

Next Sunday 31st January – Epiphany 4 Worship

9.30 a.m. Port Melbourne Rev. David White

10.00 a.m. Paul the Apostle (HC) Rev. Ross Carter

Lectionary

Jeremiah: 1:4-10

Psalms: 71:1-6

1 Corinthians: 13:1-13

Luke: 4:21-30

Port Melb:

South Melb: Anne Richards Steve Pilcher

Intercession Bible Reading

Parish Contacts

South Port Uniting Church has two congregations: Paul the Apostle, South Melbourne, and Port Melbourne. In addition to individual and joint congregational programs and activities, we provide a range of community outreach programs through South Port UnitingCare.

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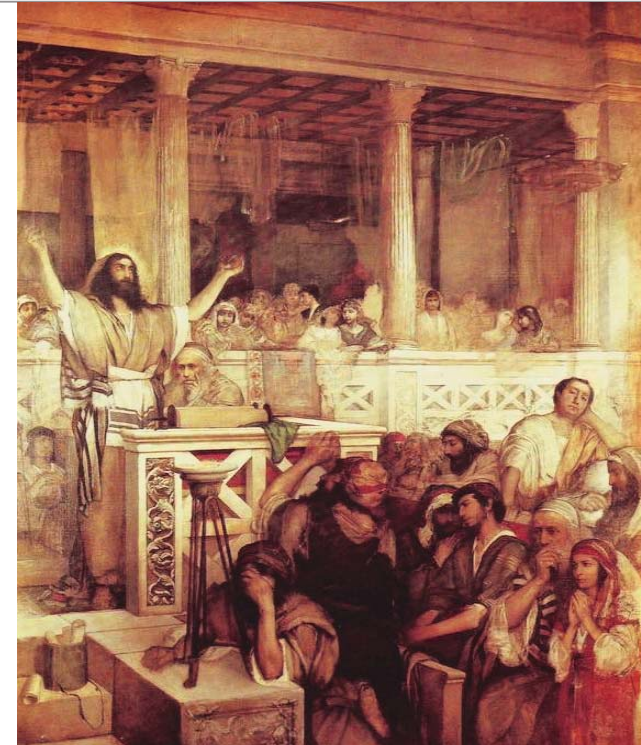


The Uniting Church in Australia
South Port Uniting Church

Congregations

Paul the Apostle South Melbourne Port Melbourne

Epiphany 3
Sunday 24th January 2010



Diary for the coming Week

Thursday 28th

10.30am Friendship Club - South Hall

7.30am Board of Governance - Charles Bruce Lounge

A warm welcome to all and particularly those who are visitors.
Please join us for morning tea after the service.

News and Notes

Coming Events & Items of Interest

Worship Theme 24.1.2010

In liberal democracies such as Australia it is the convention to see society as nothing more than a cooperative venture for the pursuit of individual advantage. In this view society is a private association formed by individuals whose essential interests are defined independently of, and in a sense prior to, the community of which they are members. If there is any social unit broader than the individual it is the biological family of that individual. St Paul speaks of the Church as the Body of Christ in his first letter to the Corinthians. This notion suggests a very different view of society to that view of community characteristic of the fundamental liberalism espoused by all political parties in Australia. We shall reflect on the significance of this at worship on Sunday.

Church Choir

Paul the Apostle Church Choir rehearsal begins on Monday 1st of February at 7.30pm.

Haiti Earthquake Appeal

The Synod of Victoria & Tasmania is responding to the tragedy in Haiti by asking members to give generously to the Haiti Earthquake Relief Appeal this Sunday or over the next few days. Donation slips are available at each congregation today. Donation slips or cash marked for the appeal can be placed in the offering plate today and will be forwarded to SHARE through the church office. Alternatively you can send your donation to the SHARE - Haiti Earthquake Relief Appeal, GPO Box 4355, Melbourne Vic 3001 or phone the SHARE toll free number 1800 668 426.

Today's Lectionary

Nehemiah: 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
1Corinthians: 12:12-31a

Psalms: 19
Luke: 4:14-21

South Port UnitingCare Snippets

South Port UnitingCare is part of South Port Uniting Church

South Port UnitingCare – part of the place

An inclusive community is one where people feel valued, their differences are respected and their basic needs are met so they can live in dignity. They feel a sense of belonging. In short, they feel part of a place.

South Port UnitingCare is part of the place and we aim to enable disadvantaged people within the South and Port Melbourne region to also feel part of the place and to live to their full potential. We do so by providing a range of opportunities for development and active participation in a supportive and inclusive community.

Belonging to a social network makes people feel cared for and valued. They are less likely to feel isolated, lonely and depressed. Social connections are a big part of feeling part of a place. A social connection might be as simple as recognising someone enough to nod hello at the supermarket, or it could be being part of the same group doing activities together, or it might be someone who you know you can call for a chat.

All the programs at South Port UnitingCare, whether they are the kindergarten, the op shop, providing material assistance, recycling bikes or gardening and cooking, social activities for older people and linking neighbours, all seek to provide opportunities for social connections to develop and for meaningful interaction for those excluded through poverty or disadvantage.

We look forward to another exciting year in 2010 when we will provide high quality and innovative activities to make a difference and thus enable more people to feel cared for and valued and to feel they are part of the place.

Anne



Reminder: Deadline for News and Notes articles is 12.00pm Thursday.