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“WHEN I LOOKED AT THE GARDEN,

I saw the things that needed to be done, others looked at the garden and saw all of the things that had been done.”

This is a sentence from an article by Mat Harry, our Synod New and Renewing Church Minister. In his article, he was writing about a community garden that his congregation developed with the local community. When he showed people around, all he saw were the weeds – all that hadn't been done, but all the visitors saw was the big picture – all that had been achieved, and they were inspired.

I suspect we all know this feeling. We see the weeds rather than the garden, the cobwebs rather than a generally cleanish house, the crumbs on the car floor rather than a vehicle kept in good condition. And it can go much deeper – we can feel that we are less than we could be as a parent, a partner, a disciple.

Self-criticism. We must learn it at an early age, as it's not unusual to hear children express a belief that mum or dad wouldn't have left the family (or died) if they'd been a better child. So sad.

Is self-criticism healthy? Yes, it can be, because being willing to see and change something specific about ourselves is important if we are to grow. But it's unhealthy when it becomes a general mindset – a critical lens through which we see all that we are and do.

I think this is one of the things that has been striking as I've spent the year with you here – how little awareness there is of the massive achievements of the Partnership, and of which you should all feel very proud, as they have resulted from all your efforts, God being your helper.

I remember being quite involved seven or so years ago with you, when the Partnership was forming. There were a number of very separate congregations with little knowledge of each other. Some who had been without ministry for a number of years. Some who felt they always got left out of surrounding congregational clusters.

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Muffins for all! Or at least a few comforts in this time of flood distress.

On Tuesday November 15th between 10-12 noon we will gather at Gisborne Uniting Church to pack comfort parcels for those in deep need.

A number of our members have been and are involved in support work to our north and have been able to give us good advice. Many of you will already have made contributions to the organisations who do the major work of providing food/clothing/accommodation – this one is intended to provide a few comforts.

You might like to fill your own parcel, indicating the sort of person for whom it is intended e.g., small child, adolescent etc. Or you might prefer to bring along a number of items to be packed on the day.

For more information contact Janet (0407 888 725) or Maree (0423 051 318)



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
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
13 Nov	Pentecost 23 (33)	G	Isaiah 65:17-25	Isaiah 12	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Luke 21:5-19
20 Nov	Christ the King	W	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Luke 1:68-79	Colossians 1:11-20	Luke 23:33-43

LECTIONARY Readings Year A

Advent

A season of preparation, beginning on the fourth Sunday before Christmas, in which the church recalls its hope and expectation in the coming of Christ past, present and future.

27 Nov	Advent 1	P	Isaiah 2:1-5	122	Romans 13:11-14	Matthew 24:36-44
4 Dec	Advent 2	P	Isaiah 11:1-10	72:1-7, 18-19	Romans 15:4-13	Matthew 3:1-12

Colours: P – Purple

W – White

G – Green

R – Red

B – Black

Macedon Ranges Partnership

Sunday 6 th	Tylden
Sunday 13 th	Gisborne
Sunday 20 th	Kyneton
Sunday 27 th	Romsey

Ministry team worship November 2022

HC	Annette (baptism)
HC	Rose
HC	Annette
HC	Annette

Worship across the partnership:

Usual Weekly 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

Garden Photo on page 1 by [Erda Estremera](#) on [Unsplash](#)

(from page 1) Now returning, I am stunned by the development that has occurred. Firstly the strong sense of belonging together in this cluster, not always comfortably, but people who have come to know many other people, worked and worshipped together, and no longer think of themselves as separate. A massive mindset change. Congregations small, yet managing their properties, organising their own life and most of their own worship. (I know suburban congregations who frantically seek Supply if their Minister will be away for a week!)

Most amazingly, I see people who are used to thinking about mission, who long to connect with and love their communities, and who generally assume mission is at the centre of what it means to be church. This would be very foreign thinking for many other congregations whose energies are devoted to maintaining themselves. I've been privileged to share in missional futures conversations with Kyneton, Tylden and the Northern congregations, so inspiring, seeing their willing and brave hearts. I see mission initiatives that have developed over the years from one end of the Partnership to the other.

I see others somehow even extending beyond their own congregations to support the work of Riddell's Creek and Woodend, some helping other congregations in property issues, in setting up IT, in sharing things like this magazine! People from every congregation willing to regularly give up most of a Saturday to attend the Coco.

I've seen congregations willing to change worship times in a very short time in order to adapt to a whole new approach to worship – something that would take literally years in some other places, and involve much bitter fighting and resignations.

Wow! How inspiring! And all praise to the Ministers past and present who have somehow spread themselves across this large region and inspired and supported all this wonderful work.

