conclusion, given that stats aren’t most people’s favourite things, you may be feeling glad that you didn’t need to attend the 2017 Presbytery Education Day. Nonetheless, Philip’s emphasis on viewing the Census as a rich resource that can help us discern how best to be church and participate in God’s mission now and into the future made his workshop both thought-provoking and highly relevant, so I’m glad I could take part.

**Kate Scull**

## > Culture of Safety

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### Culture of Safety Contact Person

If any member of the congregation – child or adult – has concerns about the safety of our children, particularly in relation to child sexual abuse, or the welfare of vulnerable adults, you may report this in confidence so that support can be provided. You may speak to Helen Rowe in confidence about your concern.

Helen is the Culture of Safety Contact Person appointed by Church Council. Brunswick Uniting Church has a process for following up any concerns raised. Please contact Helen in person or by telephone at 0423 009 813

## > Special Events

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### An October - December Summary

*Lots happening as always - here’s a summary to help you keep track and page numbers so you know where to find the details.*

- BUC Craft Meet Up, **7th October**, 10:00 am
- Cafe Style Morning Tea with BUC Arts, **8th October**, p. 8
- SSG3: Griefs Observed, **12th & 19th October**, p. 7
- Ride or Walk to Worship, **15th October** with Bike ride & Spring Picnic, 11:30 am, p. 3
- Open Studio, **15th October**, see page 12
- What is Creativity Exhibition, **27th October to 2nd November**, see page 12
- Triple Letter Dinners, **10-12th November**, p. 8
- Welcoming Ceremony, **12th November**, p. 3
- SSG3: The Basis of Union, **16th November**, p. 7
- *Advance Notice, details next month*
- Stewart Lodge Gift Appeal Launch, **19th November**
- Christmas Bowl Appeal Launch, **26th November**
- Congregational Meeting & Election of Elders followed by Community Lunch, **26th November**
- Christmas Bowl FUNdraising Stalls, **3rd & 10th December**
- Carols at the Manse, date to be advised
- Singing on the Steps, **17th December**
- Stewart Lodge Carols, **19th December**
- Olive Way Christmas Lunch, **20th December**

## > Regular Events

### BUC Cycle

Join an enthusiastic group of cyclists after worship every 5-6 weeks and explore Melbourne's bike tracks. We head off after worship and cycle for about two hours and usually stop off for icecream and/or a drink along the way. For more details contact Colin Hunter, 0407 522 587.

Our next ride is after worship on **Sunday 15th October** taking us from worship to our Spring Picnic.

### Singing The Sacred Harp

The Sacred Harp Singing is a group of people who meet to sing from a book called "The Sacred Harp". This music is participatory, a cappella, loud, folk hymn singing, which originates from the USA. The book "The Sacred Harp" is a collection of shape note songs from various sources, from the 1770's to the present day. All singers of all abilities are welcome to come as often (or as infrequently) as they are able.

The style of music sounds something like a cross between Eastern European and Irish folk music. For more information on Sacred Harp music please visit [www.fasola.org](http://www.fasola.org)

Come along & join us on the **first Sunday** of every month, from 4pm-6pm in the hall. Contact Natalie Sims or Shawn Whelan, ph. 9495 6120, or email [sacred\\_harp@yahoo.com.au](mailto:sacred_harp@yahoo.com.au)

### Table Church

We gather to share a simple meal of soup & bread and dessert on **Sunday evenings**, (6-7:30pm), shaped by a liturgy that invites us to reflect on the week that has passed and to pray for each other. The shape of the evening is informal and low-stress.

Everyone is welcome and you can come every fortnight or just as you are available. Next dates: ...

If you are interested, or just want to know a little more, please contact Tim (0412 051 574) or Helen (0423 009 813).

### Mulling

Our next gathering will be **Tuesday 3rd October** from 7:00pm. For details, contact Cassie DeFillipo, 0421 871 191.

### Meditation

There are four Meditation groups available

With Richard: **First Sundays**, 8:15 am in the Youth Hall

**Wednesday at 8am** or **5:30pm** at 29 MacFarland St.

On-line every **Monday night** at **9.30pm** to **10.00pm**

Contact Richard Arnold, 0407 796 429, for more information.

