### -Special event-

Organised by the Mount Waverly cluster adult growth and development group

How should the Church respond to climate Change?

Climate change is a serious threat to global wellbeing.

Should the uniting Church play a more significant role in responding to climate change and, if so, what form should this take? Should the Synod call a "climate emergency"?

What guidance can be derived from scripture?

You are invited to take part in an on line (Zoom) discussion that will include some real time polling on these and other important issues.

Saturday, August 29th 10am to 12.30 pm

#### Speakers:

Dr. Mark Zirnsak: Senior social justice advocate,

Synod of Victoria and Tasmania.

Dr Chris Dalton: Eco Theologian, Synod of Victoria

and Tasmanian ethics committee.

**Dr.Tom Spurling:** Chair. Presbytery of Port Phillip East.

### Log in from 9.30 on the day:

Zoom Link: https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/89571379634

Meeting ID: 895 7137 96

By phone Dial 7018 2005. When prompted enter the above meeting ID followed by the hash key. For participant ID press Hash

again. Enquires to John McKie:: 0400 688 471

Trusting all are well and making the most of our taste of isolation and confinement! Ever noticed that your own company can be quite satisfying at times! With God's help It will be soon be over and more lives saved.

# WEEKLY NEWS SHEET



# **Mount Martha Uniting**



# Sunday 23rd August. 2020

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# Mount Martha Uniting Church.

Sunday. 23rd August 2020

Readings Romans 12: 1-8

Mathew 16: 13-20

## From Karen.

We are going to have our zoom morning tea today, Sunday August 23rd, but a little later at <u>11.15am</u>.

This week we ask you to — Wear a hat!!!

To join us you need to- click on this link <a href="https://monash.zoom.us/j/93974623566?">https://monash.zoom.us/j/93974623566?</a> or go to <a href="https://monash.zoom.us/join">https://monash.zoom.us/join</a> and enter meeting-ID: 939 7462 3566 and password: 458863

We had a lot of laughs and fun last week. As before you can use your tablet, smart phone or laptop.

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## **Healing Prayer**

Heavenly Father, we pray that You will lay your healing Hands upon all those who are sick. We beg You to have compassion on all those who are suffering so that they may be delivered from their pitiful circumstances.

In Jesus, we pray.
Amen.

#### Minister's Reflection

Dear friends, after you have read the today's readings of (Romans 12:1-8) and (Matthew 16:13-20)!

What jumps out of your mind, when you hear Paul saying in v.5 "We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and members of one another."

As he went on and listed the gifts given to us by grace: prophecy, faith; ministry, teaching; exhortation; generosity; diligent leadership, compassion, and cheerfulness.

In your own right, which one of the above resonates with you? And if there is one, have you been using it or thought of a way to use it, especially at this particular demanding time?

One may say how I can use my gifts if we are not coming together and our togetherness affected by the lockdown!

Well, that is fair enough, this could be the feeling of some of us, but let me invite you to walk with Simon Peter who answered the difficult question posed to them by their teacher. "But who do you say that I am?" this real deep reflective question at this moment. When you contemplate to answer this question, think about three images attributed to Peter: rock, keys holder, and authority of losing things on earth and in heaven!

