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### LOVING OUR NEIGHBOUR ON THIS SIDE OF HISTORY

“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, ‘“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” — Mt 22:34-46

This week in Matt 22:34-46, Matthew’s Jesus reminds us of one of the simplest yet most confronting versions of the Gospel: ‘*You shall love the Lord you God with all your heart, and will all your soul, and with all your mind... and You shall love your neighbour as yourself.*’

In Matthew 22, group after religious group of experts in law and tradition come before Jesus to try and trick him into making a mistake that they could use against him. They try and trip him up and test his knowledge of the Torah, try and lead him astray. And time and time again, Jesus turns their questions back on them, silences them and challenges them to think, not just of the law but of the spirit of the law — the reason for which the law was created: to lead, to guide, and to liberate.

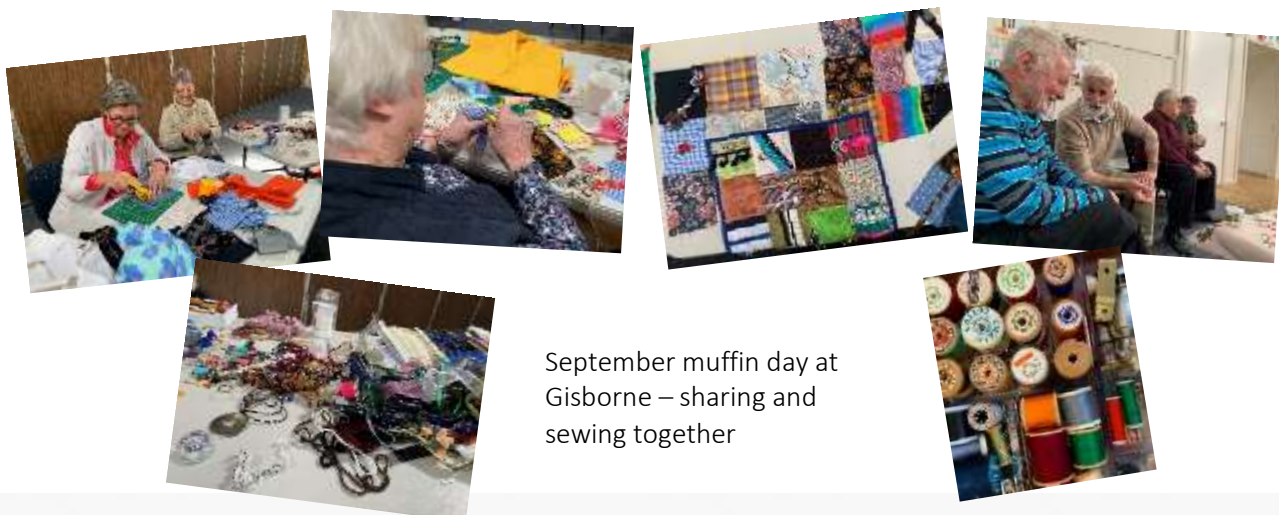
The last month in our world has been a challenging one, to say the least. As great walls have come down in Israel and Palestine and great casualties have been felt on both sides, here in Australia a great wall has been erected across our land — red dots on a blue page — showing us our division, showing us that we are far from colourblind, with a fallout that will be felt and remembered for generations.

We now are located in a world where Australia has rejected the request of the Statement from the Heart for constitutional recognition and for a First Nations Voice to Parliament to be enshrined in the Australian constitution. As we no longer live in a world unchanged by Covid 19, now too, our future will be viewed through this history: a voiceless people, once again, silenced. The confusion around the true nature of the referendum has been successful in not only ensuring its failure but also, in dividing us. We have missed the spirit of the law and been bound by the fear of its legalities and implications. When Jesus saw this same fear around legalities and implications of the law he answered with a question: ‘Was man made for sabbath or was sabbath made for man?’

The war in Palestine has raised a great beast here in Australia with echoes of antisemitism, hatred and abuse being spread in the streets and on social media to the point that voices from Melbourne Jewish communities have feared for their children’s safety, some children being sent to school in plain clothes instead of a uniform that might draw unwanted attention. What have we become?

We have been divided.

