

Charman Uniting Church

News Letter

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All Saints Day – Remembering, Giving Thanks and Looking Forward



As we move into November, the Christian calendar invites us to pause and remember. All Saints Day, celebrated on 1 November, is an opportunity to give thanks for the countless people who have shaped our faith, encouraged our discipleship, and helped us become the people and communities we are today. It is a day of remembrance, gratitude and hope, reminding us that we are part of something much larger than ourselves.

When we hear the word *saint*, we might immediately think of extraordinary people whose lives have been marked by remarkable courage, sacrifice or faithfulness. Yet, in the biblical understanding, saints are not simply exceptional individuals who have achieved spiritual greatness. They are ordinary people who have sought to follow Jesus, often imperfectly, but with faith, hope and love.

In our congregations and across our Presbytery, we have been blessed by countless such saints. They are the people who have faithfully opened church doors each Sunday, prepared morning tea, visited those who are lonely, taught Sunday School, led worship, served on committees, cared for church properties, and quietly supported others through difficult times. Many have never held a formal leadership position or received public recognition, yet their faithfulness has helped sustain the life and witness of the Church.

All Saints Day encourages us to remember these people with gratitude. Some are no longer with us, while others continue to serve faithfully in our communities. Their stories remind us that the Church is built not simply through grand achievements or ambitious programmes, but through relationships, acts of kindness, quiet perseverance and a willingness to respond to God's call.



The writer of Hebrews speaks of being surrounded by a "great cloud of witnesses" (Hebrews 12:1). It is a beautiful image of those who have gone before us, whose lives and faith continue to encourage us on our own journey. We do not travel alone. We are connected across generations by God's grace and by the shared calling to be Christ's people in the world.

For us as a Presbytery, All Saints Day also invites reflection on the legacy we are creating. As congregations face change, uncertainty and new opportunities, we are reminded that faithfulness does not necessarily mean preserving everything as it has always been. Those who came before us responded to the challenges and opportunities of their time with courage and imagination. We honour their legacy not simply by remembering what they did, but by continuing to discern where God's Spirit is leading us today.

Perhaps the greatest tribute we can offer the saints who have shaped our lives is to become people of faith, generosity, compassion and hope ourselves.

This All Saints Day, may we give thanks for those who have walked before us, celebrate those who walk alongside us, and be encouraged to live faithfully for those who will come after us.

For the story of God's people is still being written, and each of us has a part to play.



Jay Robinson—Presbytery Minister

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PRESBYTERY OF PORT PHILLIP EAST
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER





Children's Ground

Walk with us



Children's Ground was set up to give people agency. To give people a say. To give them choice in how they see their children growing up. Because the oldest education system in the world deserves a strong future.

Click on the above image or **HERE** to read the full story



- First Nations people across Australia have self-determination and enjoy social, cultural, political and economic justice.
- Our next generation of children know and celebrate their culture and identity, have freedom of choice and expression and can live with opportunity, peace, harmony and wellbeing.

Australians recognise our shared history and celebrate First Nations culture and strength.



Achieve systemic reform over 25 years through the Children's Ground Approach led by our First Nations people. Evidencing this approach for national reform.

And through our approach, celebrate and uplift First Nations knowledge, creating equity and access to high quality education, health and economy in community for the next generation of children.



Recognising children, families, our Elders and our culture. Listening to the way we as First Nations people want to lead and then following that path.

Upholding First Nations law and culture and the central place of land, kinship, responsibilities and knowledge from Apmerengetyele (from the land).

For the full story of Children's Ground click on the image at the right or HERE to watch a short video….



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Monday 30th November to Sunday 6th December.

CHARMAN UNITING CHURCH

313 CHARMAN ROAD CHELTENHAM

Decorate a tree

Bring your tree and decorations to 313 Charman

When?

BETWEEN 2PM AND 5PM ON SATURDAY 28TH OR SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER
BE PART OF OUR INAUGURAL CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL.