### The Olive Way

Our congregation's outreach program is open on **Tuesday to Thursday** from 10 am - 1:30 pm. Community Kitchen, & Art programs - Wednesday, Writing Workshop - Thursday.

New volunteers are always welcome.

Contact Peter Blair, ph. 0431 193 810.

### Book Club at BUC

facilitated by Jeanette Acland

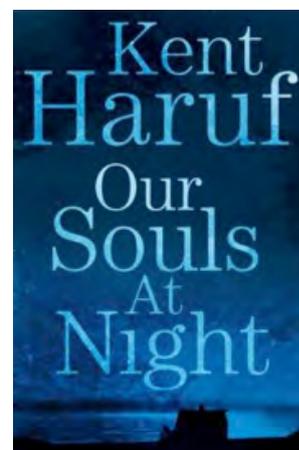
7.30 – 9 pm, **Wednesday 25 October 2017**

Youth Hall, Brunswick UC

In October we will be discussing *Our souls at night* by Kent Haruf, a posthumously published, beautifully told tale of how a small-town widow cautiously finds happiness.

Everyone welcome. Faye or Christine would be happy to talk to you about book club if you would like more information.

Faye 9379 1317 [faye.findlay18@gmail.com](mailto:faye.findlay18@gmail.com)  
or Christine 9386 8919 [christine@hornby.id.au](mailto:christine@hornby.id.au)



### Out and About Group

A monthly social group for older, active women and men. We visit places of interest or meet up for lunch or coffee. New members always welcome. See notice in the Olive Press or contact Helen Rowe for further information about this month's activity. Ph. 0423 009 813 or email [helen.rowe@rocketmail.com](mailto:helen.rowe@rocketmail.com)

### Brunswick Uniting Food Co-Op

Next Food Co-op Distribution Day - **Saturday 21 October** from 10 am - 12 noon.

New members welcome! We buy in bulk and you bring your re-usable containers to fill with the quantity you want.

*PLEASE bring wide necked clear glass or plastic bottles for all liquids purchases. Glass is best for olive oil. PLEASE mark the name of the product on the body of all containers to speed up service. We meet in the Olive Way space.*

Further information from Helen Rowe 0423 009 813 or Meredith Budge 0403 717 714

### Worship Committee

With more than half the committee either overseas or otherwise committed and plans to discuss the pageant put on hold the committee had a month off. This is not to say that we have taken a break from supporting the worshipping life of our congregation of course. There are a number of 'events' coming up in worship in the next few months including a focus on creativity on the 8th and 29th October, Ride or Walk to Worship on 15th October, launching the Stewart Lodge Gift & Christmas Bowl Appeals in November, the baptism of Nathaniel Hayek on 19th November and a Welcoming Ceremony on 12th November. See all the details in the **Worship Calendar**.

**Pageant preparations** are well under way. Caitlin has written the initial script which has now been reviewed and enhanced by joyfully creative young people at YUCY. Rehearsals will begin towards the end of November. There are lots of ways that you can support the pageant:

- behind the scenes with set building, prop making, reworking or creating costumes, helping out with sound, visuals, photography please contact Saide Cameron, 0407 096 743.
- joining the choir, contact Elaine Potter, 0434 671 109
- being a musicians, contact Julia Potter, 0423 219 013

#### 3/9 Pentecost 13 Exodus 3:1-15, Romans 12:9-21 Ian invited the children to come and talk about the story



from Exodus. Anika Jensen explored the issue of being warm and after some discussion came to the conclusion that we are all warm because we are alive. And then we all shared in the stunning revelation that we are alive because we are God's creatures, made in the image of God, God's miracles revealing God's presence in the world - like the burning bush! Together we made burning bush movements with Ian commenting that like the burning bush we can show God's love to the world and that as a church we can show God's love referencing our Yes in the window. A reference to Father's Day revealing the love of God made it's way into the conversation. The children made 'burning bush - Moses' figures in the All Age activities in the Gathering Space.



