

## PARTNERSHIP IN PRINT



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#### WHAT ARE WE DOING HERE?

What springs to mind when we say the word 'Church'?

Our long term and dear friends in the family of God? Times of worship? Special moments of experiencing God's presence? Perhaps rosters, organizing, meetings? Hoping? Worrying? Celebrating? Fearing?

All these can be images of Church and our belonging there.

Here's another from the book 'The Church as Salt' (Sally Douglas, 2021). This is a story told by Natalie Dixon-Monou about her time as Chaplain in Youth Justice.

This young boy wasn't eating or speaking to anyone, just curled up on a bed. When Natalie entered the room he had shut down. It was like he was already in a tomb, but there was a small fragile piece left there. She didn't try to get him to talk. She found herself cradling his head, stroking his hair, rubbing his back and singing a lullaby like a mother with her child. All the time, she prayed.

Eventually he began to weep and weep, for hours, and Natalie wept. A lifetime of crying out immense pain, loneliness and despair. About this experience Natalie said 'It was like seeing someone being resuscitated. I could feel his body slowly warming.'

A young life. Someone's child. God's child. An experience of utter compassion, healing. An image of the Church.

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**Gloria Cross** was created and dressed one evening at the Kyneton Fish & Chips Worship... here she is standing outside the Kyneton UC for the Daffodil Festival early in September.

The story of the holding cross:

The left-hand cross picture on the front of last month's PiP is a Holding Cross.

It is not crooked or out of shape but intentionally made that way.

The Holding Cross is designed to fit into a person's hand. It is smooth and gentle to the touch especially when made of the traditional olive wood.

It is a popular tourist souvenir with travellers to Jerusalem. It can be used as an aid to prayer or meditation.

Sometimes known as a Comfort Cross, it is given to people in illness, facing surgery, long stays in hospital, in grief or in any situation where holding the cross in the hand may be comforting.



#### **LECTIONARY** Readings Year C

#### After Pentecost

A period of time that varies in length depending on whether Easter is early or late. In this period, the Church recalls its faith in the Holy Trinity. It seeks to relate its faith as a people of God to Christ's mission in the world. It commences with Trinity Sunday and concludes with the feast of Christ the King.

Date	Day/Season	Colour	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
2 Oct	Pentecost 17 (27)	G	Lamentations 1:1-	Lam 3:19-26 or Psalm 137	2 Timothy 1:1-14	Luke 17:5-10
9 Oct	Pentecost 18 (28)	G	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7	66:1-12	2 Timothy 2:8-15	Luke 17:11-19
16 Oct	Pentecost 19 (29)	G	Jeremiah 31:27-34	119:97-104	2 Timothy 3:14 to 4:5	Luke 18:1-8
23 Oct	Pentecost 20 (30)	G	Joel 2:23-32	65	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	Luke 18:9-14
30 Oct	Pentecost 21 (31)	G	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4	119:137-144	2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12	Luke 19:1-10
1 Nov	All Saints Day	W	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18	149	Ephesians 1:11-23	Luke 6:20-31
6 Nov	Pentecost 22 (32)	G	Haggai 1:15b to 2:9	145:1-5, 17-21 or 98	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17	Luke 20:27-38

Colours: P - Purple W - White G - Green R - Red B - Black

#### Macedon Ranges Partnership

### Ministry team worship October 2022

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tylden	HC	Rose (mission & futures discussion)
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Kyneton Fish & Chips	HC	Annette
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Gisborne	HC	Annette
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Kyneton	HC	Rose
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Romsey	HC	Meg
Sunday 23rd	Sutton Crango	$\Box$	Annotto (Rantism)

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Sutton Grange HC Annette (Baptism)

Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup> **Partnership Service at Tylden** 

#### Worship across the partnership:

**Weekly** Usual Sunday service times:

- Tylden is at 9.30am
- Gisborne is at 9:30am
- Romsey is at 9.30am
- Kyneton is at 9.30am on 1st & 3rd Sundays
- Northern Churches at 10am, preceded by morning tea at 9.30am



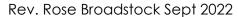
(from page 1) For what is the Church? Nothing else but people who together follow the Jesus who wept, who healed out of a deep compassion for the sick, the left out, the lonely, the abandoned, and raged against those who pushed them there.

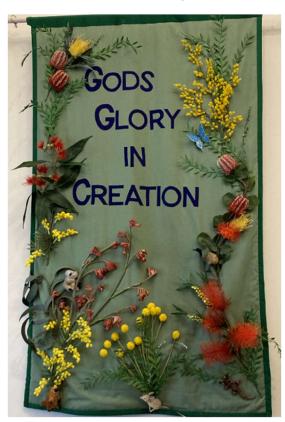
And to do likewise is our call. Something we can't do alone, only together, hence, the Church. And if we don't somehow hear that call in every gospel story, it is shouted to us by those rude and annoying prophets!

When we look at Church life, where mission can sometimes be seen as an added extra, we sometimes wonder, have we lost our way? If the Church becomes about us sharing life, with mission as a part rather than the centre, it would be like a community service thinking that their life was about their staff sharing life together and helping the community when they have time. A supermarket team loving spending time together, and if groceries get sold that's a plus. In that case it would be fair to say that they had their priorities round the wrong way. How it actually is though, is that their core purpose comes first, and all the infrastructure is there to support it.

Surely being Church is the same. The mission of God, lived out in every story of Jesus, is our call, our mission, our core purpose. We share our life together in order to help each other follow this Jesus who is not waiting for us in our church buildings, but still out in the world powerfully and compassionately at work until the Kingdom, God's vision is fulfilled, and every last tear has been wiped away.

And who says to us 'Will you come and follow me if I but call your name.'





A banner at Gisborne UC on Seasons of Creation Sunday. The vase of flowers at the door is on page 2

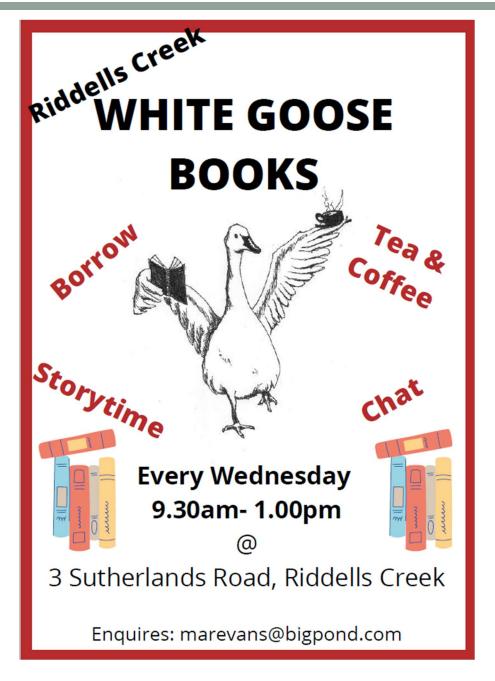


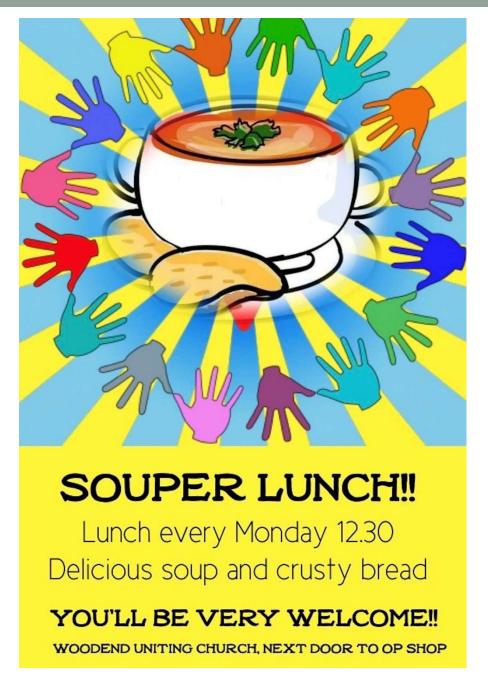
Friends come to White Goose Books by all sorts of transport: walking, bikes and cars big and small.

But our friend Jean came on her scooter when her usual car ride was unavailable.

Maybe you could come on a motor bike or a horse?