Decorate your tree in a traditional style

OR

A theme which may relate to

Your business or your group's activities

Or

Your family's special interest

Let your imagination FLY
see what others have done

Free entry for trees and visitors

FESTIVAL HOURS

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY 1PM TO 5PM

THURSDAY & FRIDAY 3PM TO 7PM

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 1PM TO 5PM

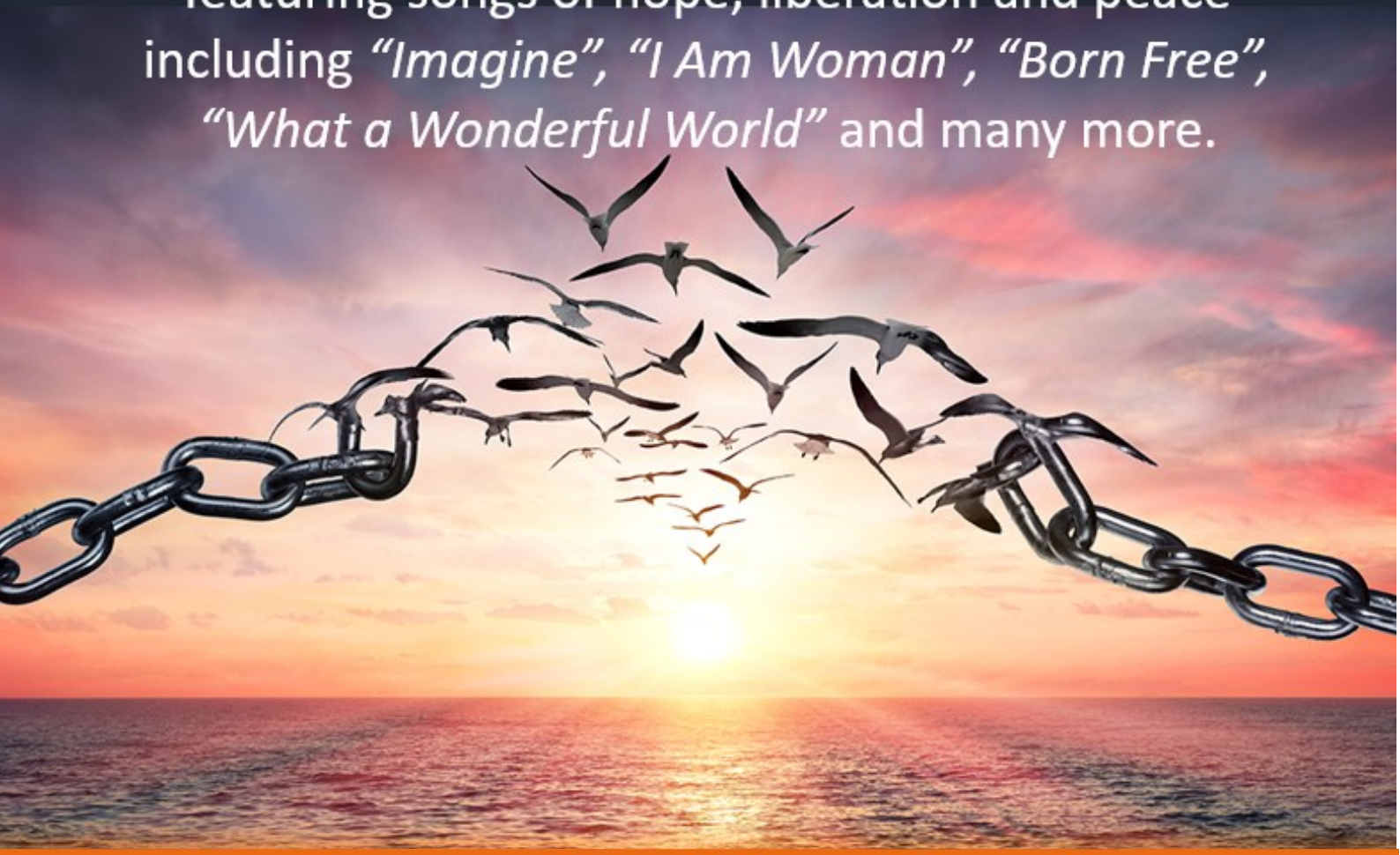


Trek Musicals Presents

TREK To FREEDOM

An aspirational musical journey towards a better future in an ever-changing world,

featuring songs of hope, liberation and peace including *"Imagine"*, *"I Am Woman"*, *"Born Free"*, *"What a Wonderful World"* and many more.



Ormond Uniting Church
Sunday 8th November 2pm

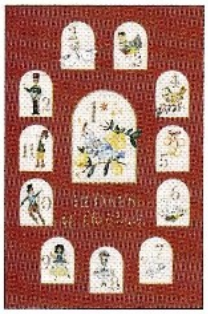
In support of Asylum Seeker Resource Centre

Tickets:Adults $25, Con. $20 at the door or
https://www.trybooking.com/DQGON

For more info speak with Dianne 0413 750 089.

