

## Next Sunday 21st March – Lent 5 Worship

9.30 a.m. Port Melbourne Rev. David White

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

### Lectionary

**Isaiah:** 43:16-21

**Psalms:** 126

**Phil:** 3:4b-14

**John:** 12:1-8

### Intercession Bible Reading

**Port Melb:** Tim Nethercote Julia Zong

**South Melb:** Robin Alfredson Anne Richards

### 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

**Lent 4**  
**Sunday 14th March 2010**



### Diary for the coming Week

#### Monday 15th

7.30pm Choir Rehearsal - South Church

7.30pm Lenten bible Studies - Port Melbourne

#### Thursday 18th

10.30am Friendship Club - South Hall

#### Friday 19th

11.00 - 1pm Kitchen Mates - Port Melbourne

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 14-3-10

When you examine how societies operate it often seems that public and private relationships operate like small economies: People are graded for what they can bring to a situation, and we earn status by what we can trade for approval. These exchanges are predictable and able to be accounted and audited. Such predictability, however, raises the question as to whether there can ever be any genuine surprise that interrupts every calculation. The parable of the Father with two Sons, (usually misnamed the Parable of the Prodigal Son), points to such a surprising event. We will reflect on the significance of this surprise at worship on Sunday.

### Simply Living Community Garden

The next community working bee will be this Tuesday, 16th March from 6-7pm. Everyone welcome, tools and gloves provided. This will be the last of our weeknight working bees until November. April to October working bees will be on the 3rd Sunday of the month 11am - noon.

### Photographic Exhibition

The "Harbingers of Change: Citizens and Sustainability" exhibition opened during the big thunderstorm on Saturday 6th March. The Simply Living Community Garden is one of the 27 photographs showing what people are doing to live more sustainability in Victoria. The exhibition will continue until 1st April at The Incinerator Arts Complex, 180 Holmes Rd, Moonee Ponds. Gallery open hours: Wed-Sun 11am - 4pm.

### Harvest Celebration Service

On Palm Sunday, 28th March, there will be a Harvest Celebration service in the community garden at Port Melbourne. All are welcome to this special service.

### Lenten Bible Studies Port Melbourne

Commencing Monday 1st March and concluding 22nd March  
7.30-9.30 at the church  
Contact Peter Batten for further details

### Annual Reports

The Annual meeting for South Port Uniting Church will be held on Sunday 2nd May. Please send your Annual Reports for the calendar year 2009 to Janet Hoare before Easter. Please see Janet if you have any questions or need a copy of the guidelines ( which are the same as last year).

## Today's Lectionary

**Joshua:** 5:9-12  
**2 Corinthians:** 5:16-21

**Psalms:** 32  
**Luke:** 15:1-3, 11b -32

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### Zambia Project Trivia Night Fundraiser

A Trivia Night will be held on Saturday March 20th at 6pm in the Hall at Paul the Apostle, South Melbourne. It will be a fundraiser for our Zambia Project. Any donations of prizes i.e. chocolates, wine etc will be appreciated All from our Parish are welcome, together with families and friends. If attending please enter your name on the list at South Church Notice-board or contact church office and include how many in your group. There will be a bus available at 5.30pm please advise church office if you need to be picked up. BYO meal & drinks. Cost \$10 (\$5 concession) Hosted by Steve Pilcher.

## South Port UnitingCare Snippets

South Port UnitingCare is part of South Port Uniting Church

### Kindergarten News

This week at the kindergarten children, parents and staff were all very excited when doors were installed to the open verandah area. This has created a protected undercover activity area. Kindergartens are always looking for space to store equipment and the new large shed that was erected this week is another very welcome addition.

On Thursday night there was a pizza night for children and their families. This is always such a happy occasion. Of course the reason for all this is the children and to provide them with an environment rich in learning opportunities. All the research shows the importance of the early years of our lives and we are most fortunate to have an excellent team who have a deep knowledge of education of pre-school children. The children in the 3 and 4 year old groups are now well settled in and are having a very happy time at kinder.



Anne

### Labyrinth:



Take the time to connect with your deeper yearnings and with God.  
Sessions begin: Thursday 25th March at 7.00pm to 8.00pm.  
Venue: Port Melbourne Uniting Church, sessions facilitated by Peter Batten.

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