



# ST. STEPHENS DIARY JUNE 2026

**No. 229**

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## **JUNE      Worship Services**

7<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Rev. Juliette Maua'i  
14<sup>th</sup> 9.30am led by Rev. Juliette Maua'i  
21<sup>st</sup> 9.30am led by Rev. Juliette Maua'i  
Service of Holy Communion  
June 22 UCA 49<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
28<sup>th</sup> 9.30am All-Age



## **COMING EVENTS**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am  
**Service of Thanksgiving for**  
**JUNE STINTON**  
Followed by refreshments



**SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JULY**  
**Winter Sale in the Hall**  
**Plants and all things Floral**

## Pentecost Celebrations



Iris had done a wonderful job, decorating the church with lots of red fabrics, candles, flowers and the Pentecost banner was hanging.

The service began with joyful singing and a parade for “fire” sticks, flags and banners

and many candles on display on the window ledges lit from the Christ candle.

Elaine eschewed the opportunity to present a “Pentecost reflection” insisting that Pentecost was a time to be “stirred” not “sedated”. The congregation were invited to form small groups and discuss the following questions:

“What is it about being a part of St. Stephens church family that keeps a flame burning within you?”

“Can you think of new ways in which St. Stephens could ignite fire and enthusiasm within the congregation and into the wider community?”

The overall response to the first question was: the people, friendship, caring nature, non-judgemental acceptance, generosity, support for all, extra activities.”

The second question promoted some new ideas and reinforced established activities: asking people to join, if you have a good idea – run with it, advertise, big notice board, social media, community garden, indigenous garden space, invite children of Uniting Church Schools and their parents.

Lots to think about!

## **GARAGE SALE REPORT**

It was a lovely Autumn morning – crisp and clear. The meeting rooms were set up with lovely treasures, the plant stall out the front and the shed bursting with lots of wonderful things just waiting for the right buyer.

It was a very slow start, but as the morning warmed up, customers began to roll in with lots of lovely conversations, ukulele playing and Mark pottering in the garden and so it turned out to be a very good day - \$560+ raised was a good result financially.

There will be no garage sale in June – in preparation for the **Big 4<sup>th</sup> July Sale in the Hall.**

**A planning meeting will be held in the meeting rooms on Wednesday 10/6 at 1.30pm**

**Volunteers needed 3/7 and plenty of volunteers on Sale Day 4<sup>th</sup> July.**

**Please phone Iris for further details.**

## THANK YOU FROM



## Russell Treble

Russell would like to thank everyone for the lovely cards, phone calls, gifts and visits for his milestone 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

## **BEGINNERS' UKULELE**

**Change of Schedule**

**NEW TIME WEDNESDAY 11am at**

**4 Bunbury Street Newport. All welcome**



Jodie 0487 263 717

**From Pilgrim UCA  
Yarraville  
Quiet day**  
Pentecost greetings from  
Pilgrim!

Clara Rizzi and I are offering this day again after it proved to be a success in 2024 and 2025. A lot of people out there wanting the opportunity to slow down!

Ros Harris  
0401 923 414



**Saturday 27 June 10 am – 2 pm**

This Quiet Day, held in Williamstown, will be led by Ros Harris and Clara Rizzi. It includes two sessions of group meditation, optional walking meditation and an opportunity for you to enter a personal time of stillness. You may choose to spend your time reading, drawing, sitting quietly, or praying through Lectio Divina (sacred reading) or Visio Divina (sacred gazing).

*You are welcome to arrive at 9:30 am for a cuppa and to stay after 2 pm if you would like to share your reflections/insights/comments.*

Where	St Joseph's by the Sea: 16 Esplanade, Williamstown. Free parking in Cole Street.
Cost	This is a free event; however, if you wish to make a donation to assist in covering costs, it would be appreciated.
What to bring	Please bring your own lunch, pens and paper. Tea and coffee are provided. Books and readings will be available on the day; however, you may like to bring your own.
RSVP by 20 June	Ros: <a href="mailto:harrisrosyn61@gmail.com">harrisrosyn61@gmail.com</a> Clara: <a href="mailto:clarariz@bigpond.com">clarariz@bigpond.com</a>

**From Holy Trinity  
Williamstown**

**Invitation:** A workshop: Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June, 12noon-1pm  
**Learn more about reading the bible**

In this worship time, led by Rev. Robyn, we will explore this ancient tradition (Lectio Divina, meaning “Divine Reading”), learning how we may enter into this in our times of reading the Scriptures.

