

Uniting Church in Australia



DANDENONG CITY PARISH

welcomes you



celebrating

140 YEARS OF MINISTRY

1856 - 1996

17th March 1996

METHODIST CHURCH

1854 - 1977

Although Worship Services were commenced on the 17th March 1856 in the original church, a small wooden structure later replaced by a brick building, services were held prior to that time in a blacksmith's shop and later in a tent on the present site dating back to 1854.

As the congregation grew in strength so did the range of buildings on the property to accommodate the various activities associated with parish life.

A large church was built in 1887 and is still used today for the activities centred around the congregations.



UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

INAUGURATION JUNE 1977

In 1977 the former Presbyterian and Methodist Churches voted to become part of the Uniting Church and so began a new era in ministry in Dandenong.

The years have been witness to many changes in the nature of the Church. When the two congregations joined as one worshipping community its activities began to centre around the present site.

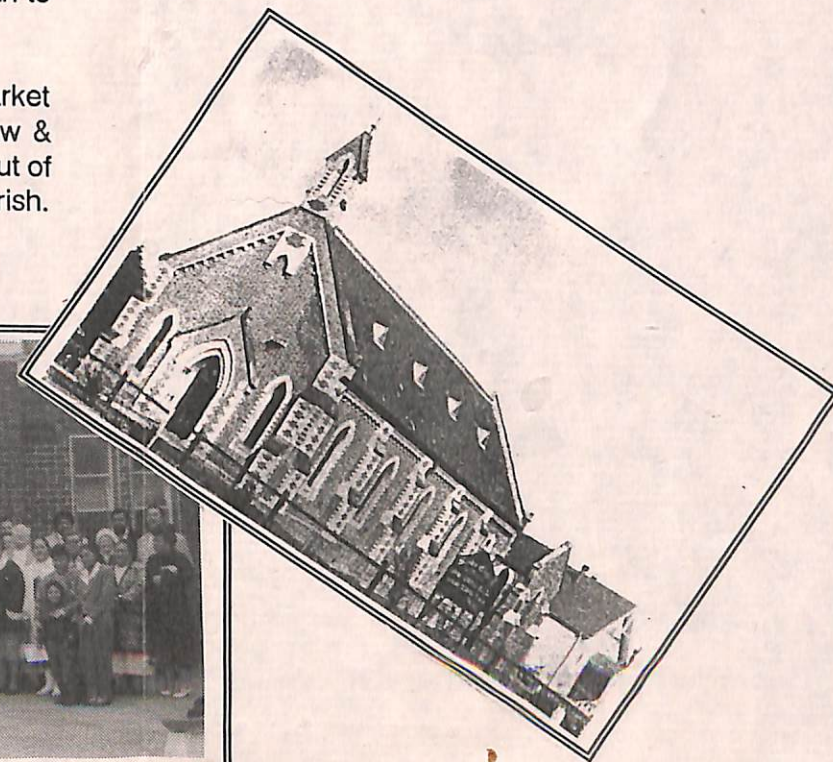
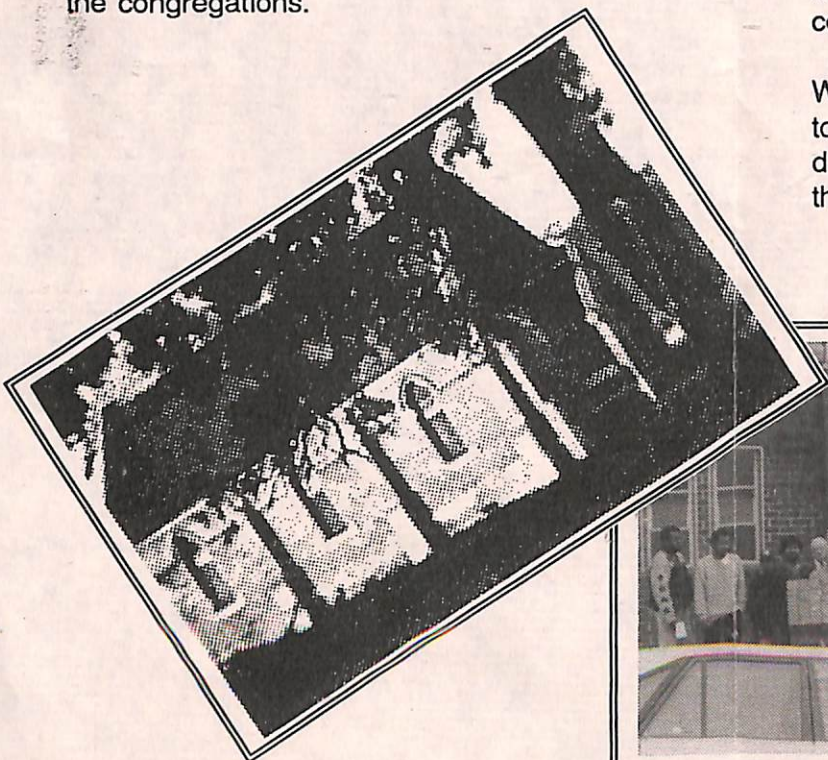
With the growth of Dandenong from a market town to a thriving, bustling city many new & different challenges faced the Church - out of this has grown a vibrant multi cultural parish.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1854 -1977

