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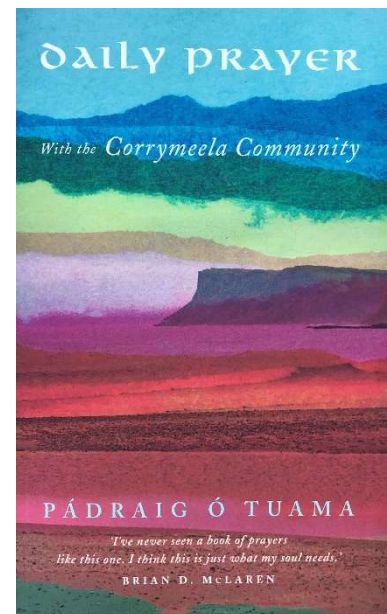


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TAKE COURAGE

A couple of months ago, a friend gave me a wonderful gift. It was a slim, paperback book called *Daily Prayer with the Corrymeela Community* by Pádraig Ó Tuama. The book “draws on the spiritual practices of Northern Ireland’s longest established peace and reconciliation organisation. For over fifty years, it has been bringing fractured communities together and resourcing others in the work of healing conflict...Pádraig Ó Tuama is a poet and the leader of the Corrymeela Community” It contains 31 brief gospel texts “weaving in and out of the injunction to not fear.” Each of the gospel texts is accompanied by a collect, a particular form of prayer that is quite short and direct. It also has a morning, midday and evening prayer, along with the suggestion that you also pray the included *Prayer for courage* at each of those times during your day.

The *Prayer for courage* begins: “Courage comes from the heart”. I came across that idea relatively recently, when it was pointed out to me that the word ‘courage’ comes to us from the Latin *cor* - perhaps you’ve come across it in the French *coeur* - heart. Real courage, as distinct from bravado, comes from a place where we are deeply in touch with how we feel. The noted American writer on leadership, Brené Brown, has observed that in all her conversations about courage, whether with high-profile sportspeople, members of the military, corporate high-flyers or leaders in civil society, she is yet to find anyone who can give her an example of someone being courageous without first being vulnerable. She says this applies to moral and emotional courage as much as physical courage. Real courage comes, not from being completely unafraid, but recognising our fears and doing what is right or needed anyway.



As I write this, our Presbytery is preparing to have difficult conversations about our future. By the time you read this, we will have met with others from around our proposed region of the Presbytery. We have tough questions to consider, and a proposed solution to some of the issues that we are facing as a denomination now and into the near future. I hope you have had members of your congregation contributing to this conversation, as I believe that the Macedon Ranges Partnership has some unique experience to share. We came together, recognising there would be difficulties, but with a deep hope in God’s ability to bring new life, and a deep commitment to following the call of the Spirit wherever we might be led.

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Left: Storytelling at the White Goose in Riddells Creek

Right: Worship space on a Monday at the Faith Community (Prayers for Peace) in Woodend



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 |
|-----------|-------------------|--------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 7 August | Pentecost 9 (19) | G | Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 | 50:1-8, 22-23 | Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 | Luke 12:32-40 |
| 14 August | Pentecost 10 (20) | G | Isaiah 5:1-7 | 80:1-2, 8-19 | Hebrews 11:29 to 12:2 | Luke 12:49-56 |
| 21 August | Pentecost 11 (21) | G | Jeremiah 1:4-10 | 71:1-6 | Hebrews 12:18-29 | Luke 13:10-17 |
| 28 August | Pentecost 12 (22) | G | Jeremiah 2:4-13 | 81:1, 10-16 | