What's On November, 2026

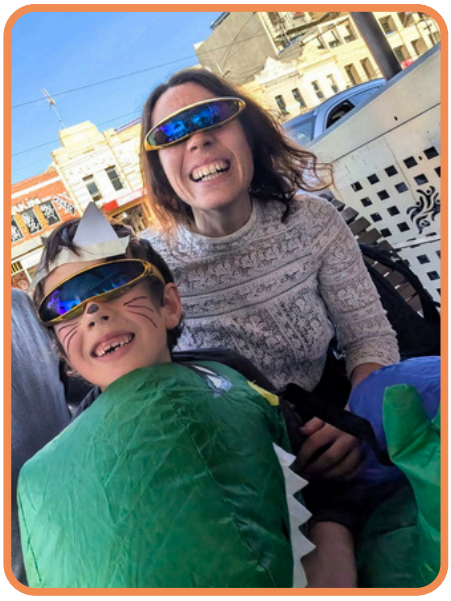


The Meeting Place

MURRUMBEENA
UNITING CHURCH

Ikebana creation

Thank you Heny for sharing this traditional Japanese art of flower arrangements with us.



From the Minister...

Time Travelling Cats, Andreana and Quinn

I was never allowed to celebrate Halloween as a child – too scary, too witchy, too antithetical to the Christian faith. It is strange, then, that Halloween has now become an annual fixture in my life. My 7 year old makes me dress up every year, and together we traipse the streets with his friends, begging sugary treats from neighbours.

The thing that I appreciate about Halloween is that it brings into focus something that we spend the rest of the year avoiding. For one night, we shine the light on death. Halloween is also a night of horror, where we allow ourselves to feel scared; where we embrace our fears. And surely, in this otherwise death-denying culture, our ultimate fear is death.

Halloween is also known as All Hallows' Eve, because it is the night before the Christian festival of All Saints Day. This is the day for remembering the death: those 'saints' who have gone before us, and shown us how to live. And in doing so, we are reminded that death is not the end. This is not to deny death, but to recognise that some things never die. There is a kind of Life that is eternal. It is the Life that we are invited to step into when our biological bodies die, and indeed the Life that we can step into right now.

So at Halloween, we can look at death head-on. We can embrace it and even let ourselves get a little bit scared – knowing that it's not death that lasts forever, but Life.

With love,

Rev Andreana Reale minister@murrumbeenauniting.org.au

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Face your fears



Sundays 10am

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The Meeting Place

Coming Up in November

Meet the Candidates Forum



Steve Dimopoulos
Australian Labor Party



Hsiang-Han Hsieh
The Greens



Future candidates
will be invited

Be informed when you head to the ballot box this State Election!

Each candidate will give a short talk... then...

Community members are invited to ask questions.

Thursday 12 November
7.15pm - 8.45pm

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At 117 Murrumbeena Rd, Murrumbeena

All candidates in the seat of Oakleigh were invited.

FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER

5PM- 8PM

a Starry night

Murrumbeena's Christmas Party

The Meeting Place at
Murrumbeena Uniting Church
117 Murrumbeena Rd

Petting Zoo, Craft Tables, Market, Pickleball, Kids Activities, Roving Musicians, Food Vans, Photo Booth and Carols.

More Information: 03 9568 8177



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The Meeting Place
MURRUMBEENA
UNITING CHURCH

Every Week at The Meeting Place

Monday



9.30am - 11.30am
Murrumbeena Playgroup
Activities and play for parents, carers and children.
Contact: info@murrumbeenaplaygroup.org.au

4.15pm - 8.15pm
Grace Gymnastics
Rhythmic gymnastics for primary and secondary age.
Contact: grace@gracegymnastics.com.au; 0466 902 857

5pm - 6pm
Online 'Leviathan' Bible Study - weekly bible readings discussed & wrestled with what they might mean. Contact Rev Andreana - minister@murrumbeenauniting.org.au

7.30pm - 9pm
Co-Dependents Anonymous (CoDA) - Support group for healthy relationships. Contact: Christine 0414 370 658

6.30pm - 7.30pm
Soo Bahk Do (Martial Arts) - A defensive Martial Arts Class. Contact: sesoobahkdo@gmail.com

7.30pm - 9pm
Alcoholics Anonymous - Support group for alcoholism recovery. Contact: Barry - 0407 867 515



Tuesday

Various times
Evergreen Fellowship - 3rd Tuesday of the month. Indoor & Outdoor activities for people aged 60 and over.
Contact Pastor Jimmy - Mob 0448 006 282,
Email: jimtian7@gmail.com



1 - 2pm; 6 - 8pm
JMDdance (group & private classes)
Social dancing - Ballroom group classes
Contact: Jarrod 0410227803 or Sadhvi 0412802660

4.30pm - 7.30pm
Move Dance Melbourne
Offer free trials for new students that can be booked through their website. Contact: www.amdance.com.au

7pm - 8pm
Dance Be In It - Street Latin group classes
Contact: Kieren - dancebeinit@gmail.com



