

Cheltenham - Mentone & Black Rock Uniting Churches



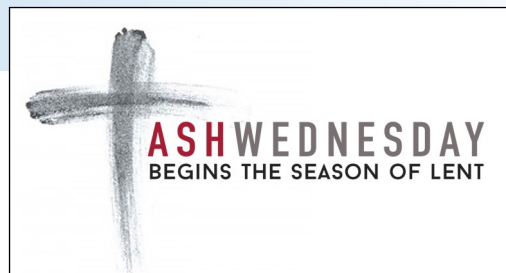
News Letter

27th February 2022 No 4



Ash Wednesday 2nd March 2022

Ash Wednesday, in the Christian church, the first day of Lent, occurring six and a half weeks before Easter (*between February 4 and March 11, depending on the date of Easter*). Ash Wednesday is a solemn reminder of human mortality and the need for reconciliation with God and marks the beginning of the penitential Lenten season. It is commonly observed with ashes and fasting.



In the early Christian church, the length of the Lenten celebration varied, but eventually it began 6 weeks (42 days) before Easter. This provided only 36 days of fasting (*excluding Sundays*). In the 7th century, 4 days were added before the first Sunday in Lent in order to establish 40 fasting days, in imitation of Jesus Christ's fast in the desert.

It was the practice in Rome for penitents and grievous sinners to begin their period of public penance on the first day of Lent in preparation for their restoration to the sacrament of the Eucharist. They were sprinkled with ashes, dressed in sackcloth, and obliged to remain apart until they were reconciled with the Christian community on Maundy Thursday, the Thursday before Easter. When these practices fell into disuse (8th–10th century), the beginning of the penitential season of Lent was symbolized by placing ashes on the heads of the entire congregation.



There will be an Ash Wednesday Service on
Wednesday 2nd March at 11:30 am at the Black Rock Uniting Church.

It will also be on Zoom with the same Zoom details as for Sunday worship.

Meeting ID: 852 4737 3230 Passcode: 836844

Some worshippers mark their foreheads with a cross of ash

World Day of Prayer

The **World Day of Prayer** is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative. It is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March and aims to bring together women of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer.

There will be a Celebration at the
Beumaris Uniting Church,
cnr Gibbs & Dalgetty Rds Beumaris
Friday 4th March at 1:30pm.

QR check in, masks and vaccination required.
Afternoon tea provided.
Enquiries: Wendy Hinde 0418 363 696



World Day of Prayer 2022

England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Date and time: Friday 4th March 2022
1.30 p.m.

Location: Beumaris Uniting church
Cnr. Gibbs St. & Dalgetty Road,
Beumaris

Contact Wendy Hinde 0418 363 696
Afternoon tea provided.
Covid: QR. Masks. Vaccinated.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: Thanks to everyone who have continued to make their weekly offering.

Envelopes: If you wish your offering to be specifically for Cheltenham, please place it in an envelope marked "Cheltenham" and place it in the offering bowl at church.

Direct Debit: Cheltenham / Mentone members note that direct payments can now be made to our new Westpac account at Southland The account number is 664 881 and the BSB number is 033 358

Payee "Uniting Church in Australia Cheltenham Mentone Parish Council"

The former Commonwealth Bank - BSB 06 3119, Account Number 1014 1206 - is still active for the time being.

Cheltenham-Mentone Members: Please bear in mind that although we are worshipping at Black Rock, the expenses of gas, electricity, water, insurance and maintenance are still ongoing at Cheltenham.

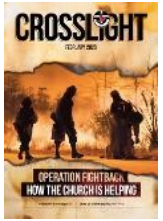


Bible Readings for February 27th Transfiguration of Jesus (the readings used in our service may differ slightly)

Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99 2 Corinthians 3:12 - 4:2 Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

CROSSLIGHT is available on the internet - click on the following link or the CROSSLIGHT image to view online. www.crosslight.org.au

Print copies of CROSSLIGHT usually available at the entrance of the Black Rock Uniting Church. Latest CROSSLIGHT now available from David Vine, 4 Jedda Crt. Cheltenham 9583 7373.