'Winter is coming' said Ian to begin his 'Game of Thrones' sermon. Using clips from a recent episode in which all the key characters come together to discuss the threat from the North Ian drew parallels with the Westeros Climate Summit, Jon Snow's refusal to lie and the perils and drama in our own world asking "What is the truth that can cut across the prevaricating of politicians and the immediate needs of life, the trivial conflicts and the intractable differences, the racial, cultural and political gulfs? What will help us save the world? Ian went on to discuss Paul's instructions to the Christians in Rome commenting that Roman scholar Brendan Burns explains that Paul is talking about ... 'a love that goes beyond mere words and protestations to embrace the alien and the enemy, that seeks to overcome the evil with good. Concluding Ian commended the passage from Romans to us and the 'beautiful words to build a community of love on' within it. He said 'And that's what we're on about here in this church. This is the place to practice, to practice building a community of love, founded in the loving reconciling grace of God in Jesus Christ. A community of love for the sake of the world. Let's do that together. Amen.

We celebrated Holy Communion, taking part together in the banquet of love.

**10/9 Pentecost 14 Psalm 119:33-40, Romans 13:8-14** We welcomed Kirsten Parris as our preacher for this first Sunday of Ian's Long Service Leave. Kirsten spoke to the children about rules in our lives and in the Bible. She told the children that there is one rule to replace all the rules in the Bible which is to love other people like we love ourselves, commenting that if we obey this rule then we have all the other rules covered. Kirsten wondered if we only need to love people like ourselves. The children agreed that we need to love all the people in the world, all the different animals, plants, rocks, all of creation. She spoke about attending a breakfast at Old Parliament House to celebrate Threatened Species Day and reminded us that we are called to love people, animals, nature and all of creation.



Kirsten's sermon provided us with insights into 2017 version of 'just be yourself' in which we are now encouraged to 'be the best possible version of ourselves'. She wondered how would we know when we had achieved this and whether or not a pretty good version be okay. Kirsten shared her research into the topic drawing on Women's Day, a YouTube video and various online articles all providing advice and tips on how to achieve 'the best possible version of yourself'.

Having shared a number of these tips Kirsten turned our attention to chapter 13 in Romans in which Paul makes things very simple. *All rules, laws and tips on how to live can be boiled down to a single commandment – love your neighbour as you love yourself. ... Love your neighbour as you love yourself. If you love someone you will never do him wrong. To love them is to obey the whole law'.*

She spoke of Victorian Premier Daniel Andrew's decision to provide accommodation to asylum seekers commenting that in spite of possible political point scoring he has *done the right thing, the compassionate thing, the loving thing ...*'

Kirsten concluded with some of the lyrics from West Australian band 'The Triffids' song from the 1980s 'Bury me deep in love'.

**17/9 Pentecost 15 Matthew 18:21-35, Exodus 14:19-31** At the start of World Week of Peace in Palestine and Israel Rev Joan



Fisher joined us for worship. Joan was a member of the previous St. Andrew's congregation over 20 years ago and was a volunteer in the EAPPI program in 2015. The lament included in the opening prayers, offered by Saide and Tim, was adapted from the resources provided by the World Council of Churches for this week. The prayers of the people, offered by Olivia Potter were a close adaptation of a former Uniting Church President, Rev Gregor Henderson's prayer who in turn adapted the prayers of Najwa Farah, a Palestinian writer and educator.

Joan told the children a story about something that happened when she was in Palestine. The story was about Ali, a Palestinian boy who lived in East Jerusalem. She spoke about Ali's puzzling decline in his school work sharing that Ali had started carrying his treasures with him instead of his school books after his friend's home was demolished during the previous month. The teacher helped Ali find a safe place to do his school work, to do art and enjoy music. Joan prayed with the children for children everywhere that they can be safe and grow to be the people that God wants them to be.



