

Cheltenham - Mentone & Black Rock Uniting Churches



News Letter

6th February 2022 No 5



"A big thank you" from Windana

In 1984 a group of concerned community members raised awareness of the need for a St Kilda based organisation to respond to the needs of people with alcohol and other drug related problems. They raised enough funds to buy a property in East St Kilda and established **The Windana Society**.

Windana today is a major non-government organisation with more than 150 staff catering directly to over 2000 clients per year providing specialist drug and alcohol services. Patients typically live in a rehabilitation facility for up to 12 months and then move to an "integration house" for a period whilst they find employment and re-join society. **There is a connection with our church.**

In the early 2000's (*as best as my memory serves me*) The Windana Society established an office in the former and then vacant Mentone Methodist Church in Venice St, just opposite the Uniting Church. I recall this office as a collection of office desks, computer terminals with phone wires and computer cables strewn across the floor. Chaos that worked! With the impending sale of that property in the mid 2000's they moved into the vacant Mentone Manse, a much better arrangement.

Around 2010 we were informed by Windana that a generous benefactor had made it possible to establish further integration houses and would we be interested in them making our manse into one of their integration houses? This would involve the complete renovation of the manse, painting, new carpets and a brand new kitchen - all at their expense. Naturally we snapped up their offer. Given that Jesus went about curing the sick and especially 'casting out devils', we consider that this is work He would have done, specialist work which we cannot do ourselves but we can facilitate the work of others.

Two weeks ago I met with new Windana CEO, Amanda McLeod who could not stop conveying her thanks to us for allowing them to use our manse. "Our patients unanimously express their gratitude in having such a beautiful home and surroundings for their recovery".

She then went on speak of Windana's challenges. "We have 70 patients at the Maryknoll 'farm' (*near Pakenham*), 50 in our new facility at Barwon and another 30 at Ballarat with numerous in our integration houses.

We still have over 150 on our waiting list".

When I asked 'do you wish to extend your lease on the manse after the end of this year and if so, for how long' her response was immediate "**as long as possible - thank you!**"



World Day of Prayer

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

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: *Beaumaris Uniting church*
Cnr. Gibbs St. & Dalgetty Road,
Beaumaris

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.

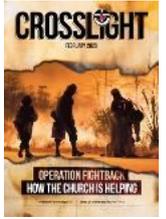


Bible Readings for March 6th Lent 1 *(the readings used in our service may differ slightly)*

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13

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 Jemma Cr. 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 is celebrated on **Tuesday 1 March** this year but you can host an event at any time up until the end of April. Unfortunately COVID makes it impractical for us to host a church event, but can help by buying a "virtual pancake"

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



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=WlM2UHJEemFWS3RScnNqM3puaGdZdz09>

Otherwise open Zoom and enter the following - **Meeting ID: 852 4737 3230** **Passcode: 836844**
You can also join us on your phone by dialling **03 7018 2005** and entering the above meeting details.



The Friendship Group

The Friendship Group is 'back in business' and will be meeting this Tuesday 8th March 10am at the Cheltenham Golf Club, Victor Ave off Weatherall Rd. Cheltenham.

More information - Dawn 9585 5335 or Helen 85881789



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.

PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE



**O LORD GOD, WE PRAY FOR PEACE & LOVE
IN ALL THE NATIONS, AMONG ALL THE PEOPLE
THAT ALL WARS AND HATRED WILL END.
WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER FROM
WAR, INJUSTICE, & INTOLERANCE, FOR THE
CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE, THE POOR &
NEGLECTED ONES. WE PRAY FOR PEACE IN
OUR LIFE, LANDS, NATIONS, FAMILIES &
IN OUR HEARTS. LORD GIVE US WORLD PEACE.
WE ASK YOUR MERCY IN THE NAME OF OUR
LORD JESUS CHRIST. AMEN.**