It is believed that services of worship commenced in the Dandenong area in 1854, led by the Rev. Alex. Duff who resided in Cranbourne, however little is known of this early period.

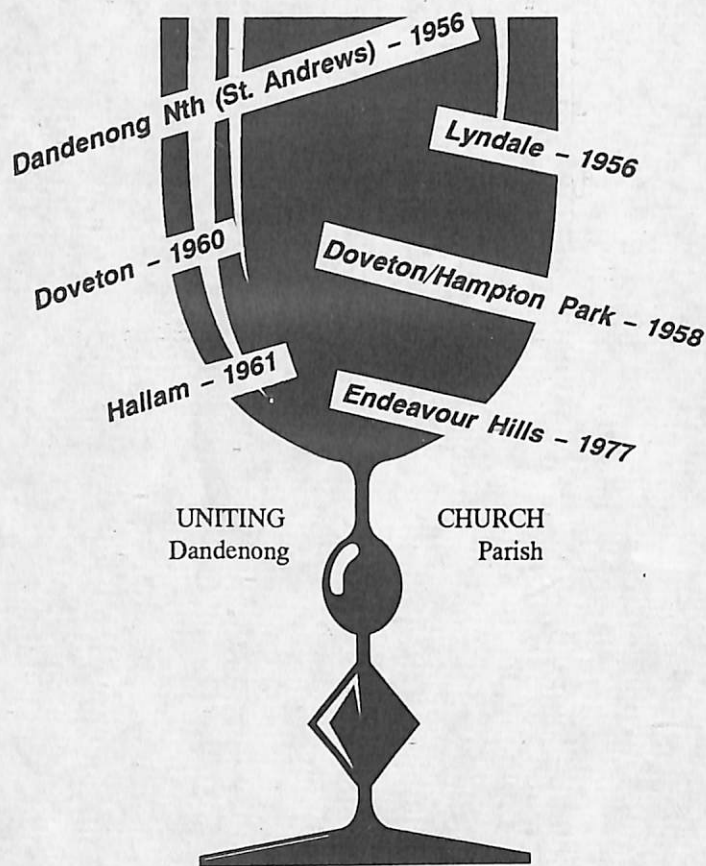
A brick church was erected and opened in March 1887 and continued to be the centre of Christian life and witness until its closure in 1977 and subsequent demolition when the Scots congregation joined its brothers and sisters to worship on the Scott Street site (former Methodist Church).



OUR FAITH JOURNEY SO FAR

Presbyterian
Dandenong

Methodist
Dandenong



DANDENONG CITY U.C.A. PARISH

Trinity & Lewa Tolu Vakalou Congregations
and
Associated - Samoan and Tongan Fellowships

VISION FOR THE FUTURE

1996 and Beyond

As we approach the 21st Century, God challenges us to present the Gospel in meaningful ways to people of many cultures.