Prayers of the People



We pray especially for -

Virginia (Nan's friend)
Jenny (Joan Lum's step daughter)
Betty Kneen
Dawn's daughter Carol
Robert (Joan Wright's brother)
Pete, Bruce & Valda (friends of Jo-ann & David)

Stuart as he struggles with addiction
Janine and June Bartholomeusz
Audrey Fewster
Margaret's neighbour Joan
Grace Fairbank

Gemma and Teresa
Susan Bartell
Bronwyn
Gloria Sampson & Family
Barb Loosemore
Isobel Churchward
Anita and Rod

Pancake Day, or Shrove Tuesday, is the traditional feast day before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Lent – the 40 days leading up to Easter.

Unfortunately once again COVID has prevented us celebrating "Pancake Sunday" but there are other ways we can celebrate Pancake Day - read more on Page 3

PANCAKE DAY
Flip for a good cause.

pancakeday.com.au/vic-tas

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Church on the Internet - Sunday 10am (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 -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85247373230?pwd=WIM2UHJEemFWS3RScnNqM3puaGdZdz09>

Otherwise open Zoom and enter the following - **Meeting ID: 852 4737 3230** **Passcode: 836844**



Videos on the Internet



NEW YouTube Channel; Follow this link or click on the YouTube logo https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCH-y4pZ_f_lezegzNZi6nnQ to view selected sermons and service preludes



Social Collection Department

BayCISS - collection of goods by Graeme & Joan Wood has recommenced. Leave goods with them at 66 Bernard St. Cheltenham, or call them (Graeme & Joan Wood) on 9555 0462

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 take items to the Moorabbin office if you leave them at her home, 16 Monaco Street Parkdale.

Pancake Day - 2022 (COVID style)

This year marks the 20th Anniversary of Pancake Day, our annual Uniting community fundraising event held on or around Shrove Tuesday. Shrove Tuesday is traditionally the final day to eat all the luxury foods in the pantry before the start of Lent. These foods include flour, eggs and dairy products, the key ingredients of delicious pancakes.

Each year hundreds of people register to hold Pancake Day events in their homes, schools, churches, businesses and community groups. They cook and sell pancakes to raise funds to support Uniting's work with people living life on the margins.

The generosity of supporters like you and everyone who gets behind Pancake Day has helped raise over \$2 million for communities across Victoria and Tasmania since 2002. All funds raised from Pancake Day support local communities across Victoria and Tasmania where we deliver vital programs and services.

These range from emergency relief for families facing food crisis, to supporting homeless people into permanent accommodation; from finding work for people with disability to supporting an older person to live independently in their own home.

Pancake Day is celebrated on **Tuesday 1 March** this year but you can host an event at any time up until the end of April. This is a great chance to get together, have some fun and make a difference for some of the most vulnerable and marginalised people in our communities.

[To be part of this great cause once again, register your event here](#) or give us a call back on **9051 4623** and we will do this for you over the phone. Once you've registered, we will send you out a complimentary host pack which includes a planning guide with all the information you need including choosing a location, publicising your event, and other helpful hints. The pack will give you lot of tips, ideas and fundraising tools to help make your event a success, including posters and an apron.

By holding a Pancake Day event, your efforts will not only be fun but will go towards helping the extensive community care work of Uniting Vic.Tas.

There are other ways you can support Uniting this Pancake Day if you're unable to host an event:

Buy a virtual pancake: <https://www.unitingvictas.org.au/pancake-day-donate/>

Spread the word and encourage someone you know to host an event so you can attend as a guest!

Make a tax-deductible donation

Hold a Coffee Cup Challenge in the lead up to Pancake Day or over Lent

If you are interested in supporting us in other ways please let us know and we will send you additional information.

Please get in touch with any questions and I hope you are going to join in the fun this year!

Kind regards,

Katie Sheridan

The Pancake Day Team

9051 4623



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