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9.30am Partnership Service at Tylden	11am Faith Community 12.30 Souper Lunch 5.30pm Romsey Meditation		Octok Dadstock; AB- Past. Ann			
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9.30am Tylden RB  Sutton Grange cemetery 150th AB	11am Faith Community 12.30 Souper Lunch 5.30pm Romsey Meditation		9.30-1.30 White Goose open Riddells Creek  Woodend Op Shop committee		10am Prayers at Gisborne 6.30pm Fish & Chips HC Worship at Kyneton AB	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
9.30am Gisborne AB	11am Faith Community 12.30 Souper Lunch 5.30pm Romsey Meditation	10am Muffin 'n' More Gisborne	9.30-1.30 White Goose open Riddells Creek		10am Prayers at Gisborne	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
9.30am Romsey ME 10am Sutton Grange AB - baptism	11am Faith Community 12.30 Souper Lunch 3pm RM Begg Worship 5.30pm Romsey Meditation		9.30-1.30 White Goose open Riddells Creek 10am Ministers Munch Redesdale		10am Prayers at Gisborne	





# COCO MEETING HELD ON 6TH AUGUST AT WOODEND

The planning issues identified from the Partnership Retreat from earlier in the year are progressively being completed. The 4 issues identified were:

<u>Community</u> - Various things are happening around the Partnership with the Riddells Creek Permaculture group meeting at the Riddells Creek church; Souper Lunches at Woodend church on Mondays, and conversations with other congregations and communities being planned.

<u>Sustainability</u> - Kyneton are interested in exploring options for their property, and further conversations are to happen with other congregations. The Executive are discussing the best type of half-time position to assist Annette next year.

<u>Communications</u> - an NBN connection has been completed at Tylden, and tech combined worship services with Gisborne have been trialled a few times with glitches gradually being solved. All necessary equipment has been purchased and is being progressively installed around the Partnership.

congregation to revise.

- websites are in need of being updated and printed web pages were distributed to each

<u>Worship</u> - the plan is to have a meeting of lay leaders and retired ministers around the Partnership to identify and share particular areas of interest and skills.

The Woodend project progresses with the next form being submitted to Synod to approve quotes for the roof repairs of the Hall, and drainage for the Woodend property.



An enlightening meeting was held with the Permaculture Group at Riddells Creek as we talked about how they can contribute with us to the development of the grounds surrounding the Church. Core values and reasons to be working together were explored and some very exciting ideas emerged from this meeting.

We were reminded that a Covid safe plan is to be completed for all venues.

Discussions were held about the discontinuation of UCA Minister-led services at Barfold, and also about the placing of a memorial Plaque in the Mia Mia area to recognise the massacres that took place there.

The issue of Insurance for small groups or individuals who wish to hire or use our properties will be followed through with Synod.

The next meeting will be at Kyneton Uniting Church on 1st October

Spring has sprung at Leibich's – thanks for the photos, Meg!

Have you read the latest Presbytery news? If you can't find it in your email, ask one of the ministry team to add you to the list. If you don't have email and would like to see it, do request a hard copy from one of the ministry team or your local congregation leadership.





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## Long Live the Church!

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Multi-faith services are being held across Australia and the Pacific on 13th October in support of the open letter to the Prime Minister. Our local closest services will be held in Melbourne at St Paul's Cathedral at 5pm and at 8am in Geelong at Christ Church Anglican. For more information see the latest edition of The Westerly or go direct to the ARRCC at their website:

https://www.arrcc.org.au/me lbourne f4cj multi faith service



This multi-faith service supports the launch of an open letter, signed by senior faith leaders, that calls on the PM to end new coal and gas projects.

We invite people of all faiths or none to join us in solidarity with Pacific and First Nations peoples in their struggle for climate justice.









Presbytery of Port Phillip West has a website full of resources and information: https://ucappw.org.au/

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The next issue of **Partnership in Print** is coming out in November. If your church has things on in November, and the information hasn't been in PiP – please send it to me! Get your photo, thing of interest, article, story, or meeting information to me by **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2022** for the next issue. Please write to me at zumstein@mmnet.com.au or you can pop something in the post or my letterbox, or call or text – I'm happy to take notes over the phone too.

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