

# DUC Grapevine

SEPTEMBER 2017



## SYNOD 2017

Synod takes place at Box Hill Town Hall on 9-13 September after the Opening Worship on Friday 8 September at St. Michael's Uniting Church, Collins St, Melbourne. Rev Temukisa and Wayne Myers will be attending.

The theme of "Following Christ" reminds us of the Gospel passage:

Matthew 4:18-22- New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) -

18 As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. 19 And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." 20 Immediately they left their nets and followed him. 21 As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. 22 Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

What does it mean to follow someone or something? It could be that you follow a sport team or a celebrity or political party. Perhaps people have followed a guide around a tourist site or on a hike. When we use the language of 'following' someone or something it usually means more than just noticing them, it usually means some other things as well – like trusting them, finding out all you can about them, listening to them, seeing to be near them or interested and passionate about them. For us it is good to really "follow Christ".

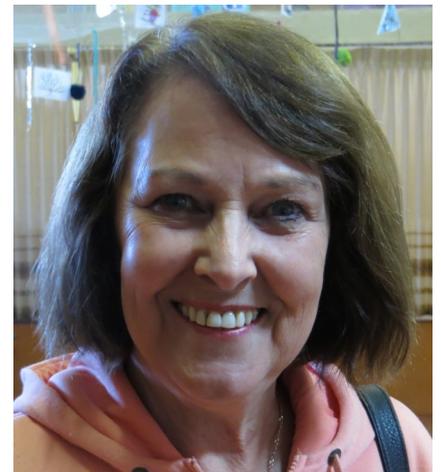
Major matters are the restructure of Synod and Presbyteries and Marriage feedback to the Assembly.

## SAFE CHURCH

In line with Synod requirements Church Council has been working on meeting all the requirements for our congregation to be designated a Safe Church. Rev Temukisa is now in the process of applying for this recognition. We are grateful for the co-operation received from congregation members. Many of the requirements have come from requirements of the Victorian Government or the Royal Commission into Child Abuse.

Part of the requirements has been the appointment of Jenni Nickelson (pictured) as our Safe Church Contact person. If any member of the congregation, or anyone using the church property, has any concerns about personal safety they should contact Jenni (0425 814 033), or Rev

Temukisa (0400 664 991) if appropriate. You are assured that all contact will be dealt with confidentially in line with the Synod policy statements.



## This month's services

3 Sep—9.00 am Café Church  
10.45 am Ken & Pat Handley

10 Sep—9.00 am Rev Ian Porter HC (Jenni's Team assisting)  
10.45 am Rev Ian Porter HC

17 Sep—9.00 am Denise's Team  
10.45 am Denise's Team

24 Sep— 9.00 am Graeme's Team  
10.45 am Port Social Justice Team

## CONGRATULATIONS

Tracey Myers, who was awarded a Silver Wattle medal in Scouting's 2017 Adult Recognition Awards for special service to Scouting.

## SPECIAL BIRTHDAY

Congratulations to Merrilyn Lloyd who celebrates a special birthday this month. We will celebrate with a dinner at the Clifton Springs Golf Club on Sunday 24 September at 6.00 pm. Please record your name on the list in the foyer if you would like to attend.

## LOOSE CHANGE

Our loose change for the second half of the year is going to UnitingWorld for their goat project. For every \$210 they provide 5 goats to a family along with support in raising them. We will record our progress each month but would like to get enough for 15 goats. Now up to \$262.



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Target 15

## UPCOMING EVENTS



30 Aug—1.00 pm Communal Prayer Time

13 Sep —1.00 pm Communal Prayer Time

16 Sep —8.00 am Prayer Breakfast @ The Zoo cafe

27 Sep —1.00 pm Communal Prayer Time

## NOT IN OUR CHURCH!

One Sunday a young child was "acting up" during the morning worship service. The parents did their best to maintain some sense of order in the pew but were losing the battle.

Finally, the father picked the little fellow up and walked sternly up the aisle on his way out.

Just before reaching the safety of the foyer, the little one called loudly to the congregation, "Pray for me! Pray for me!"



Happy birthday!

### SEPTEMBER

Wayne Myers  
Jonnie Mander  
Sue Gibbons  
Duncan McKellar  
Margo Jones  
Denise McLaverty  
Merrilyn Lloyd  
Rita Kuit

10.45	KITCHEN	WELCOME	READING	ELDER/PRAYERS
SEP 3	Marg & John	Wilma	Marguerite	John
10	Val & Audrey	Wilma	Irene	Ken
17	Irene & Bob	Brenda	Denise's Team	Pat/W@9
24	Marguerite & Alma	Brenda	Tony	Bob

W@9	KITCHEN	COUNTING	FLOWERS
SEP 3	Jenni's Team	Jenni	-
10	Graeme's Team	Colleen	Norma Taylor
17	Wayne's Team	Sue Polley	Wilma Mansell
24	Denise's Team	Jonnie	Denise McLaverty

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