Do you see all this? Or do you only see the weeds?

May the Partnership become a place of celebration, where there is praise for each other, for each other's gifts, insights, work, and commitment to following Jesus. May it be a place where we remind each other that we each are part of the glorious creation, the great garden, wondrously made, profoundly loved.

Rev. Rose Broadstock October 2022

On Sunday the 2nd of October, a very special day in the history of Sutton Grange took place at the Sutton Grange Cemetery on a beautiful sunny day. A Church service was conducted by our Pastor Annette Buckley and the Rev Robyn Davis. Robyn Davis is an Anglican Priest from Balranald whose grandfather and great grandparents are buried in the cemetery. Robyn is and works with indigenous people and gave the acknowledgement of country. Their words of love, peace and respect were solemnly received by the ninety



people in attendance. It was also a time of reflection for the people in attendance in remembering those who are buried in the cemetery and reflecting on their lives.

A plaque was then unveiled by Ivan Collison to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Cemetery.

A book "Sutton Grange Cemetery" Celebrating 150 Years 1870-2020 written by Ken Jame, Noel Davis and Julie Hempenstall was launched.

Everyone then moved onto the local hall where "catching up" was enjoyed by those in attendance.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>2022</h1>		1	2	3	4	5
			9.30-1.30 White Goose open Riddells Creek		10am Prayers at Gisborne	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9.30am Tylden AB	12.30 Souper Lunch 2.30 Faith Community 5.30pm Romsey Meditation		9.30-1.30 White Goose open Riddells Creek		10am Prayers at Gisborne 6.30pm Fish & Chips Worship Kyneton	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9.30am Gisborne RB	12.30 Souper Lunch 2.30 Faith Community 5.30pm Romsey Meditation	10am Muffin 'n' More Gisborne	9.30-1.30 White Goose open Riddells Creek		10am Prayers at Gisborne	*PIP items due tomorrow please
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
9.30am Kyneton AB	12.30 Souper Lunch 2.30 Faith Community 5.30pm Romsey Meditation		9.30-1.30 White Goose open Riddells Creek 10am Ministers Munch Redesdale		10am Prayers at Gisborne 6.30pm Fish & Chips Worship Kyneton	
227	28	29	30	<h1>November</h1> <p>RB- Rev Rose Broadstock; AB- Past. Annette Buckley; ME- Rev Deac Meg Evans</p>		
9.30am Romsey AB 10am Sutton Grange (non-minister led)	12.30 Souper Lunch 2.30 Faith Community 3pm RM Begg Worship 5.30pm Romsey Meditation		9.30-1.30 White Goose open Riddells Creek			

Riddells Creek

WHITE GOOSE BOOKS

Borrow



Tea & Coffee

Storytime

Chat



Every Wednesday
9.30am- 1.00pm

@

3 Sutherlands Road, Riddells Creek



Enquires: marevans@bigpond.com



SOUPER LUNCH!!

Lunch every Monday 12.30
Delicious soup and crusty bread

YOU'LL BE VERY WELCOME!!

WOODEND UNITING CHURCH, NEXT DOOR TO OP SHOP

Please note the Faith Community that meet at Woodend on Mondays are changing to a 2.30pm gathering time for worship and discussion after lunch. You are welcome to join us!

'Buen Camino'

On Wednesday 7th September, I along with my sister, Deirdre and nephew, Nathan, shouldered daypacks and headed into the old town of Ponferrada, Spain. We were looking for a place to get the initial stamp in our 'credentials' (passports or record books) before we embarked on the first of 10 days walking the Camino Frances pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela.

Even though I had been looking forward to, and planning for this event for months I still felt surprise that I was actually in Spain (it had never been on my bucket list of places to visit) and embarking on a Catholic religious pilgrimage.



In late March 2022 my sister had contacted me and asked if I would like to walk the Camino with her and Nathan. Nathan had been asking her to do it with him for a number of years, even before Covid, but the timing never seemed right. Now was the time. Nathan and his wife, Esther, and their 2 little girls aged 7 and 2½, had been teaching overseas for more than 7 years and were going to be travelling for 5 months between finishing a posting in the northern hemisphere in July and returning to Melbourne for January 2023.

I said yes and we commenced planning. We decided that seeing as though we were going so far it would be good to see some other places as well. So London and Cornwall, England (to see where some of our family originated), and Fatima, Deirdre's choice were added. It was great seeing London and southern England, including the Romsey Abbey. We were very glad that we had left England just 5 days before Queen Elizabeth died as we may have seen nothing more than crowds.

