

**NEXT SUNDAY – 5 November 2017** Pent 22

8.45am Officer – **Rev Ann Simons**  
10am Pakenham – **Rev Ann Simons**

**Lectionary Readings** Jos 3:7-17 Ps 107:1-733-37 1Thes 2:9-13 Mt 23:1-12

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Take a seat in the **Centre Pew area**  
Switch your hearing aid to **T-coil**  
Enjoy the service



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**Entries for the weekly OPMA Pewsheets** - Email : [missglynis@bigpond.com](mailto:missglynis@bigpond.com)

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UCA Share provides  
financial support to  
our Main Street  
Playgroup



## 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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"

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**29 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.



**Frontier Services**  
*serving remote Australia*

Supporting, linking and empowering  
the people of Outback Australia  
by creating connections and mobilising resources



We acknowledge the Boonwurrung and Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation, 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.

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**TODAY'S SERVICE:** Pent 21  
10am Pakenham **Margaret and John McKay**

**Guest Speaker :** Today, we welcome to our Frontier Services Celebration, **Jannine Jackson**, National Director of Frontier Services. Jannine will be joining us for lunch and further conversations

**Scripture Readings:** Deut 34:1-12 Ps 90:1-6,13-17 1Thes 2:1-8 Mt 22:34-46

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#### PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	Doreen Stitt	Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Carol Porter
Tue 31 <sup>st</sup>	John Stitt	Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>	Robert Porter
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	Ruth Patterson	Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>	Maisie Provan
Thu 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Shirley Phelan		

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#### DISCIPLESHIP THOUGHT

Jesus reminded those who set out to test him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind", and "love your neighbour as yourself." (Mt 22:34-40). Lord, if these two commandments could become my way of life, my religion would be simple, without arguments or complications. Let your words sink deeply into my heart and soul.

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The funeral service for the late **Peter Ciaramella** will be held at **10.30am** on **Fri-3-Nov**. Following the service, there will be a burial and family and friends will return from the cemetery to the Church for a light lunch.

A catering coordinator is needed on the day. Please see Olive if you are available, and if you can help with slices. Thank you.



Our Elders and Church Family  
are invited to  
the beginning of the next OPMAC meeting  
when Tony Floyd will be speaking about the  
UC Policy on Multiculturalism  
All Welcome  
7.30pm, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November



In case you weren't at last week's Sunday Service, Spud & Joyce shared some great news. The Australian Red Cross presented a Service Award to Lyn Stephenson.



Lyn joined the Pakenham Branch 47 years ago after having spent the previous 47 at another branch – that's nearly 50 years. Lyn has been involved in lecturing, Home Nursing, being a First Aid Instructor and teaching Junior First Aid in schools, volunteering with Emergency Services during the Ash Wednesday fires and at Beaconsfield Upper and Cockatoo centres. And there's loads more she's done! The full citation is on the noticeboard in the foyer. Congratulations Lyn on being presented with this Award which is so well deserved and a terrific honour.

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We have been invited to host the last day's lunch of the 2017 UCAF Bus Tour. People are coming to Pakenham for a 2-course lunch on **Fri-17-Nov**. It is a great opportunity for us to showcase our work over the years, and leave the traveller with a lasting memory of true fellowship. Can you help with the lunch and make a salad? And if you would like to join the group for lunch, please write your name on the noticeboard in the foyer. Thank you.



**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November**  
(note: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues of month for Nov only)



**“Me Before You”** (2016) is a romantic-drama. Set in the UK, the film is shot in various historic locations around the country. It’s the story of a girl in a small town who forms an unlikely bond with a recently paralysed man she’s taking care of.

Scoring 7.4 on the IMDB 10-point survey, this could be viewed a controversial film, as it deals with assisted dying..

When it first showed in Australia, a number of people with a disability protested against its release. – there will be opportunity for discussion after the movie

Doors open at **7.10pm**. - Please use the Main Street kitchen door entrance.

#### Gold coin donation

With daylight saving, we are now contending with a “lightened film room”, but there’s still fellowship, a hot cuppa and popcorn and lollies!



Make a weekly date with your computer (especially if you miss a Church Service) to read about the Sunday message. Log onto our website : <http://opma.unitingchurch.org.au/> click on News and the “Gazette” drop-down. While you’re there, you can also look at the weekly pewsheets. If we all make a regular visit to the website, the “hits” will see us a good contender for being top-of-the-pops when Uniting Church is googled. **You** can make this happen!



**YOU ARE INVITED**

The Friendship Group will meet on  
**Wed-1-Nov at 1.30pm.**

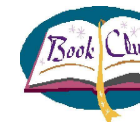
Our guest speaker is Chris Mountford who will be talking about her work as Hospital Chaplain. Chris will also share some of the special moments of their recent holiday.

All Welcome

#### ROSTERS

Thank you Joan, for helping me with the Sunday rosters – it’s not an easy task, especially being calm down!  
Pauline

Otira Readers will next meet on **Wed-8-Nov at 2pm** to discuss *A Generous Orthodoxy* by Brian D. McLaren at Unit 12, Meadowvale. Eunice Smith T: 5941 5940. Please remember to return books to Eunice



Joan Johnson is moving to Wangaratta to  
You are invited to ~~Afternoon Tea~~ at Ann  
to say farewell  
3pm Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November  
(Bring a plate)

**Thu-2-Nov @ 10am**

(not 10.30am as listed in the November calendar)  
We meet in the Church Foyer



Spud : Hey Joyce, did you know that we’re having a few weeks off from Church announcements?

Joyce : Yeah, that purple girl we make talk will be away. Rev Ann thought we should have the time off

Spud : Oh boy oh boy oh boy – I’m going to have a special prayer!

Joyce : Huh, typical !



***For You Deep Stillness***

For you, deep stillness of the silent inland,  
 For you, deep blue of the desert skies;  
 For you, flame red of the rocks and stones,  
 For you, sweet water from hidden springs,  
 From the edges seek the heartlands,  
 And when you're burnt by the journey,  
 May the cool winds of the hovering Spirit  
 Soothe and replenish you,  
 In the name of Christ, in the name of Christ.

For you warm comfort of the flickering firelight;  
 For you sweet melting of winter snows;  
 For you bright green of the land's emerging;  
 For you clouds lifting from darkened skies;  
 From the cold place seek the heartlands;  
 And when you're chilled by the journey-  
 May the warm breath of the hovering Spirit  
 Soothe and replenish you.  
 In the name of Christ, in the name of Christ.

(Words: Julie Perrin Music: Robin Mann)

## A special note to all singers/choristers



We shall resume practice for Christmas Music commencing :

1. After Church (approx. 11am) on four Sundays  
 19 November, 26 November, 3 December and 10 December
2. Our usual Wednesdays on  
 22 November, 29 November and 13 December at 2pm at Fiona's

We have two special days to work towards and would love to have you join us

Dorothy T (M: 0427 072 242)



### The **Welcome Scroll**

is coming to Cardinia!

*Welcoming refugees into our community,  
 Upholding the Human Rights of refugees,  
 Demonstrating Compassion for refugees and  
 Enhancing cultural and religious Diversity in our community*

**Join us to celebrate**

**our Refugee Welcome Zone**

Date: Tuesday 31 October  
 Time: 10.30am to 11.30am  
 Venue: Living & Learning Pakenham  
 6 Henry Street



### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Our tea, coffee, sugar, milk and biscuits for morning tea after our Church services are financed by the Friendship Group. Thank you