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September muffin day at Gisborne – sharing and sewing together

## LECTIONARY Readings Year A

### 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	Col.	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
1 Nov	All Saints Day	W	Revelation 7:9-17	34:1-10, 22	1 John 3:1-3	Matthew 5:1-12
5 Nov	Pentecost 23 (31)	G	Joshua 3:7-17	107:1-7, 33-37	1 Thessalonians 2:9-13	Matthew 23:1-12
12 Nov	Pentecost 24 (32)	G	Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25	78:1-7	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Matthew 25:1-13
19 Nov	Pentecost 25 (33)	G	Judges 4:1-7	123	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Matthew 25:14-30
26 Nov	Christ the King	W	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24	100	Ephesians 1:15-23	Matthew 25:31-46

### Advent (Readings Year B)

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.

3 Dec	Advent 1	P	Isaiah 64:1-9	80:1-7, 17-19	1 Corinthians 1:3-9	Mark 13:24-37
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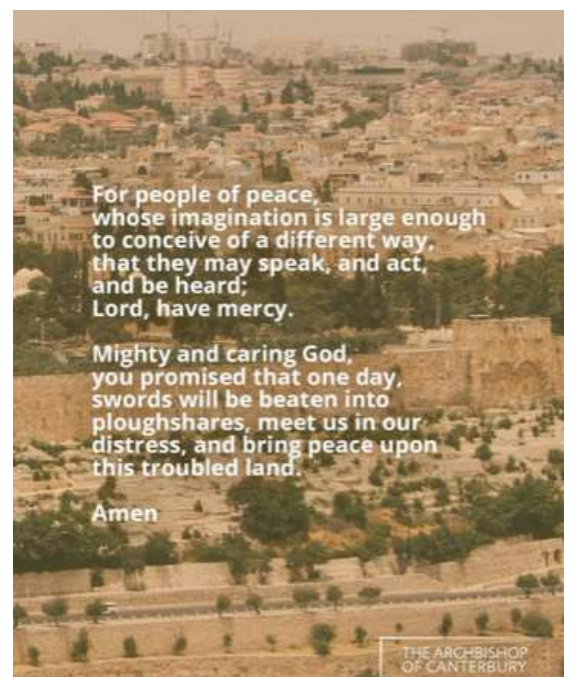
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### All Saints Day – 1<sup>st</sup> November

As we remember those that have represented and held the faith across time this **All Saints Day**, let us be guided and consoled by these meditations from our great Rabbi, as Matthew's community has passed on to us:

Matthew 5:1-12 (NRSV)

- 1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.
- 2 Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
- 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- 5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- 6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- 7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
- 8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- 9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- 10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
- 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.



From a prayer for the people of the Holy Land via Facebook

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(from page 1) As a world, as nations that have been formed by Abrahamic values, and as a community, we have failed to love our neighbour as ourselves.

Though many who voted against the referendum sought a better outcome for First Nations people, the shame and anger and fear generated by uncertainty have caused a great rift in our country. Despite the violence that sought freedom from the walled in strip of Gaza, only more fear and hatred has been reaped and sown: deepening a bottomless chasm. These characteristics (fear, anger and shame) are not part of the Godly society that Jesus proclaimed. Violence begets violence. Franklin D. Roosevelt's words are all too potent for our time — that we have “Nothing to Fear but Fear Itself.”

A recent ‘letter to the editor’ in the Midland Express railed against the churches of Woodend for openly supporting the Voice to Parliament, insisting that ‘Christianity and politics don’t mix’. But here we must remember that Jesus wasn’t the European Jesus we see in many renaissance portrayals, Jesus was Jewish. I assure you that by being a Jew under a Roman dictatorship, everything was political. To stand up to Jewish leaders misinterpreting the Torah was political. To speak to women, to touch them and to heal them, was political; to associate with those deemed unclean was political; to make a stand for the rejected and oppressed was political; and to proclaim a reign more important than Cesar’s, to start a movement for freedom within an Empire, and to claim allegiance to an authority other than Cesar’s — this was very political.

To proclaim that ‘Jesus is Lord’ was to proclaim that Cesar wasn’t. It was to defy the governance of the Roman Empire and locate oneself under a Godly reign. To claim allegiance to a grass-roots Jewish liberation and reform movement of non-violence, and claim a peasant to be your king, was to spit in the face of Empire, to spit in the face of Cesar: the self-declared ‘son of God’ and ‘prince of peace.’ This was all more radical and political than we could ever understand.