What is 'a' or 'the' Camino? 'A Camino' is a path, road, journey, or way. 'The Camino de Santiago' is a route or combination of routes of medieval origin leading to the tomb of St James at the cathedral at Santiago de Compostela. The guide book I used shows 12 routes, several with variants. The official routes vary in length but pilgrims can start anywhere along a route or even start walking from beyond the designated beginnings.

As mentioned earlier, pilgrims carry a credential into which progress stamps are added. To receive a 'Compostela' a pilgrim is required to walk at least the last 100kms of any of the routes and collect 2 stamps a day. Distances greater than the last 100kms require only 1 stamp a day. They are the minimum; you can collect many more if you want.



Jay getting a stamp in her credential

We chose to start our walk in Ponferrada and walk the last 216kms of the Camino Frances, the 774km route that commences at Saint Jean-Pied de Port in France and finishes at Santiago de Compostela. We had 10 days to complete the distance.

The route – was varied from lovely gentle tree sheltered tracks to walking on the



shoulder of a busy road. Other times a cobbled track squeezed between stone buildings of an old farm settlement. At times I felt we were intruding as we passed the open doors of houses or milking or calf sheds. Some sections of the track were quite steep: up and down. I found going down was the hardest and most painful. At every junction we were on the lookout for the track markers showing direction and distance to go but at times we were guided by simple yellow

arrows painted on a wall or rock. Pictured to left with 59.559kms to go! To the right: nearly at the top of a long climb and narrow, steep pathways using walking poles – a great aid to reduce knee strain and aid in balance!



Accommodation – The most common accommodation is in 'albergues', or pilgrim hostels. The cost is minimal but then so is the service. We spent one night in an albergue in Portomarin. It cost us 8 Euros each. The 6 of us in one small room on 3 double bunks. At least we weren't in the big dormitory! We were given thin covers for the mattress and pillow

and were expected to provide a sleeping sheet. Showers did not have doors or curtains and the water ran for 5 secs each time you pushed the button. There were no light switches as all the dormitory lights were switched off at 10:15pm and turned on again at 6:45am. There was a fairly large kitchen with a small fridge and a stove but no utensils or even a kettle. You were expected to be out the door by 8am. It was all very difficult with the children. The next 2 nights were in cheap rooms above a tavern. Same bunks and mattress covers but we could be in control of the light switch, the bathroom was private and you got 7 secs of water each push. After then we returned to B&B accommodation. The B&B's varied but all were an adventure in themselves. We got used to hanging washing on a pulley clothesline outside an open window 2 or 3 stories up. We only dropped one sock when a peg broke. One of the B&B's was an old water mill. Quaint, but as we arrived after a day when we had been drenched, a stream flowing under the house didn't help with the drying of clothes.

Pilgrims – came from all over the world. Some our age, a few older, but most a lot younger. We walked with a young German lass, Nadine for a while on the first day and met up again on our last day after we arrived at Santiago de Compostela. On a day when Nathan had completed the day's goal early in the morning so he could watch Collingwood play, I was struggling quite a bit with my feet, a young American fellow, Joseph, walked with us for an hour or more and before we knew it we were nearly at the day's end. As you met or passed other pilgrims the greeting was 'Buen Camino', meaning have a good Camino or good walk. As language was a barrier to a lot of us, this greeting and a smile bound us together.



Shell – many pilgrims walked with a scallop shell tied to their pack. Some were plain but many had a red Cross of St James printed on it. My 7-year-old great niece called us 'the shell walkers'.

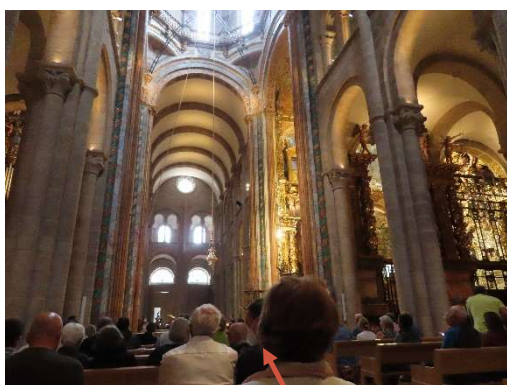
Last day - we had only 5kms to walk. We planned for the family to complete together. The 7-year-old walked and the 2-year-old was carried. As we began the descent into Santiago de Compostela, we briefly saw the spires of the cathedral then no further sight of our final destination until we entered the cathedral precincts. People thronged the golden square facing the western façade of the cathedral.



^ Throngs of people in Golden Square

< We made it!

Midday Pilgrim Mass - Even with seating for 1,200, by the time the mass started there were many people standing against the walls. We were so glad we had queued at 11am and managed to get seats. The service was conducted in Spanish except a couple of sentences in the prayers of the people when the English-speaking pilgrims were prayed for in English.