Christ offers to every person acceptance, forgiveness, reconciliation, hope and purpose. He calls us to demonstrate these qualities by the power of the Holy Spirit both personally and in our community life.

We invite all who share this belief to help us carry on the Christian witness of 140 years.

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I/we wish to assist with the Refurbishment Appeal by donating the following:

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Buy a Brick/s - \$10.00 each

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Donation

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Collectables/antique furniture/bric-a-brac

Name:.....

Address:.....

(Cheque/details enclosed)

If requested, arrangements can be made for saleable items (collectables etc.) to be picked up.

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DANDENONG CITY PARISH

ORDER OF SERVICE

SUNDAY 17TH MARCH 1996



140TH ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST CHURCH BUILT ON THIS SITE

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10.A.M. PROCESSIONAL - SA 35 (Young People lead)
Tracy Barton - Bible, Tom Hurle - candle.

Father, we adore You; Lay our lives before You. How we love You!
Jesus, we adore You; Lay our lives before You, How we love You!
Spirit, we adore You; Lay our lives before You. How we love You!

WELCOME: Joan Sharp

INTROIT: Fijian congregation

SCRIPTURE SENTENCE:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 1:7b). Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain (Psalm 127:1a).

PRAYER:

God of the ages, in whose name we celebrate the faithful witness of all your people; past and present, may your blessing be upon us who gather to worship you. Thank you for your Spirit, guide to the past, enabler of the present, and witness to the acts of grace in Jesus Christ. May this our praise be a response worthy of your abiding love. Through Christ we pray.
AMEN

HYMN AHB. 387, verses 1,2 & 4:

**We come unto our Father's God;
their Rock is our salvation;**

the eternal arms, their dear abode,
we make our habitation;
we bring thee, Lord, the praise they brought,
we seek thee as thy saints have sought
in every generation.

The fire divine their steps that led
still goeth bright before us;
the heavenly shield around them spread
continues still to guard us;
the grace those sinners that subdued,
the strength those weaklings that renewed,
doth vanquish, doth restore us.

Ye saints to come, take up the strain,
the same sweet theme endeavour:
unbroken be the golden chain,
keep on the song for ever;
safe in the same dear dwelling place,
rich with the same eternal grace,
bless the same boundless giver.

PRAYERS:

Confession -

Leader: "The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in Him, we dare with confidence to approach God."

Let us ask God to forgive us.

ALMIGHTY GOD: IN JESUS CHRIST YOU, CALLED US TO BE A SERVANT PEOPLE, BUT WE DO NOT DO WHAT YOU COMMAND. WE ARE OFTEN SILENT WHEN WE SHOULD SPEAK, A HINDRANCE WHEN WE COULD BE USEFUL. WE TEND TO BE LAZY SERVANTS, TIMID AND YOUR SPIRIT IS NOT IN US SO THAT OUR NEIGHBOURS ARE TURNED AWAY FROM YOUR LOVE. HAVE MERCY UPON

US WE PRAY, PLEASE FORGIVE US AND SET US FREE FROM SIN. THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN

Statement of forgiveness -

Leader: This statement is completely reliable and should be accepted everywhere: "Christ Jesus entered the world to save sinners." In Him therefore your sins are forgiven.

CHILDREN:

HYMN AHB. 551, verses 1,2 & 3

I sing a song of the saints of God,
patient and brave and true,
who toiled and fought and lived and died
for the Lord they loved and knew;
and one was a doctor, and one was a Queen,
and one was a shepherdess on the green:
they were all of them saints of God:
and I mean, God helping, to be one too.

They loved their Lord so good and dear,
and his love made them strong;
and they followed the right, for Jesus' sake,
the whole of their good lives long:
and one was a soldier, and one was a priest,
and one was slain by a fierce wild beast:
and there's not any reason, no, not the least,
why I shouldn't be one too.