Jesus’ whole life and ministry and death, *was political*. And it was for the threat of his politics that he was murdered by Empire.

So too, is life for First Nations people. Everything is political. Merely existing in a land that was declared *terra nullius*, was political. So I ask you, what does being the church mean today when we are not the minority being repressed: an experience that formed the very shape of Jesus’ life and ministry.

Is Christianity still political? Should it be? Who is it *‘not’* political for — the ‘haves’ or the ‘have-nots’?

And now we are here, on this side of history, where once again we must ask ourselves *‘how do we love our neighbour as ourselves?’* — not just our First Nations brothers and sisters but the cultural other, the strangers on the street and those in our families and communities that have become foreign to us? We must ask ourselves the question asked at the inception of the Uniting Church in Australia with fresh eyes and ears: *‘what does it mean to be the Church in Australia?’*, a church located on Aboriginal land? And we must ask ourselves *what does it mean to be a follower of Christ on this side of history?*

Luke says Jesus was sent *“to proclaim release to the captives / and recovery of sight to the blind / to let the oppressed go free / to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour”* (Luke 4:17-19). Mark says ‘repent! — reorient yourself radically, for the society of God is here! And Paul insists that there is no division in Christ, there is no other allegiance but that of our allegiance to Christ: *“There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus”* (Gal 3:27-28).

Yet we are not one. We have been divided. We must learn to love again.

If this is our Gospel — if this is the image of God that Jesus embodies on earth; a transformed humanity in a society reoriented by justice, mercy and love — then what does it mean to *“love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind”* and to *‘love your neighbour as yourself’* on this side of History?

The time for division is over. *“for all of you are one in Christ”*

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The Simba Sessions in Kyneton in October... with Joel McKerrow, Zoe Barry and RJ Andrews – a beautiful evening

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>November</h1>			1	2	3	4
			<b>All Saints Day</b> 9.30-1pm White Goose Riddells Creek		10am Prayers at Gisborne	CoCo meeting
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<b>Pentecost 13</b> 9.30am local services, no streaming	12.30 Souper Lunch 2.30 Faith Community		9.30-1pm White Goose Riddells Creek		10am Prayers at Gisborne 6.30pm Fish & Chips Worship Kyneton	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>Pentecost 24</b> 9.30am Streamed from Romsey - PB	12.30 Souper Lunch 2.30 Faith Community	10am Muffin Morning Gisborne	9.30-1pm White Goose Riddells Creek		10am Prayers at Gisborne 7pm Simba Sessions	10am Synod Opening Worship *PiP articles due tomorrow please
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<b>Pentecost 25</b> 9.30am Streamed from Kyneton (TBC)	12.30 Souper Lunch 2.30 Faith Community	10am Ministers Munch	9.30-1pm White Goose Riddells Creek	6.30pm Delightful Dinner – Castello's Tavern Gisborne	10am Prayers at Gisborne Lunch at the Vic (Gisb) 6.30pm Fish & Chips Worship Kyneton	
26	27	28	29	30	<h1>2023</h1>	
<b>Christ the King</b> 9.30am Local services, no streaming AB at Northern Churches <b>White Goose Christmas</b>	12.30 Souper Lunch 2.30 Faith Community	10am Gisborne alternative worship				



Riddells Creek

# WHITE GOOSE BOOKS

Free Books

Tea & Coffee



**\*Christmas Gift wrapping for books - gold coin donation**



**Sunday 26th November**

9.30am- 1.00pm

3 Sutherlands Road, Riddells Creek

We are a small community coming together to nurture the creative spirit in all of us.

This is a place for inspiration  
A place of music, storytelling and poetry.  
A place where the little voices matter,

A place our weary heads may rest a time.

Come join us for some candle-soaked sounds on the 3rd Friday of the month.