Botafumeiro - The highlight of the service was the swinging of the censers, thurible or incense burner. In most Catholic churches this is a small thurible swung by hand by the priest. At 1.5 metres high and weighing 80kg the thurible in this cathedral is the largest in the world and is called the 'Botafumeiro'. During the mass it hung from the central dome loaded with 40kg of charcoal and incense. It required 8 men to pull on the ropes of the pulley system to set it swinging. We were seated in just the right place as it swung high over our heads, almost reaching the roof, then across the cathedral at

over 80kms an hour. We were lucky to see it as it is not swung at all services.

Compostela – I was the 1065th person on Saturday 17th September to present my 'credential' and apply for a Compostela, the certificate, written in Latin, that declares you have walked at least 100kms on one of the Camino routes ending in Santiago de Compostela.



Words and pictures submitted by Jay Brooks

OCTOBER COCO MEETING

"We often judge our insides against other people's outsides."

Community

CRISP Community Refugee Integration & Settlement Project: Robyn Zumstein looking for people to help with assisting settlement of Refugees into our community (see page 10 for more information)

Riddells Creek – we are working with the local Permaculture Group, through the Neighbourhood House to assess how we might make best use of the outdoor space around the buildings. The first project is a small contemplative space in a little corner behind the kitchen

Woodend lunches –connecting with people through the Op Shop. These will have to go on hold while everything from the Op Shop is stored in the church building while the roof is being repaired.

Tylden – BBQs

Worship

Consideration of a 5-week rotation of ministers services (eg Tylden, Gisborne, Kyneton, Romsey, Northern), with communion on a fixed Sunday every month, utilising the web access for video hookup with each congregation. Still a fair bit of thinking to go through about how this will work.

Sustainability

Rose is having a lot of discussions with congregations on where they are going in the future.

CoCo thinking of applying for a Generalist Minister.

IT

Training on how to use the system is available from Paul Gilbertson – Gisborne.

Website information has been collated to update the website information for congregations. Investigation on the possibility of updating the website to make it more contemporary.

Services via internet hookup between churches is progressing.

It's hoped that some creative opportunities will arise as we experiment with worshipping this way together.

Pastoral Care

Pastoral care continues to be triaged within the Congregations for attention from the Ministry Team where needed.

Around the Congregations

Gisborne – Peter Barcham lecture - hoping to present in early 2023. Looking to have a Muslim speaker

Romsey – Looking forward to having NBN utilised. New noticeboard has been installed

Tylden – Baptism coming up, looking to restart BBQs at the community hall in the better weather

Northern Congregations – 150th anniversary of the Sutton Grange Cemetery on 2nd October, and a baptism on the 23rd; Ministers Munch (Community Worship Service) in Redesdale might be held in the Redesdale gallery next to the café. Metcalfe is looking to host 'CCC: Coffee, Cake and Chat' in the church in the coming months as a way to connect with local people. Continuing work on the First Nations memorial (see notes elsewhere in report)

Kyneton – Consideration of selling the current property and buying "fit for purpose" building.

Other Business

Woodend Project –Form 3H for access to funds for roof & drainage repairs accepted by Presbytery & Synod.

Mia Mia Memorial – There are conversations ongoing with the Mt Alexander Shire about the possible placement of the memorial of local violence against First Nations people. Contact has been made with Presbytery and Synod bodies as well as First Nations organisations to ensure that we are doing this appropriately.

Ministers Report

Rose finishing in mid-November 😊

Partnership Service on 30th October 10am @ Tylden

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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CRISP: Community Refugee Integration and Settlement Pilot – Community Refugee Sponsorship Australia.

This is the program we were informed about at Kyneton a few weeks ago (see website below for more information). I often struggle with the question “what can I actually do?”

Beyond financial support for MRRAR, this program is something that I can do.... but not alone, and other people in the community are already beginning the process. It requires a group of (at least) five adults to learn how and commit to supporting a family who are already designated refugees by the UN and are awaiting support/sponsorship. The program is a 12-month commitment for a group to a single family – initially with two weeks accommodation and income support and then help to get the family on their feet – connected to schools/Medicare/work opportunities/anything else that is required that they may need help with. It is well supported by an existing agency based on a program in Canada. I think it would be great if we could become part of this welcoming and support a refugee family into the community in which we live.

Please speak to Paul Gilbertson, Robyn Zumstein or one of the ministry team if this is something which you would like to assist with.

Website for more information – refugeesponsorship.org.au

Submitted by R Zumstein

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

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