



DU Grape Vine



AUGUST 2021

FIJIAN ANTHEM

It was so good at our last service within the church to hear our Fijian friends singing a hymn in their own language and with wonderful harmony. We are pleased to have L-R: Aisake (Isaac), Semesa (Mesa) [almost hidden], Kelera (Leyla), and Seveti sharing their faith with us.

SPECIAL SERVICES THIS MONTH

Two special services this month:

Sunday 8 August is Café Church, which will be at tables in the Church hall. There will be something to eat and drink, something to make, something to talk about and hymns to sing.

Sunday 29 August is the combined service for the Linked Congregations to be held at Drysdale at 10.15 am. The focus of this service is the work of Frontier Services and there will be a retiring offering.



VALÉ NORMA TAYLOR

As advised in a message during the month our dear member, Norma Taylor, passed away this month. We remember Norma as a valued member and particularly as an organist for about 50 years, UCAF secretary, elder and pastoral carer and devoted servant of God. Norma was the longest serving member of our congregation, although unable to attend for the last few years due to health issues.

Our sympathy is extended to husband Les and the extended family.



PANDEMIC

This is an extract from the Barnabas Aid magazine for July/ August from their International Director, Dr Patrick Sookhdeo:

COVID19 has had a devastating effect on the world and in particular in Third World countries. Disease is followed by economic devastation and destitution that creates anxiety and destroys hope. He says Christians need to seize the opportunity to bring God into control with VUCA:

Vision: Habakkuk 2: 2 tells us that vision is important. It gives us purpose of existence, to show what God wants and our place in it.

Understanding: We need to understand the times; 1 Chronicles 12: 32 can help. Yes, we need science but we need people of God who will make plain the vision.

Courage: We need courage not to retreat, not to see only opposition and obstacles. We can go forward with compassion and love.

Action: Action requires resolve. It means taking the initiative, breaking out of apathy, deciding what is to be done and doing it.



LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING

The offering to date is **\$1067**. Samaritan House Geelong are busy building self-contained units on their property to support extra homeless men.

LEPROSY MISSION

Dr Barry Edwards' presentation on the work of the Leprosy Mission will now take place on Sunday 17 October.



This months' services

- 1 Aug—10.30 am Rev Temukisa HC (Denise's team assisting)
- 8 Aug—10.30 am Café Church & Rev Temukisa
- 15 Aug—10.30 am Rev Temukisa (Jenni's team assisting)
- 22 Aug—10.30 am Wayne's team
- 29 Aug—**10.15 am** Linked Congregations combined service @ Drysdale—Frontier Services



Happy birthday!

- AUGUST**
- John Miller
 - Pat Duch
 - Lynda Smith
 - Glenice Benney
 - Margaret Underwood
 - Lois Mellross
 - Andrew Robertson
 - Bruce Van Every
 - Ian McLaverty

Happy birthday!

| | MORNING TEA | WELCOME | READING | PRAYERS | VESTRY | COUNTING FLOWERS |
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| AUG 1 | Wayne's Team | Carol | Marie | Sue | Denise | Jenni |
| 8 | Sue & | Wilma | Colleen | Ken | Pat | Margo Denise |
| 15 | Brenda & Melva | Melva | Margaret | Wayne | Ken | Pat Jenni |
| 22 | Jenni's Team | Ken | Pat | Denise | John | John Susan |
| 29 | Glenice & Kelvin | Kelvin & Glenice | Jenni | Lynda | Lynda | Andrea Angela |

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Our Vision—Reaching out with God's love and care

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| MOWING |
| AUG Ian & Denise |