## The SIMBA SESSIONS



September 15th

October 20th

November 17th

December 15th  
(Christmas Special)

MUSIC POETRY STORY

St Andrews Uniting Church  
56 Edden st, Kyneton, 7pm, \$15 entry



## WE BELONG TO THE DAY

1 Thessalonians 5:8

Synod  
2023

The 2023 Meeting of the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania will commence with Opening Worship at 10am on Saturday 18 November at Box Hill Town Hall and will conclude at 4pm on Tuesday 21 November 2023.

### SPECIAL GUESTS

**Brooke Prentis** - Aboriginal Christian Leader, international speaker, writer, educator, poet - will preach during the Opening Worship.

**Rev Assoc Professor Robyn Whitaker** - Senior Lecturer in New Testament, Pilgrim Theological College - will lead the Bible Studies.

Annette will be attending the Synod meeting this month; All are welcome to attend the opening worship at 10am Saturday 18th November in Box Hill



### THE INTERNATIONAL PRAYER FOR PEACE

Lead me from death to life, from falsehood to truth  
Lead me from despair to hope, from fear to trust  
Lead me from hate to love, from war to peace  
Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe

2023 ~ 2024

Free

### 'SHARING SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION WITH FLOWERS AND CANDLES.'

*A recommendation to people of faith in communities across Australia - in the coming days, can we gather together locally in places that we feel are safe, beautiful and inclusive to share our peace prayers and meditations?*

Elaboration: People of faith across Australia have friendships of trust and affection. These have evolved from many moments shared. Moments, that is, of sweetness and celebration as well as poignant moments of grief and sorrow. With all that has taken place in recent days, now is a good time to apply these friendships in simple peace-building initiatives.

Hence this idea...

The suggestion is that local faith leaders and groups might ask others they know to join them for a time together of silent Peace Prayers and Meditations, perhaps with a place to light candles and a water bowl for flowers.

**It IS a matter of local initiative and leadership.**

Locally, folk will know when it is best to meet. There is much common ground we know we share.

We have the same yearnings for the safety and peace of our loved ones. We know what love and grief feel like.

At heart, all our faith traditions encourage compassion. We all offer our spiritual practice - our prayers and meditations - in difficult times.

We are all grateful for the quality of multi-faith and multicultural harmony that we share in Australia. This is a precious treasure.

Sharing such a time of prayer and meditation in places of beauty, like gardens, is important. Sharing in silence is important.

Choosing not to make this a time for speeches and statements is important.

Perhaps some local musicians can help people gather with sounds of beauty. Perhaps they can play again when the time for prayer and meditation concludes and as people light candles, place flowers in a water bowl. Perhaps the Universal Prayer for Peace can be shared. Afterwards, there can be whatever conversations flow between old and new friends. Perhaps there will be next ideas for peace-building that leaders can discuss and afterwards share. *It's a matter of doing together carefully now what we do not need to do apart.*

*Are you interested? Talk with Annette, Paul or even Meg!*

*Article from VCC E-News #24.23 30th October 2023*

From the Northern Churches: Hi Everyone  
From the replies that I received, it seems the best day is Tuesday so  
from now on Minister Munchies will be on the **3rd Tuesday of the month**  
Please let me know if this causes a problem, Marge



## A letter to Members of the UC Macedon Ranges Partnership:

Dear Friends,

it was a joy to worship with you all last Sunday (29th October) at Gisborne as we gathered together as a partnership. And what a meaningful service it was in so many beautiful, gentle and not so gentle ways. Thank you Annette, Paul and D'Arcy for your gift to us. My thanks to you all for hanging in there to sing the final hymn 'Community of Christ, look past the church's door' (2nd verse) which deeply touches my diaconal heart and which as Annette said, is one of my favourites.

Two more 'Thanks': Thank you for the way you have received and welcomed me among you, whether I came as MIA to lead you in worship, as a member of the Ministry team or simply as a visitor to your congregation. I intend to continue worshipping with you all in this way so I won't be totally MIA (missing in action).

Secondly thanks for the very generous gifts received with the card you all signed. They touched on two of my life long loves and passions: books & reading and First Nation people and their cultures (someone knows me well!). I grew up in a reading family over several generations and so I look forward to visiting Red Door Books in Lancefield and then sitting back in my comfy chair with a cuppa and my new books and later sharing them with others. The second gift to The Lume: Connections - a fascinating display of Australian first Nation art and culture (and food I've heard!). I believe this to be a God given passion, planted in me as a young child when I always wanted to work with 'Aboriginal people' even though I knew little about our First Nation people and certainly had no experience of them as people or culture.