Let Christmas wishes support those in need.

Your purchase helps people in crisis this Christmas.



12 Days of Christmas

$15 per pack of 10

Sentiment: May the festive season bring only happiness and joy to you and your loved ones.



Australian Native Flora (Mixed Pack 1)

$15 per pack of 10

Native Flora sentiment: May you have a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year.
Floral Joy sentiment: May the joy and peace of Christmas be yours throughout the year.



Christmas Stockings

$15 per pack of 10

Sentiment: Wishing you a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year.

Nativity (Mixed Pack 2)

$15 per pack of 10

Nativity Sentiment: May joy be yours during the season of goodwill and may the New Year bring grace and peace.

Nativity Bible Verse: 'And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.' John 1:14

Three Kings Sentiment: May joy be your gift at Christmas and may hope and love be your treasures in the New Year.
Three Kings Bible Verse: 'From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.' John 1:16





Peace Dove

$15 per pack of 10

Sentiment: May happiness be yours during the season of goodwill and may the new year bring peace and joy to you and your loved ones.

New premium gift tags

$8 per pack of 10. All with strings attached. Size: 90mm x 55mm.



Gift Tag 1
Love Peace Joy



Gift Tag 2
Peace Dove



Gift Tag 3
Merry Christmas



Gift Tag 4
Kookaburra Wreath

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1800 668 426 (opt 5)

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unitingvictas.org.au /christmas-cards

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Uniting is the community services organisation of the Uniting Church in Victoria and Tasmania.

REGISTERED CHARITY

Uniting



Bible Readings November 2026 *(the readings used in our service may differ slightly)*

Sunday 1st	Pentecost 23	Joshua 3:7-17	Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37	1 Thessalonians 2:9-13	Matthew 23:1-12
Sunday 8th	Pentecost 24	Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25	Psalm 78:1-7	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Matthew 25:1-13
Sunday 15th	Pentecost 25	Judges 4:1-7	Psalm 123	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Matthew 25:14-30
Sunday 22nd	Christ the King	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24	Psalm 100	Ephesians 1:15-23	Matthew 25:31-46
Sunday 29th	To Be Advised				

Prayers of the People



We pray for all in need especially -

Nan McArthur and family
Peter Aumann & Family
Alannah and children Sophie, Harvey and Austin
Peter & Rubia
Lyn's family—*friend of Costellos*
Matilda
Cec Bartholomeusz
Robyn
Pat
Adie & Ally
Katherine's cousin David & Family
Tina, friend of Joan Wood
Phillip (Barbara's nephew)
Anne-Maree, Andrew and their daughter, Rachel
Maria
Jenny and Janine Bartholomeusz
Anita and Kingsley
Joyce Curnow
Stuart - addiction struggles
Helen & Earle Hosking
Grace & Van Rensberg
Joan's friends Robyn & Jemma
Kath Tondorf
Susan Hoskin
Karen
Helen Cole
Barry
Adrian
Gloria, Samson & Family
Mark
Joyce Carpenter
Andrew
Bronwyn
Teresa
June and Grace Fairbank

We give thanks for those whose prayers have been answered..

~ DINE OUT GROUP ~

Our next dine out will be on Tuesday 17th November at 6:30pm at the Creative Thai 109 Charman Road Beaumaris (*near cnr Balcombe Rd).*

Let Joan Lum (0437 397 066) know if you are interested in attending.

ALL WELCOME



WEEKLY OFFERINGS: Thanks to everyone who have continued to make their weekly offering.
Direct Debit: Cheltenham / Mentone members note that direct payments can now be made to our Westpac account at Southland, **BSB number is 033 358, Account Number is 664 881** Payee "UCA Cheltenham Mentone Parish"

SOCIAL COLLECTION DEPARTMENT:

BayCISS - Please bring your donations, especially non perishable food to the church and we will arrange for their distribution.