They lived not only in ages past,
there are hundreds of thousands still,
the world is bright with the joyous saints
who love to do Jesus' will;
you can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,

in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea:
for the saints of God began just like me,
and I mean to be one too.

READINGS:

Reader: Your word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet:
A LIGHT TO OUR PATH.
1 Samuel: 16: 1-13 (Muriel Gliddon)

Psalm 23
The Lord is my shepherd
I SHALL NOT BE IN WANT.

He makes me lie down in green pastures
AND LEADS ME BESIDE STILL WATERS.

He revives my soul
*AND GUIDES ME ALONG RIGHT PATHWAYS FOR HIS
NAME'S SAKE*

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil:
*FOR YOU ARE WITH ME: YOUR ROD AND YOUR STAFF,
THEY COMFORT ME.*

You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who trouble me;
*YOU HAVE ANOINTED MY HEAD WITH OIL;
AND MY CUP IS RUNNING OVER.*

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
*AND I WILL DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD FOR
EVER.*

Ephesians 5: 8-14 (Emily Capsis)

John 9: 1-41 (Rev. Eric Derbyshire)

Reader: Lord, may your word live in us:
AND BEAR MUCH FRUIT TO YOUR GLORY.

ANTHEM:

SERMON:

PRAYER:

HYMN: *We Cannot Measure How You Heal*
(Words & Arrangement - The Iona Community)

*We cannot measure how you heal
Or answer every sufferer's prayer,
Yet we believe your grace responds
Where faith and doubt unite to care.
Your hands, though bloodied on the cross,
Survive to hold and heal and warn,
To carry all through death to life
And cradle children yet unborn.*

*The pain that will not go away,
The guilt that clings from things long past,
The fear of what the future holds,
Are present as if meant to last.
But present too is love which tends
The hurt we never hoped to find,
The private agonies inside,
The memories that haunt the mind.*

So some have come who need your help

and some have come to make amends,
As hands which shaped and saved the world
Are present in the touch of friends.
Lord, let your Spirit meet us here
To mend the body, mind and soul,
To disentangle peace from pain
And make your broken people whole.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

OFFERING: (Samoan Congregation sings)

REDEDICATION OF SCOT'S WINDOWS AND DEDICATION OF THARLE MEMORIAL:

Tharle Family:

We present this memorial to be dedicated to the Glory of God and in memory of Ella and Bradley Tharle.

Former Scot's congregation Members:

We present these windows, part of the heritage we bring to this place of worship; to the Glory of God we offer them and in memory of all who went before us in this city.

The Lord be with you
AND ALSO WITH YOU

Lift up your hearts
WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

Prayer of Dedication

God of goodness: from your love we have received grace upon grace and gifts beyond measure. The generosity of your love has prompted the giving of these gifts. Thank you for those memorial gifts which we now receive in

your name. May they inspire us to spread the word of your deeds of forgiving love. Bless those who have given them. May those in whose memory they are given be remembered with true affection and love. To the honour of your name. AMEN.

PRAYERS:

for the Local Church (Asora Onesemo)
Ecumenical Church (Gil Matthews)
Local Community (Molly Metinde)
The world and world leadership & peace (Jim Smith)
Thanksgiving for the past (Mary Hawkes)

"We thank you God, for brave and believing women and men who brought your message to Dandenong. Let us not forget them. By their energies this place of worship was built, given order, and continued. Remembering all those Christians who have gone before us, may we follow; as they followed, in the way, truth, and life of Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit is worshipped in the Church both now and always. AMEN.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.
AMEN

HYMN AHB. 364: Verses 1,2,3, & 5

Christ, from who all blessing flow,
perfecting the saints below,
hear us, who thy nature share,
who thy mystic body are.

Join us, in one spirit join,
let us still receive of thine;
still for more on thee we call,
thou who fillest all in all.

Move, and actuate, and guide:
various gifts to each divide,
place according to they will,
let us all our work fulfil;

Love, like death, has all destroyed,
rendered all distinctions void;
names, and sects, and parties fall;
thou, O Christ, art all in all.