Please RSVP by email Rev Robyn - [revrobyncb@gmail.com](mailto:revrobyncb@gmail.com)



**Wednesday Walkers**

Enjoy the autumn weather, with good company & gentle exercise New walkers always welcome. More info? ring Jodie 0487 263 717



# Williamstown International Jazz Festival

From Electra Street UCA

5-6 June

Opening Concert 5<sup>th</sup> June

6<sup>th</sup> June Main Festival

Program "Winter Series"

A Crescendo Music School initiative

[www.williamstownjazz.com](http://www.williamstownjazz.com)



7pm

Mike del Ferro (Holland) | Yunior Terry (Cuba) | Al Kerr (Aus) | Ilaria Crociani (Italy/Aus)  
Mirko Guerrini (Italy/Aus) | Stephen Magnusson (Aus) | Danilo Rojas (Bol/Aus)  
Pablo Guzzo (Arg) | Onur Puza (Turk) | Salvador Persico (Aus)

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## Stephens Congregational A.G.M.

The meeting held after our Communion Service on 17<sup>th</sup> May was attended by 21 members, with 4 apologies. The Annual Report had been distributed. If you did not receive a copy and would like one, please let Elaine know.

It is very pleasing to report that we have a new member on Church Council – Laura Power Davies agreed to be nominated and was duly elected. Other members re-elected are Heather Russell, Elaine Peck, Peter Kofoed, Rosemary Wray, Janet Howie.

The Annual Report was accepted and Peter our treasurer, explained that giving had increased slightly during 2025, although not keeping pace with inflation and expenses were increased by the installation of a new gas heater for the church.

Office holders were thanked for their contribution to St. Stephens and Rev. Juliette thanked all the congregation for the prayers and concern especially during 2025. She and her family are very thankful for the continuing support.



## **VALE JUNE STINTON**

It would take up many pages of the Diary to give a complete story of June's contribution to St. Stephens church. Although joining us relatively late in life, she became one of us in a very special way. Her generosity, her enthusiasm and her support, will be so deeply missed.

June's faith was simple: Love God and love each other, and that's how she lived.

Iris recalls one of their special times was in the Christmas Season, when following choir practice, Iris would drive home the long way home around Newport and Williamstown so that they could check out the Christmas Decorations. June loved the moon and it's changes and would tell Iris about the stars as they drove around the waterfront. In her more active days, June travelled quite a lot on bus tours. She took a helicopter ride, and travelled to Norfolk Island too.

Who would forget seeing June buzzing around in her brown VW beetle!

Rest in Peace June. You are much loved.



## **THURSDAY MUSIC/UKULELE GROUP**

**Thursday** music continues to grow with some new members coming along to join in the fun and frivolity.

**We have missed Joyce and look forward to having her back with us.**



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

TO ALL CELEBRATING A JUNE  
BIRTHDAY including

Enid Becroft, Rebekah Kofoed,  
Jodie Williams, Maddison Bratby, Meredith Henkel  
& The Uniting Church in Australia

## All-Age Worship

Once again, our Sunday School team presented an enjoyable and interactive (and at times emotional) service. Thank you to our young ones who continue to step up into the roles needed with increasing confidence and ability.

With the theme of “I’ll be loving you always,” (ref. Matthew 28:16-20), this gave me an opportunity to share and thank the St. Stephens family for being the living word and Spirit.

Our activities were great fun with the discussion group, Jenga game, activity sheet, baking and singing.

Thanks to Elaine for helping put the order of service and power point together.

Thanks to the young ones and families for sending in their photos of things that bring them joy.

Jodie Williams



## **Fund Raising and Responsible Recycling**



Scan your barcode at the machine

Please scan this code when you visit the CMD Depot – Racecourse Rd to return your *10c deposit* bottles, cans and containers. Your donation will go straight to St.

Stephens account. Funds Raised as at April 30 \$35

### **THURSDAY MORNING TEA**

Everyone is welcome to come along for a cuppa, a chat and to share scones with jam and cream and other tasty treats.

### **ST. STEPHENS CONTACT INFORMATION**

Church Announcements: Contact Heather Russell 93976405

Diary: Deadline for June Diary is **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

Next Church Council meeting: **12.30pm Thursday 18th June**

#### **Your weekly offering to the Church**

can be made on-line to BSB 633-000 A/C NO. 1252-34211



Good wishes to St. Stephens friends who are experiencing ill-health, bereavement, difficult times or dislocation at the present time. We send our good wishes for your well-being.

### **St. Stephens Uniting Church**

**Our Vision:** St. Stephens Uniting Church

is a growing, active Christian influence in our community and welcoming to all people.

**Our Mission:** Led by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to empower people to love

one another, and be a visible Christian presence within the community