Finally I share something I read this morning that spoke of my spiritual journey as I withdraw from formal ministry:

For all the great thoughts I have read  
For all the deep books I have studied  
None has brought me nearer to Spirit  
Than a walk beneath shimmering leaves  
Golden red with the fire of autumn  
When the air is crisp  
And the sun a pale eye, watching.  
I am a scholar of the senses  
A theologian of the tangible.  
Spirit touches me and I touch Spirit  
Each time I lift a leaf from my path  
A thin flake of fire golden red  
Still warm from the breath that made it.

*Choctaw elder and retired Episcopal bishop Steven Charleston - a meditation honouring different ways of knowing that have fed his soul, from Richard Rohr's Daily Meditation 30-10-2023.*

Thank you all for being part of my journey, may God bless you and bring you peace and joy. *Meg*

Quiet Day from St Andrew's UC Sunbury

## Quiet Day

an opportunity for reflection and contemplation, as we step aside from our busy-ness and take time to be present to God

Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> of November, 10am - 3pm  
at 'The White Goose' (old Uniting Church)  
3 Sutherlands Road, Riddells Creek



BYO lunch (microwave available). Tea/coffee and light snacks will be provided.

We would appreciate a small donation (on the day) to assist with costs.

For further information (or if you need transport):  
Barbara Ashley 0410 439 724, or  
Jill Gray 0400 236 122

Please let Barb or Jill know if you and/or a friend plan to attend.

For it's through curiosity that we grow  
That we come to see what we don't know  
That we discover what's hidden deep  
And find the secrets that we seek

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## TYLDEN

On page 9 of PiP is a repeat of the survey about the proposed monthly dinners being organized by the Tylden UC folk, which are open to the partnership to take part. We are still seeking feedback from interested people on when and where would be best to hold these – please complete and return to your CoCo rep, the Tylden/Woodend Op Shop or Tylden UC.

Our next dinner is to be held at Castello’s Victorian Tavern, 22 Aitken Street in Gisborne, on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 6pm –call Bronwyn for more details or to inform her you’re coming.

A Community Breakfast & children's games will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday each month of daylight savings months – the next one is **26<sup>th</sup> November 2023**.

A warm welcome is extended to all to join us for a cuppa at 10.30am following our 9.30am worship service on the other 3 weeks.

6<sup>th</sup> December Tylden/Woodend Op Shop end of year morning tea. Community Christmas Carols will be held Christmas Eve at 7.30pm at the Tylden Uniting Church.



October’s Community BBQ – cold weather, warm friendships

Contacts Other Groups		
<u>SUTTON GRANGE</u> <u>MIA MIA</u> <u>BARFOLD</u> <u>METCALFE</u>	<u>Congregation Chair</u> - Dot Smith <u>Elders - North</u> Dot Smith Marge Townrow	<u>Elders- Kyneton</u> Pip Elston, Jenny Elston, Helen Aldridge Andrea Strack
<u>KYNETON</u>	<u>Church Council</u> Roy Gibbs, Helen Carey Chair – Pip Elston Sec – Helen Aldridge	<u>Congregation Secretary</u> Jenny Elston <u>Congregation Chairperson</u> Roy Gibbs
<u>ROMSEY</u>	<u>Church Council/Elders</u> Noel Shaw      Jay Brooks Jeni Clampit      Jenny Elliott      Carol Toy	<u>UCAF</u> Pres/Sec - Jeni Clampit Treasurer - Carol Toy
<u>TYLDEN</u>	<u>Elders</u> Shirley Bowen, Joy Evans Max Hinneberg	<u>Worship Team Co-Ord</u> Janet Cole, Shirley Bowen <u>Op-Shop Contact:</u> Fiona Armour
<u>WOODEND</u>	<u>Editor Partnership in Print</u> – Robyn Zumstein	
<u>RIDDELLS CREEK</u>		<u>Craft Group</u> - Lynette Bucknall
<u>GISBORNE</u>	<u>Prayer Ministry</u> – D’Arcy Wood <u>Pastoral Care</u> - Bev Gilbertson <u>Social Justice</u> – Nola Anderson <u>Worship &amp; Education</u> - Paul Gilbertson	<u>Faith &amp; Community</u> – Kerrie Birch – Wendy Hallinan - Helen Hallett
<u>CoCo</u> - (Co-ordinating Council)	<u>Chair</u> - Colin Chapman <u>Secretary</u> - Keith Hallett <u>Treasurer</u> - Paul Gilbertson	<u>Finance Committee</u> Chair - Paul Gilbertson, Lyn Ward, Colin Chapman