7.30pm - 9pm
Sing Club - First Tuesday of the month with the Tuck Shop Ladies. Contact: tuckshopemail@gmail.com

Wednesday



10am - 1pm
Knitting & Craft Circle - Knit and natter, crochet and chatter! Contact: murrumbeenaknitting@bigpond.com

9.10am - 12.15pm
Mini Maestros - Music and movement for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers. Contact: 9850 5566

Wednesday

12.15pm - 1.15pm	**Wednesday Singing Group -** Fun and soulful community singing. No experience necessary. $10 per session. Contact: richard@richardlawton.com.au
1.30pm - 2.30pm	**English Conversation -** A weekly group for those wishing to practice conversational English. Contact office.
2pm - 3.30pm	**Creative Writing -** 3rd Wednesday of the month. Share a piece of writing in a supportive group. Contact office.
2pm - 3pm	**Line Dancing -** Easy-to-follow steps. No experience necessary.Contact: modernlinedancinginc@gmail.com; 0433 076 225. $5 per session.
4pm - 5.30pm	**Move Dance Melbourne**
4.15pm - 8.15pm	**Grace Gymnastics**
6.30pm - 7.30pm	**Soo Bahk Do (Martial Arts)**



Thursday

9.45am - 12.05pm	**Mini Maestros**
4.15pm - 8.15pm	**Grace Gymnastics**

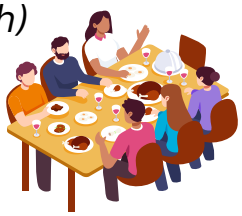
Friday



9.30am - 11.30am	**Murrumbeena Playgroup**
10am - 11.30am	**Friday Drop-in** A weekly gathering sharing conversation, great food & activities. Contact: connect@murrumbeenauniting.org.au
1pm - 2pm	**Friday Prayer -** Meets in the sanctuary each week. People are welcome to come and pray together.
2.30pm - 4pm	**Shut Up & Write! -** Friday fortnightly (**November 13th and 27th**). A space to work alongside others in silence.

