

**Next Sunday
May 15th – Day of Pentecost**

9.30am	Port Melbourne	Rev Hoon You
10.00am	Paul the Apostle South Melbourne	Rev Ross Carter

Lectionary **Intercession - Bible Reading**

Acts 2: 1 - 21 or Genesis 11:1-9	Port Melb: Jenny Nethercote Nancy Price South Melb: Jennifer Johnson Doris Gordon
Psalms 104: 24 - 34, 35b	
Romans 8: 14 - 17 or Acts 2: 1 - 21	
John 14: 8 - 17, (25- 27)	

Parish Contacts

South Port Uniting Church Parish Mission has two congregations: Paul the Apostle, South Melbourne, and Port Melbourne. In addition to individual and joint congregational programs and activities, we provide a range of community outreach programs through South Port UnitingCare.

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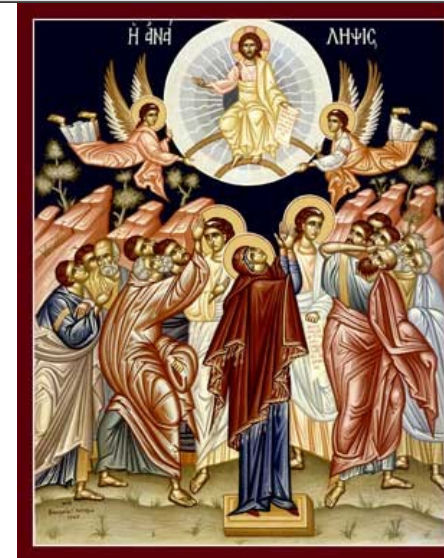
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The Uniting Church in Australia
 South Port Uniting Church
 Parish Mission
 Congregations

**Paul the Apostle South Melbourne
Port Melbourne**

**Easter 7
Sunday 8th May 2016**



Ascension of Christ

Diary for the coming Week

Monday 9th May

7.30 pm **South Port Singers**, Paul the Apostle Church

Thursday 12th May

11.00 am **Friendship Club** - Parish Mission Centre, South Melb

A warm welcome to all and particularly those who are visitors.
 Please join us for morning tea after the service.

**NEWS
NOTES**

Worship Theme at Paul the Apostle

On the next three Sundays the church reflects on events that preachers struggle to proclaim. Furthermore accounts of these events often leave people cold. I am referring to Jesus' ascension, the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, and the self-identification of God as Trinity. These are difficult events to interpret but, in the orthodox Christian tradition, they have been seen as central to understanding the relationship of God to his creation. It would be easy to skip over them and focus our preaching and teaching on a Jesus defined as a 'Galilean Sage': that is, a bearer of wise counsel. But the tradition should not be treated in such a cavalier fashion. We should try instead to see what our fore-parents in Christ regarded as being so important about the ascension etc. We will attempt this at Paul the Apostle in the coming weeks.

The Funeral of **Lesleigh Harison-Gray** will be held at the Congregation of Paul the Apostle on Tuesday May 10th at 2-00pm. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Mission Centre following the service.



Today's Lectionary

Acts	16: 16 - 34	Revelation	22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-21
Psalms	97	John	17: 20 - 26

Coming Events & Items of Interest

Simply Living Community Garden

Coming up in the garden: Community Garden working bee, Saturday 21st May, 10-11 am. Tools, gloves and refreshments provided. All welcome.

UnitingCare Network Project

The Chairperson of the UnitingCare Project Control Group has sent a letter to congregations about the new UnitingCare structure in Victoria. Copies are available at your congregation today. Church Council will be looking at the implications of this for our Parish Mission.

Newsbeat

The latest Presbytery newsletter, Newsbeat, is available to download at: <http://www.ucapnep.org/newsbeat/> or see the printed copy at your congregation.

Annual Report 2015

The South Port Uniting Church Parish Mission Annual Report for 2015 will be available for collection from your congregation from this weekend. Please read and bring any questions to the annual meeting on Sunday 29th May.

Alma Przybysz

Our dear friend Alma, long-time member of the Port congregation, passed away last Sunday, aged 99½. Alma moved to Echuca, close to her family, in late 2015.



Reminder: Deadline for News and Notes articles is 9am Thursday.