

NEXT SUNDAY – 15 October 2017 Pent 19 *Welcome Service*

8.45am Officer **Rev Ann Simons**

10am Pakenham **Rev Ann Simons**

Lectionary Readings Ex 32:1-14 Ps:106:1-6,19-23 Phil 4:1-9 Mt 22:1-14

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Switch your hearing aid to T-coil
Enjoy the service



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The Uniting Church in Australia OFFICER PAKENHAM MISSION AREA

Tivendale Road, Officer and
47 James Street, Pakenham

COME AND WORSHIP WITH US ON SUNDAY MORNINGS
OFFICER – 8.45 am on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month
PAKENHAM – 10 am each Sunday morning

A vibrant heart in the community

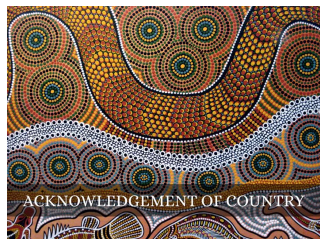
OPMA Vision : “Experiencing the love and life of Christ through
vibrant and life changing communities and creative partnerships”

8 October 2017

Welcome to all visitors and friends worshipping with us today.
You are invited to a time of fellowship morning tea following the service.



They shall mount up with wings like eagles
(Isaiah 40: 31)



We acknowledge the Boonwurrung and Wurundjeri people, the First Peoples of this Country, part of God's creation.

We honour them for their custodianship of the land on which we gather today.

TODAY'S SERVICE:

Pent 18

10am Pakenham

Rev Dr Denham Grierson

Scripture Readings:

Ex 20:1-4,7-9,12-20 Ps 19 Phil 3:4b-14 Mt 21:33-46

PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon 9 th	Barbara Paterson	Fri 13 th	Carol Porter
Tue 10 th	Rod Paterson	Sat 14 th	Robert Porter
Wed 11 th	Ruth Patterson	Sun 15 th	Maisie Provan
Thu 12 th	Shirley Phelan		

DISCIPLESHIP THOUGHT

Psalm 19:7 God's word is sufficient to meet every need of the human soul.

*The law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the soul.
When we obey God's law, we are set free and restored.*

*The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.
When we trust what God tells us, we gain wisdom.*



Philosophy - Week 6

wed-11-Oct at 7pm at the Church

(The Pizza delivery guy is saying : "I understand 'food for thought', but I still can't let you pay with your philosophy thesis".)

**The Church Christmas lunch will be held on Sunday 26 November.
Please put the date in your diaries now.**



All About Creation



4th October

We had 8 kids

3 bigger kids

9 bigger bigger kid
(and these adults have
fun too!) – thanks to
who made the morning
such a success



Thank you to everyone involved in gifting and assembling the hundreds of items for the **20 backpacks** which are now on their way to the Pacific Islands for the next school year. And a big thank you to Pauline for her amazing patience and skills in logistics! - in the end, each bag had the required content.

Just imagine the faces on the children as they receive their bags! Another great project organised by our Friendship Group.

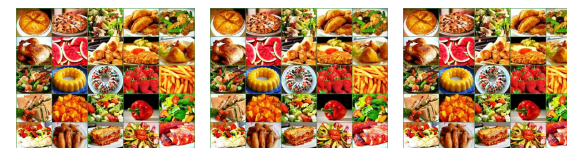
Remember to sign up for next week's Seminar

1pm-2.30pm

Walking on Bones : Poems in the nick of Time

preceded by an **INTERNATIONAL LUNCH**

(Note: the lunch next week is in lieu of the 4th Sunday lunch)



Bring a plate of food to share that represents your country !

Amok, Haggis, Lamingtons, Bobotie, Adobo, Nshima, AND MORE



MEADOWVALE FETE

Saturday 14th October - 9.30am – 2.30pm

Stalls, BBQ Lunch, Devonshire Teas - Come for a day out !



The funeral service for the late **MOIRA FOX**,
a long-standing member of our Church, will be held at
11am on Monday 9th October.

Could volunteers who can help with the service please arrive at 9.45am for the room set-up and kitchen preparation. It would also be appreciated if those who can assist with the catering could please bring a slice. Thank you. Olive

Caring for God's creation

St Francis of Assisi was renowned for his deep connection with animals. He preached to birds and, according to legend, famously tamed a wolf. He demonstrated remarkable compassion for the vulnerable, the poor and the animals that roamed the Earth. It is fitting that his feast day coincides with World Animal Day.

We have been tasked with the responsibility of protecting and nurturing this beautiful world God has entrusted to us. But we have not always been wise or kind stewards. Pets are sadly sometimes discarded like toys and abandoned on the streets. Animals are hunted as trophies. Humans can treat animals – and each other – with great love, but also with great cruelty.

So what can we do to help protect God's creation? We can volunteer at our local animal shelter. We can adopt a pet. We can show loving kindness for all of God's creation – humans and animals alike.

The therapeutic effects of animals are well documented. Some nursing homes receive visits from playful pooches or farm animals. A number of churches hold 'blessing of the animal' services. Household pets give much joy to children, adults and the elderly.

Animals are a reflection of God's beauty, but they also offer companionship. How great will it be if we could also offer companionship to people who are lonely, marginalised and isolated?

Reflection: May we be inspired by the words of St Francis of Assisi – *"All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle."*

Brian Lee (Source: www.victas.uca.org.au/givingisliving)



Rally for Refugees

End Offshore Processing | End Mandatory Detention
Bring Them Here | Let Them Stay
2pm – State Library – Refugee Action Collective
Meet McMillan for Refugees group, **12.49pm VLine**

affirmation

We believe in God,
holy Source of all that is.

We believe in God,
who has spoken the eternal Word in Jesus.

We believe in God,
ceaselessly breathing the Spirit into creation.

We trust in God's love and wisdom:
fully revealed in the humanity of Jesus,
present to us through the Spirit's working
in the Church and beyond.

We believe that God is calling the whole creation
into a future of justice and peace.

We share in Christ's risen life,
and commit ourselves today to receive
the coming reign of God.

To the only God, Three yet One,
be all honour and glory and praise
now and forever. Amen.