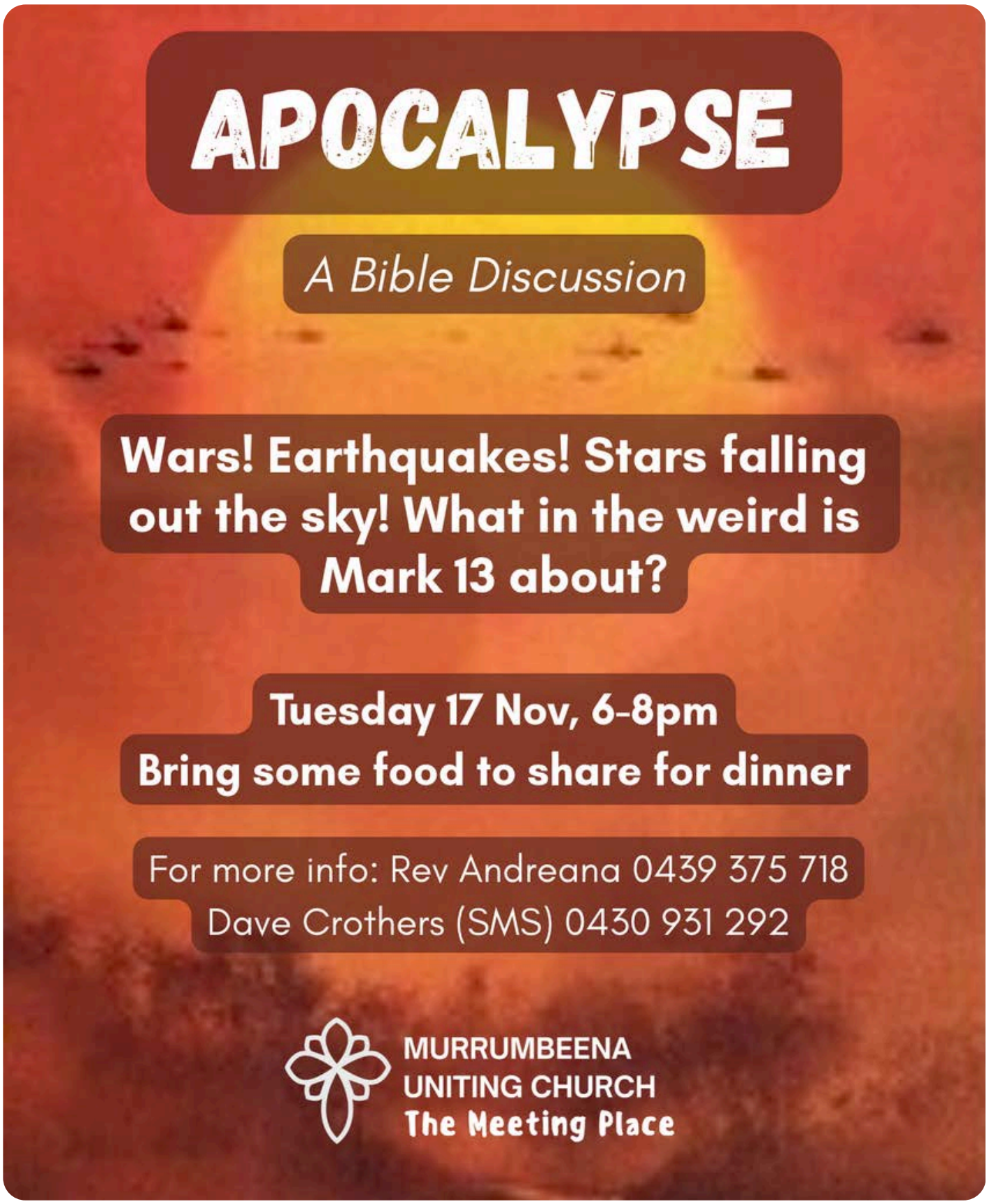
Saturday

9am - 12.15pm	**Stonnington School of Dance** They teach expert tuition in all dance genres. Contact: office@stonningtonschooldance.com.au; 0499 003 722
11.30am - 3.30pm	**Grace Gymnastics**
2pm - 5pm	**Knitting & Craft Circle** *(1st Saturday of month)*
5.30pm - 9pm	**Community Meal** *(last Saturday of month)* Potluck dinner, kids corner and fun games. All welcome. Contact: 0411 169 723



Sunday

10am	**Church Gathering** Gather, sing, pray, reflect. Children, LGBTIQ+ . All welcome! Contact: minister@murrumbeenauniting.org.au
3pm	**Melbourne Canaan Gospel Church -** Mandarin-speaking congregation. Contact: Pastor Jimmy jimtian7@gmail.com



Group & Activity News



The Big Screen - Movie Thursday 26 Nov., 2026

'Fackham Hall'

Doors open **1.30pm** for coffee & chat; movie starts **2pm**

- Free event
- 97 minutes.
- Rated M for crude humour, comedic violence, coarse language, sex references.

Nuts and nuptials nonsense

A new porter forms an odd bond with the youngest daughter of a posh UK family. Meanwhile, the family deals with the disastrous wedding of a daughter to a cad.

Join our contact list at:
gredwards49@gmail.com

Friendship Fellas/Mens Group

Saturday 14 November **Breakfast 8am** at The Servery, 5 Royal Ave, Glenhuntly.

A welcoming group. Feel free to contact the office for more information or just come along.



LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together)



Saturday 28 November
Breakfast 9am at Cafe Omnia, 486 Neerim Rd, Murrumbeena.

Meet with the friendly ladies for coffee and a bit of a chat. Contact the Office for more info.



Community Meal

Saturday 28 November

5.30pm Kids corner, meal from 6pm



Food, fun, games. What more could you want! It's always great welcoming new people to our dinners, so come along and meet some new friends.

Bring some food to share.



Online 'Leviathan' Bible Study

Mondays 5pm - 6pm

Join Rev Andreana, Dave and others every Monday night for an online Bible study. We look at the set readings for the week, and wrestle with what they might mean in our lives.

Let Rev Andreana know if you're interested and she'll set you up - minister@murrumbeenauniting.org.au

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Community Garden

Garden Working Bee Saturday 21 November, 10am - 1pm

A committed number of garden volunteers put in hours each week in the maintenance of the Community Garden but there is always more to do. If anyone would like to help out, come along to our working bee. Communal areas will be mulched and new fruit trees planted.



We will have our regular BBQ to end our hard work. For catering purposes, please RSVP by **Thursday 19 November** to: murrumbeenagarden@gmail.com

Table Talks

The last few months we have mentioned how we are embarking on some community organising in Murrumbeena. We are following the community organising cycle of **listening -> discernment -> action -> evaluation**.







We began with some listening, and through a series of one-to-one and group conversations (including the Table Talk on 17 Oct), we have managed to talk with 60-70 people! Well done everyone who was involved in this.







From our listening, a number of key themes emerged which we are continuing to unpack and discern. Stay tuned...

Farewell Connect Local



Sandra and Nell from The Meeting Place, attended the farewell gathering for Connect Local.
Rajna, Kerry, Ann, Lynn, Liz, Sarah and Taryn, thank you for the important work you did and for introducing so many wonderful people to The Meeting Place. As one person expressed, you have changed many lives, thank you!

Join us at The Meeting Place

Gathering on Wurundjeri Land

CALL OUT

for **Starry Night volunteers!**

Murrumbeena Starry Night doesn't just happen. It takes many hands to bring this local event to life each year. If you'd like to help in some way contact Andreana or Nell at The Meeting Place.

Christmas Hampers items!



We're collecting Christmas treats — not just the everyday essentials, but those special items that people might not normally be able to enjoy. Non perishable items can be left in the baskets. Can't make it to the shops? Monetary donations can be placed in an envelope marked "Christmas Hampers" and given to Sue or Nell in the office.

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