## Monthly Dinner Questionnaire

The Tylden Uniting Church Congregation are holding their monthly dinners again, that were held before COVID-19. We would like to survey different groups that may be interested in participating.

A quick rundown of how the dinners used to run: We would join as a group at a venue around the partnership area (which included anywhere from Gisborne in the south to Sutton Grange in the North, and East from Romsey to Tylden in the west and anywhere in between). These ran once a month at night, (following a late-night shopping of the Tylden/Woodend Op Shop). Usually starting between 6pm – 6:30pm, at a different venue each month. The dinner was open to anyone who wished to participate. We were just starting to include other towns around the area when COVID-19 closed the event down due to dining out restrictions. We tried to choose venues that offered meals at a reasonable cost to try and make the nights as inclusive as possible. We used venues in Kyneton, Carlsruhe, Tylden, Woodend, Romsey & Gisborne.

We are looking for the best day and time, that would suit most people who would like to be involved. We would also be interested in hearing about any reasonably priced venues you would like to suggest in your area please?

Please return the survey to the Tylden / Woodend UCA Op Shop, your CoCo rep or drop at the Tylden Church.

<b>What is the most convenient Day?</b> Please tick your preferred day		
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday		

<b>What is the most convenient time of day?</b> Please tick your preferred time of day		
Morning Tea		
Lunch		
Afternoon Tea		
Dinner		

We would also be interested in hearing about any reasonably priced venues you would like to suggest in your area please?

Please return the survey to the Tylden / Woodend UCA Op Shop, your CoCo rep or drop at the Tylden Church.

**Venue suggestions:**

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<b>What is the most convenient time?</b> Please number your preferences & put time		
10am or 10:30am		
11am or 11:30am		
12 noon or 12:30pm		
1pm or 1:30pm		
2pm or 2:30pm		
3pm or 3:30pm		
4pm or 4:30pm		
5pm or 5:30pm		
6pm or 6:30pm		
7pm		

# EQUAL THE CONTEST

*When the rules exclude you, rewrite them*

## Film Screenings and Panel Discussions



**Sunbury - Tuesday 28 November**  
Sunbury Global Learning Centre  
40 Macedon Street

**Kyneton - Monday 4 December**  
Kyneton Mechanics Institute  
81 Mollison Street

6pm - 8:30pm | Light catering provided

**Register (essential): [www.surveymonkey.com/r/equalthecontest](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/equalthecontest)**



Panel discussions facilitated by local women's health organisations  
Panels include filmmaker and player Mitch Nivalis



## Equal the Contest – Film Screening:

During the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence, Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health is proud to partner with Hume City Council and Macedon Ranges Shire, with support from our local Women's Health organisations, Women's Health in the North and Women's Health Loddon Mallee, to bring our communities a FREE film screening of 'Equal the Contest'. The screenings will be followed by facilitated panel discussions which includes Player and Filmmaker Mitch Nivalis.

Despite increasing participation rates over recent years, statistics show that women, girls and gender diverse people remain underrepresented in sport in on and off field positions, including in media coverage and leadership positions. By challenging gender inequality in community sport, we can create inclusive, equitable, healthy and safe environments for women, men, girls, boys and gender diverse people.

### About the film

When a filmmaker joins a new local women's footy club in Regional Victoria, the Mt Alexander Falcons, a simple desire to play becomes a complex journey of inclusion and belonging. An unexpected turn means the team has to fight to play. Their campaign challenges age old sporting traditions and joins the wider movement for gender equity.