Beginning her presentation 'Unholy happenings in the Holy Land' Joan placed it within the context of the Exodus story and tensions within it whereby the Hebrew people are delivered through the death of the Egyptians. She shared Walter Bruggeman's insights on what it might mean for the Hebrew people to God's chosen people, chosen to be a blessing. She said the tension between the version of being chosen as being entitled compared to being a blessing to others continues through to the situation today in Palestine and Israel.

Joan took us through the history of the Palestinian Christians, the creation of the state of Israel and the terrible impact that this has had on Palestinians. She spoke vividly about the work of the Ecumenical Accompaniment Program in Palestine and Israel which was set up in 2002 by the World Council of Churches sharing photos of checkpoints, the Separation Wall, places of work and worship, peaceful protests and violent responses. And finally she spoke about peaceful, non violent resistance.



Responding to the question 'What can we do?' Joan offered these thoughts: be informed, inform others, Boycott, Divest & Sanction, Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

**24/9 Pentecost 16 Jonah 3:10-4:11, Matthew 20:1-16** Natalie welcomed Carlynn Nunn, member of our congregation and candidate for the Ministry of the Word, as our preacher. Commenting that the Bible story was all about Jonah who was very



concerned about what he thought was fair. Carlynn asked the children if they know what the word fair means and explored various possibilities. She then invited them to play a game called 'Carlynn says'. Having played the game and identified the winners she rewarded them all with a dinosaur and then gave to everyone a dinosaur and continued handing them out to the congregation. She wondered if this is in fact 'fair'. Making reference



to the gospel story Carlynn concluded telling us that Jesus looks at things in a different way.

In her sermon Carlynn continued her reflections on fairness and justice sharing insights into her younger self's understanding of these qualities. She commented that the parable of the landowner hits us at the core of what we feel is right and *prompts us to ask, what is fair?*

Carlynn then took us through the parable exploring the feelings and needs of the different characters, their sense of justice, their vulnerabilities, who they represent, what they have to say to us about fairness and justice, our own needs, challenges and insecurities.

Turning then to Jonah's story which she said is '*straight up hilarious to me*' she also explored his sense of fairness, his point of view commenting that it is not the point but rather the story of a God whose mercy and forgiveness is extended to '*those who would have been deemed thoroughly unworthy*'.

And finally she shared the story of Dylann Roof who received forgiveness from some of the families of the people he murdered in an African American church in Charlston, North Carolina.



Concluding Carlynne suggested that in the parable of the workers perhaps *we are intended to see the way we could act*. She asked *What if we can be stupidly, almost irritatingly generous, of our time, our respect, our mercy and what if we can give away what we have to all, even those who don't seem to deserve it, and who might not even ask for our forgiveness?*

*What if we can see those who have been left behind, and what if we can know God's generosity when we are the ones left behind? What if we can let our need for credit, or reward, or the last word go, and simply be thankful, simply work alongside our companions? What a world that would be. What a Kingdom. I'd like to see that. Amen*

As always the sermons are available on our website. Make the time to listen to the sermon each week if you've missed or even if you just want to listen again in case you've missed something along the way. It's an excellent thing to do.

Saide Cameron

## Property Committee

*The following activities have been undertaken/completed over the past month:*

- The storage space (shed) in front of the youth hall has been assessed and its allowable size has been determined. The concept design has been finalised and provided to Laurie to source quotes and planning permit.
- A door closer has been installed on the door between the Olive Way and the hall.
- Picture rail has been installed in the hall, in time for the Art Exhibition.
- "Pull" sign installed on the inner church right hand door.
- Plumber attended to a smell at the gas meters and resolved the gas leak.

*The following activities are being attended to over the coming months:*

- Repair the heater on the south wall in the west end of the hall. Plumber has attended 3 times however the hall has been in use. Time to be organised and users of the property are to be notified.
- The storage space (shed) in front of the youth hall. Assess quotes based on the concept design and the planning permit.

- The door closer installed on the door between the Olive Way and the hall was supposed to have the capability to be held open. Locksmith is to return and install the required attachment.
- Synod Annual Child Safety Check actions are awaiting Food Co-op to updated their MSDS.
- Cause of the leaks in the church has been Investigated and identified. Laurie to organise a cherry picker to access the impacted area.
- Youth hall internal office door to be replaced with an external rated door. A door has been obtained, it now requires fitting.
- Repairs to be undertaken to the external lighting, particularly the bollards, during the next electrical inspection, late in 2017.
- Ascertain the service requirements of the dishwasher's chemical pump also the replacement of the pipes.
- Replacement of the rangehood at 1/278-280 Brunswick Road. Awaiting photo of existing installation.
- Finish filling and painting the picture rail in the hall.

Ray Cameron

## > Lectionary

### After Pentecost

A period of time that varies in length depending on whether Easter is early or late. In this period, the Church recalls its faith in the Holy Trinity. It seeks to relate its faith as a people of God to Christ's mission in the world. It commences with Trinity Sunday and concludes with feast of Christ the King

Date	Day	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel	C
1/10	Pentecost 17	Ex 17:1-7	Ps 78:1-4, 12-16	Phil 2:1-13	Mt 21:23-32	G
8/10	Pentecost 18	Ex 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20	Ps 19	Phil 3:4b-14	Mt 21:33-46	G
15/10	Pentecost 19	Ex 32:1-14	Ps 106:1-6, 19-23	Phil 4:1-9	Mt 22:1-14	G
22/10	Pentecost 20	Ex 33:12-23	Ps 99	1 Thes 1:1-10	Mt 22:15-22	G
29/10	Pentecost 21	Dt 34:1-12	Ps 90:1-6, 13-17	1 Thes 2:1-8	Mt 22:34-46	G
1/11	All Saints	Rv 7:9-17	Ps 34:1-10, 22	1 Jn 3:1-3	Mt 5:1-12	W
5/11	Pentecost 22	Jos 3:7-17	Ps 107:1-7, 33-37	1 Thes 2:9-13	Mt 23:1-12	G
12/11	Pentecost 23	Jgs 24:1-3a, 14-25	Ps 78:1-7	1 Thes 4:13-18	Mt 25:1-13	G
19/11	Pentecost 23	Jgs 4:1-7	Ps 123	1 Thes 5:1-11	Mt 25:14-30	G
26/11	Christ the King	Ez 34:11-16, 20-24	Ps 100	Eph 1:15-23	Mt 25:31-46	W

# October Diary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October 1 9:30 – Sunny Chen <b>HC</b>  4:00 – Sacred Harp 5:00 – Indonesian W’p	2	3 10:00 – Olive Way  6:30 – Finance Committee 7:00 – Mulling 7:30 – BUC Arts	4 10:00 – Olive Way 12:00 – Community Dinner	5 10:00 – Olive Way  7:30 – JAM C’tee	6   2:30 – Coffee	7
8 9:30 – Graeme Garret Café Style Morning Tea  5:00 – Indonesian W’p	9	10 10:00 – Olive Way  7:30 – Church Council	11 10:00 – Olive Way 12:00 – Community Dinner	12 10:00 – Olive Way  7:30 – Griefs Observed	13	14
15 9:30 – Ian Ferguson Blessing of the Bikes Open Studio BUC Cycle & Spring Picnic 5:00 – Indonesian W’p	16	17 10:00 – Olive Way	18 10:00 – Olive Way 12:00 – Community Dinner  7:30 – Worship C’tee	19 10:00 – Olive Way  7:30 – Griefs Observed	20 11:00 – Out & About  7:30 – YUCY	21 10:00 – Food Co-op
22 9:30 – Ian Ferguson  5:00 – Indonesian W’p	23	24 10:00 – Olive Way  7:30 – Property C’tee	25 10:00 - Olive Way 12:00 – Community Dinner  7:30 – Book Club	26 10:00 – Olive Way	27   7:30 – What is Creativity? Exhibition Launch	28
29 9:30 – Ian Ferguson What is creativity?  5:00 – Indonesian W’p	30	31 10:00 – Olive Way	November 1 10:00 – Olive Way 12:00 – Community Dinner	2 10:00 – Olive Way	3   6:30 – YUCY outing 7:30 – What is Creativity? Performance evening	4   2:30 – Coffee