

Next Sunday 9th May – Easter 6 Worship

9.30 a.m. Port Melbourne (HC) Rev. David White

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

Lectionary

Acts: 16:9-15

Psalms: 67

Revelation: 21:10, 22-22:5

John: 14:23-29 or 5:1-9

Intercession

Port Melb: Peter Batten

South Melb: Ross Carter

Bible Reading

Barbara Copley

Steve Pilcher

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

**Easter 5
Sunday 2nd May 2010**



Diary for the coming Week

Monday 3rd May

7.30pm Choir Rehearsal - South Church

Wednesday 5th May

7.00pm Evening Prayer Service - South Church

7.30pm Fellowship Fuel - Church Foyer

Thursday 6th

10.30am Friendship Club - South Hall

7.30pm Board of Governance Meeting - Charles Bruce Lounge

Friday 7th

10 - 2.30 Market Fresh - Port Melbourne

Sunday Today

5.00pm Adore Service - Port Melbourne

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

NEWS AND NOTICES

Coming Events & Items of Interest

Paul the Apostle Worship Theme 2.5.10

The atheists tell us that religion is a cause of violence, division, and oppression, and should be abandoned in order that societies may be peaceful and tolerant. It is true of course that people kill one another in the name of many things, and it is a great sin that people have killed in the name of Christ. But having said that it is also true that compassion, pity, and charity are not objects found in nature like trees or rocks but are qualities that arise out of a particular cultural context that need never to have arisen. This a way of asking whether the frenzied attacks of contemporary atheists may, perhaps ironically, lead the Church to understand and reclaim its true calling. We will reflect on this issue when, at worship on Sunday, we take note of Jesus' call to love as he loves.

Annual General Meeting - Sunday May 16th (please note change of date)

The Annual General Meetings for South Port UnitingCare and South Port Uniting Church will be held on Sunday May 16th, 11.30am at Paul the Apostle. Soup and sandwiches provided following the meeting.

Port Melbourne Congregation meeting

The Port Melbourne congregation will have its Annual Meeting following the service this morning, 2nd May.

Photos needed.

Did you take any photos at church events during 2009? We need photos for the Church Annual Report, particularly of Paul the Apostle and wider church events. If you have photos please email them [this week](#) to Janet Hoare, hoareaj@bigpond.com

Eco-Note

The Big Swap - Fair Trade Fortnight, 1-16 May 2010

During the next two weeks you can help create a better future for farmers in developing countries by making The Big Swap and purchasing Fair Trade goods in place of your regular brands. This is easier than ever as many supermarkets and local shops now stock Fair Trade tea, coffee and even chocolate. Cotton clothing also has a Fair Trade alternative. If you can't find Fair Trade items at your favourite shop why not ask them to stock it?

For more information about Fair Trade and the life-changing difference it can make to farming families and communities in the developing world go to www.fairtrade.com.au or visit the Victoria Fair Trade Festival at the Queen Victoria Market, Sunday 16th May, 10am-4pm.

Today's Lectionary

Acts: 11:1-18

Psalms: 148

Revelation: 21:1-6

John: 13:31-35

Coming Events & Items of Interest

Thrift and Care - Share your story,

Thursday 20th May 10.30am-12.30pm, Paul the Apostle hall

What do you do to reduce (use less), repair, re-use or recycle things?

Younger generations can learn a lot from how older people in our community live lightly, preserve things and take care of them: in the work shed, around the house, in the kitchen and in the garden

You are invited to join a morning of fun, food, music, mystery objects and sharing stories. Please bring something to show and tell that you do, or used to do; perhaps be a tool, something you have made or repaired, a photo, a recipe book or anything else.

No cost to you - morning tea and lunch provided. Please reply to the office by Monday 17th May, ph 9690 1188

South Port UnitingCare Snippets

South Port UnitingCare is part of South Port Uniting Church

Visit to St Luke's

Each of the churches in our area is involved in working in our community. We do this because of our commitment to people who are poor and disadvantaged joined to our belief that everyone should have the opportunity to live life in all its fullness.

Two weeks ago, at the invitation of the Rev Nick Hearnshaw, the Vicar of St Luke's Anglican Church in South Melbourne, and with the support of St Luke's Vestry, I addressed the congregation at the Sunday service. The invitation was to let the congregation know about the work of South Port UnitingCare and to talk about ways in which the St Luke's congregation might support our work and, in particular, help our emergency relief. Their reasoning was that we should be working together rather than competing with each other and this certainly makes sense to me.

I was most appreciative of the initiative of the St Luke's ministry team and congregation and am encouraged by the possibilities that can emerge from our talking, supporting and sharing together. Our co-operative efforts will surely benefit those in the community whom we seek to engage as together we act in response to disadvantage, work for justice and build healthy communities.

Anne

Labyrinth:



Take the time to connect with your deeper yearnings and with God.

Sessions begin: Thursday 13th May 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.