Emerge - Financial help is the best way to help - Cheques to - GPO Box 420 Melbourne VIC 3001 or donate via the website www.emergesupport.org.au
Emerge welcomes vouchers for supermarkets or art materials which children could use at home - materials, pencils, colouring books etc. Margaret Bode is happy to collect items if you leave them at her home, 16 Monaco Street Parkdale. **Donations in an envelope marked EMERGE may be left in the collection plate.**



OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL:

Click on the YouTube logo to view a selection of **over 200** sermons and service preludes

This week's video – "Are you a reflector of the love of Jesus?"" Pastor Di Paterson 1st November 2026



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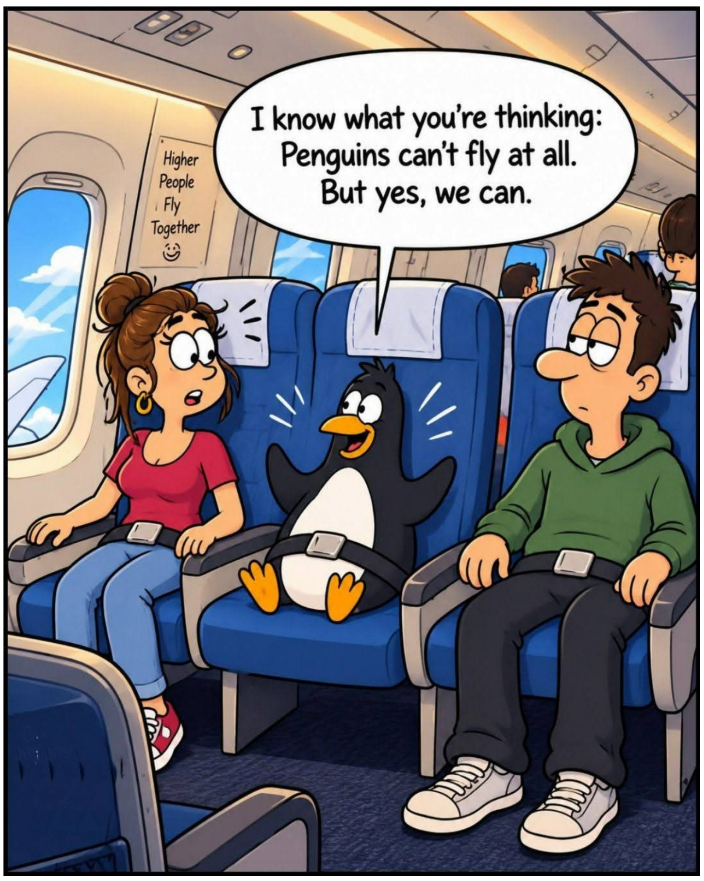
Church on the Internet - Sunday 10am *(virtual doors open 9:45 am)*



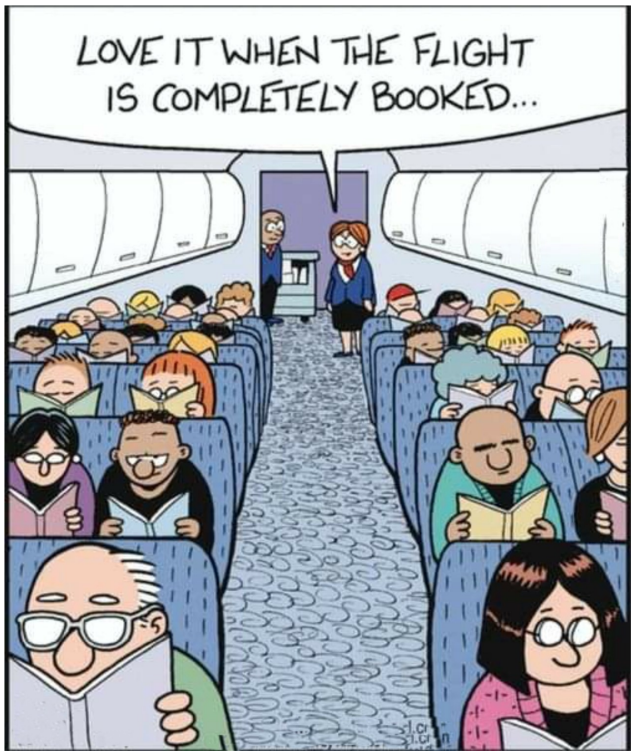
If you don't have Zoom on your computer/laptop/iPad/Smartphone, click on https://zoom.us/support/download
Then click on this link below or the "Sunday Church" image to join our Service
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Meeting ID: 820 0441 0836 Passcode: 665 784
You can also join us on your phone by dialling **03 7018 2005** and entering the above meeting details.



Flying high …. …


I know what you're thinking:
Penguins can't fly at all.
But yes, we can.
Higher People Fly Together




LOVE IT WHEN THE FLIGHT IS COMPLETELY BOOKED...


Everything is under control


HOW WAS THE BOOK? WHO DIED IN THE END?
THE BATTERY.