

ARMADALE UNITING CHURCH

FEBRUARY 2006



NEWS SHEET

An occasional note of news and information about what's going on at Armadale UC

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Communion services. These occur on the first Sunday of every month – that is Sundays 5 February (this was the Covenant Service), 5 March, 2 April and 7 May. Communion will also be celebrated on Easter Sunday, 16 April.

Children's services. There is something for children of all ages at church every Sunday, and from time to time the children and young people help to lead our worship services. The dates for those services for the first half of 2006 are 12 February, 12 March, 9 April (Palm Sunday), 7 May, 4 June (Pentecost Sunday).

Sunday 19 February. As Judith will be on leave, the service will be led by Reverend Bill Goldsworthy.

World Day of Prayer. All the Churches in the City of Stonnington join together for this, and this year it is to be held at our Church on Friday 3 March, at 10 am. The program has been drawn up by the women of South Africa, and Rev Duncan Watson who has just returned from South Africa will be the speaker. For further information, speak to Lesley McMullin.

Ash Wednesday this year is Wednesday 1 March, so the first Sunday in Lent is 5 March 2006.

Lenten Bible studies. There will be a series of 5 weeks study offered during Lent, based on the movie *Chocolat*. Meetings will be on Monday nights beginning Monday 6 March, or Friday mornings beginning Friday 10 March, and continue through the school holidays. Please contact Judith for more information, or if you'd like to attend. 9509 3353

Easter. Services this year will be as follows (times to be confirmed):
Maundy Thursday 13 April Tenebrae service (service of light and shadow)
Good Friday – 14 April 2006 with our friends at Armadale Baptist Church (note that the venue is Armadale Baptist Church)
Easter Sunday -- 16 April 2006, 10 am (with Communion)

Congregational meeting A short congregational meeting will be held after church on Sunday 5th March. Annual reports will be tabled, and we encourage you to be there to hear what is happening in the life of the community.

Open house at the manse. The congregation is invited to afternoon tea at the manse on Sunday 12th March from 3pm to 5pm (after Stephanie's sleep and before her tea!) We hope you can join us.

Creche Susan Yencken continues to offer a wonderful ministry to babies and toddlers. We are enjoying having the next generation in our midst, and give thanks for this ministry and all those who contribute to it.

CHURCH COUNCIL

A reminder that Church Council meets on the 2nd Tuesday of every month except January, at 7.30 pm in the Rita Berry room.