



NOVEMBER 2023

SYNOD 2023

Rev Karen and Wayne will be attending Synod from 18-21 November at Box Hill. The theme this year is “We belong to the day” based on 1 Thessalonians 5: 8.



The Moderator, Rev David Fotheringham, says that Synod is about taking action for faith and hope in the light of God’s calling.

The opening worship will include guest speaker, Brooke Prentis, an aboriginal international Christian leader. Daily bible studies will be led by Rev Assoc Prof Robyn Witaker, from Pilgrim College.

During the meeting, which is also the annual general meeting of the VicTas Synod, reports from the various committees and bodies of the church will be received, election of the next Moderator will take place and there will be discussions about important aspects for the church including Act2—the national Assembly future of the church project, and the Faithful Futures Project (FFP)—the Synod project about the future. Resolutions about social justice issues will also be raised and considered.

As the FFP says it is important to bear witness to the renewing faithful love of God.

VALÉ AUDREY SHEPHERD

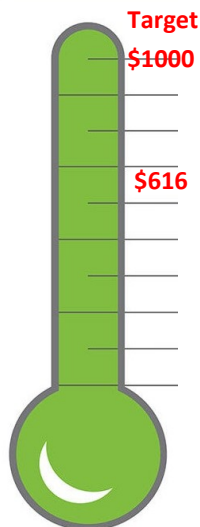
We sadly note the passing of Audrey Shepherd. Audrey was born in Melbourne and attended Princes Hill State School and then the Convent of Mercy in Fitzroy. After finishing school she went into men’s tailoring with Buckley & Nunn. Audrey’s family were not really interested in the church but a neighbour took her to Sunday School at the East Brunswick Methodist church when she was 3 years old—and she has not left the church since. She met Bill at church, where his father was the minister, and they married in 1950. Audrey also served as a Sunday School teacher.

Bill and Audrey purchased a 5 acre property in Murradoc Road in 1953 where they established a poultry farm and hatchery. They had two daughters and a son and there are now two grandchildren. Audrey and Bill joined Drysdale Methodist church in 1953 with Bill in the choir and the Property committee and Audrey in the UCAF. Bill took the lead in the building of the new church hall, which is named Shepherd Hall. Audrey was heavily involved in the fundraising activities of that time. Audrey continued as a member of the UCAF and was a volunteer at the Op Shop for some time.

We praise God for Audrey’s commitment to the church.



LOOSE CHANGE



Our loose change is now for the Aboriginal Literacy Foundation. We are now up to \$616; and based on \$5 per book that is about 123 books for aboriginal children so far.

Ideas for next year's recipients are now invited. Please let Wayne know for consideration at Church Council on 16 November.

BAPTISM

A grand occasion for Kai Tran Polley.



DO WE RECOGNISE GOD?

A flood struck a town, and one man was stuck on his roof. He prayed, asking God to save him. Soon, a rowboat came by. The rower yelled, "Jump, I can save you." The man replied, "No, I prayed, and God will save me." Later, a motorboat came along. The motorboat operator yelled, "Get in, quick." Again, the man on the roof said, "No, it's fine. God is going to save him." A helicopter flew over and dropped a rope ladder onto the roof. Again, the man said no, that God would save him. The waters rose, and soon the man was at heaven's pearly gates. He saw God at the entrance and said, "What happened? I prayed and trusted you would save me." God said, "Well, I sent you two boats and a helicopter."



This months' services

5 Nov — 10.30 am Rev Karen Eller
HC & Loose change
12 Nov — 10.30 am Jenni's Team
19 Nov — 10.30 am Rev Margaret Manning
26 Nov — 10.30 am Rev Karen

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY

Claire Sierakowski celebrates her 80th birthday this month. We send our love and best wishes and with God's care for a great birthday. A lunch will be arranged soon.



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Julie Marles
Marg Cheale
Barbara Batters
Irene Stevenson
Claire Sierakowski

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	MORNING TEA	WELCOME	VESTRY	READING	PRAYERS	COUNTING FLOWERS
NOV 5	Melva & Brenda	Denise	Claire	Sue	Marie	Sue
12	Margo & Marie	Melva	Pat	Jenni's Team	Denise	- Wayne
19	Glenice & Kelvin	Kelvin & Glenice	Denise	Kelvin	Pat	Colleen
26	Susan & Pat	Lynda	John	Susan	Carol	Marg Jonnie

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