



HARMONY DAY



Australia celebrates Harmony Day on March 21, celebrating Australian multiculturalism, and the successful integration of migrants into our community. The day coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Here we're reprinting a speech made by Rev Dev Anandarajan for Sri Lankan Harmony Day in 2016, inspired by Martin Luther King's famous "I have a dream" speech from 1963. Dev is Intercultural Leadership Development Coordinator for the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania and a member of Port Phillip East Presbytery.

I have a Dream...

That one day Sri Lankans of all ethnicities and religions will hold hands and say we are different, but we are all proudly Sri Lankans.

That one day we will value each other for our rich cultural heritage, our religions, our languages and the contribution we make together for the welfare of the nation.

That one day we will take pride in the distinctiveness of our various cultural heritages and celebrate each one with pride.

That one day our children will learn not to categorize fellow Sri Lankans into ethnic or religious categories but value them all as children of mother Lanka.



For more news in the Presbytery of Port Phillip East
<https://ucapnep.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Newsbeat-March-2022.pdf>
or click on the image opposite

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That one day we will say sorry for the pain we inflicted on each other, either by us directly or by others in our name.

That one day the Government of Sri Lanka will say sorry to the minorities for the discriminatory policies that marginalised them in their own country.

That one day all those who have suffered will receive justice.

That one day those who have inflicted pain will truly repent and be sorry for their deeds.

That one day those whose rights have been violated and suffered loss and pain will have the magnanimity to forgive those who have inflicted pain. Thus healing our community for the common good of all.

That one day our politicians will work for the common good of all and not create divisions to gain power by encouraging ethnic divide.

That one day we will rise up and say, "We will not let ourselves be divided one against the other" and courageously guard each other's rights as fellow citizens.

That one day, very soon, we will speak each other's language, or a common language which all Sri Lankans can communicate with, so that there may be greater understanding and fellowship to build a happy, peaceful nation.

That in our distinctiveness we will find our strength, in what is common we will find our identity, in our religions we will seek paths of truth, justice and peace, in our ideologies we will seek the welfare of all, and together we will make Sri Lanka a land of peace and prosperity.

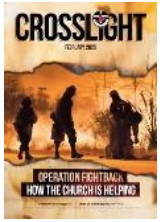


Bible Readings for April 3rd Lent 5 (the readings used in our service may differ slightly)

Isiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126 Philipians 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8

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 Ct. Cheltenham 9583 7373.



Prayers

of the People



We pray especially for -

Di Virginia (Nan's friend)	Stuart as he struggles with addiction	Gemma and Teresa Susan Bartell
Jenny (Joan Lum's step daughter)	Janine and June Bartholomeusz	Bronwyn
Betty Kneen	Audrey Fewster	Gloria Sampson & Family
Dawn's daughter Carol	Margaret's neighbour Joan	Barb Loosemore
Robert (Joan Wright's brother)	Grace Fairbank	Isobel Churchward
Pete, Bruce & Valda (friends of Jo-ann & David)	Carol	Anita and Kingsley
	Jo-ann	Rosemary & Bob

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 electricity, water, insurance, maintenance and Minister's stipend are still ongoing at Cheltenham.

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



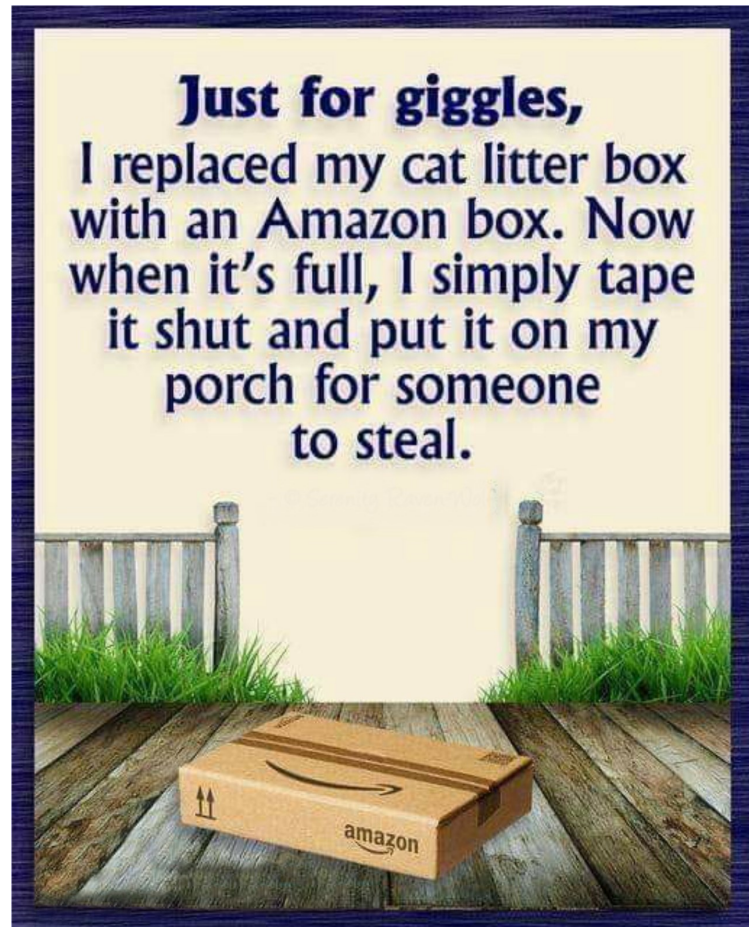
NEW YouTube Channel; Follow this link or click on the YouTube logo https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCH-y4pZ_f_lezegzNZi6nnQ to view selected sermons and service preludes



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 Emmerge 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.



Chocolate is vital for our survival. Dinosaurs didn't have chocolate and look what happened to them...



It's been discovered that William Tell and his son belonged to a bowling league. But Swiss historians have not been able to determine the name of the league's sponsors. So we'll never get to know for whom the Tells bowled.