BENEDICTION:

SUNDAY 17TH - LENT 4 (ST. PATRICK'S & ST. NINIAN'S)
Dandenong City Parish - 140th Anniversary of 1st building.

9.40 a.m. Pre Singing (Murray Guille to lead)

AHB 68, verses 1,4,& 5

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
praise the everlasting King!

Frail as summer's flower we flourish,
blows the wind and it is gone;
but while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on.
Praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
praise the high eternal one!

Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space:
praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
praise with us the God of grace.!

AHB 266, verses 1,4 & 5

There is a green hill far away,
outside a city wall,
where the dear Lord was crucified,
who died to save us all.

There was no other good enough
to pay the price of sin,

he only could unlock the gate
of heaven, and let us in.

O dearly, dearly has he loved,
and we must love him too,
and trust in his redeeming blood,
and try his works to do.

SA 14, verses 1,2 & 3

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

AHB 148, verses 1 & 2

Love divine, all loves exceeding,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,

let us all they life receive;
suddenly return and never,
never more thy temples leave:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

AHB 310, verses 1 & 4

Come down, O love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear
and kindle it, the holy flame bestowing.

And so the yearning strong
with which the soul will long
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace
till they become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

AHB 519, verses 1,2, & 5

Dear Lord and Father of us all,
forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind:
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through thee earthquake, wind and fire,
O still small voice of calm.

SA 75, all verses

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia Al-le-lu-ia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you,
seek and you shall find,
knock and it shall be opened unto you.
Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia Al-le-lu-ia.

AHB 141, verses 1,2 & 6

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great redeemer's praise,
the glories of our God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

Jesus! The name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of your name.

AHB 139, verses 1 & 4

Jesu, lover of my soul,
let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll,
while the tempest still is high;
hide me, O my Saviour, hide,
till the storm of life be past;
safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last.

Plenteous grace with thee is found,
grace to cover all my sin;
let the healing steams abound,
make and keep me pure within:
thou of life the fountain art,
freely let me take of thee,
spring thou up within my heart,
rise to all eternity.

AHB 408, all verses

Lord, in the strength of grace,
with a glad heart and true,
myself, my residue of days,
I consecrate to you.

Your ransomed servant, I
restore to you your own;
and for this moment, live or die
to serve my God alone.

NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 17TH MARCH 1996

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 10.30 a.m. BIBLE FELLOWSHIP in the Fellowship Room.

Leader: Rev. Lindsay Faulkner. All welcome.

" 1.30 p.m. INDOOR BOWLS in Hateley Hall.

" 7.30 p.m. COUNCIL OF ELDERS (Parish House)

Wednesday 8.00 p.m. DANDENONG HISTORICAL SOCIETY (Centenary Hall.)

Saturday 3.30 p.m. FAULKNER/LOWETH WEDDING

At St Andrew's Uniting Church, Sunbury. Jennie Faulkner to marry Stewart Loweth. Best wishes from our Parish.

ADVANCE NOTICES

Sunday 24th March 8.30 a.m. REFURBISHMENT COMMITTEE

To meet in the church.

" " " 2.30 p.m. DOVETON/HALLAM FINAL SERVICE

After 35 years of ministry, this congregation is disbanding. All welcome to the final celebration.

Wednesday 6.00 p.m. BUILDING COMMITTEE (Parish House)

Sunday 31st Mar. A DAY WITH KEN ROBERTS

* Ken will conduct the 10 a.m. service, and take part in the Fijian and Samoan services.

* 7 p.m. - SUNDAY AT SEVEN - Ken will conduct a discussion on the theme: "The Church's Hip Pocket Nerve."

DAY CARE EVENTS COMING UP

* Chocolate Drive. * Sausage Sizzles daily next week.
Contact Margaret or Val for details. tel.9791 3662.

PERSONAL

The funeral of Mrs Joyce Barker, of Trewint, will be held at St Columba's UC Noble Park, at noon on Tuesday next.