*Equal the Contest follows the Mt Alexander Falcons football club, a new community level club created in 2021 by and for, women and gender diverse people. The story follows non-binary person Mitch, a new recruit and filmmaker, and provides the viewer with an immersive experience of community football, seeing the game as it's never been seen before from the perspective of their body. Despite fulfilling all the requirements of a new club, The Falcons have their application rejected by AFL Central Victoria and they begin a public fight garnering support from all levels of community, local media and AFL HQ itself. The club forges forward despite their exclusion, attracting players from diverse backgrounds and building a club culture of inclusion that challenges the traditions of AFL.*

*Equal the Contest is a case study for current day gender inequality, highlighting the challenges still faced by women and gender diverse people who simply want to play football*

**Registrations are essential: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/equalthecontest](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/equalthecontest)**

### When and Where:

6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

**Sunbury - Tuesday, 28 November** - Sunbury Global Learning Centre - 40 Macedon Street, Sunbury

**Kyneton - Monday, 4 December** - Kyneton Mechanics Institute - 81 Mollison Street, Kyneton

# Kindness

Before you know what kindness really is  
you must lose things,  
feel the future dissolve in a moment  
like salt in a weakened broth.  
What you held in your hand,  
what you counted and carefully saved,  
all this must go so you know  
how desolate the landscape can be  
between the regions of kindness.  
How you ride and ride  
thinking the bus will never stop,  
the passengers eating maize and chicken  
will stare out the window forever.

Before you learn the tender gravity of kindness  
you must travel where the Indian in a white  
poncho  
lies dead by the side of the road.  
You must see how this could be you,  
how he too was someone  
who journeyed through the night with plans  
and the simple breath that kept him alive.

Before you know kindness as the deepest thing  
inside,  
you must know sorrow as the other deepest  
thing.

You must wake up with sorrow.  
You must speak to it till your voice  
catches the thread of all sorrows  
and you see the size of the cloth.  
Then it is only kindness that makes sense  
anymore,  
only kindness that ties your shoes  
and sends you out into the day to gaze at  
bread,  
only kindness that raises its head  
from the crowd of the world to say  
It is I you have been looking for,  
and then goes with you everywhere  
like a shadow or a friend.

Naomi Shihab Nye  
1952 –

<https://poets.org/poem/kindness>

## IMPORTANT NOVEMBER INFORMATION IS HERE:

In November the following services will be ministry team led:

On **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November** services across the partnership will be locally led with no streamed service on this day.

**12<sup>th</sup> November** Paul Banks will lead worship at Romsey. This service will be streamed to other churches in the partnership

**19<sup>th</sup> November** – streamed from Kyneton – worship leader tbc

**26<sup>th</sup> November** – Annette Buckley will lead worship at the Northern Churches. This service will not be streamed, other churches will be locally lead.

If you are unable to attend a church on a Sunday morning with live streaming and wish to join in, please contact Neil Moorhouse or the ministry team before Sunday to get assistance to join the live-stream.

Usual Sunday worship times around the Partnership are 9.30am at Gisborne, Tylden and Romsey;

Kyneton has a service at 9.30am on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month.

Kyneton's Friday Fish'n'Chips service is at 6.30pm on 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November.

Faith Community continues to meet on Monday in Woodend for Souper Lunch – please come and join, followed by our informal prayer and worship time together at 2.30pm.

Gisborne prayers continue at the Church every Friday at 10am. Requests for prayer may go to D'Arcy Wood. All are welcome.

Gisborne has a reflective worship on the fourth Tuesday – 28<sup>th</sup> November at 10am.

Minister's Munchies will be held on the third Tuesday of the month in the Northern Churches.

Other activities in the Partnership include Kyneton Op Shop pricing at the church on Tuesdays at 9am and The White Goose is open at 9.30am on Wednesday. The White Goose will also be open for

sharing of Christmas gift books on 26<sup>th</sup> November. All books at the White Goose will be available as Christmas Presents; gift-wrapping will be available for a gold-coin donation. Gift-wrapping assistance is sought for this day – please come and help!



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Next edition of Partnership in Print will be the bumper 'New Year' edition – beginning with Advent, through December and into January. Now that things are 'back in the swing', send me all details of your events or stories you'd like to share in PiP by **18th November 2023**. There will be no PiP in January.  
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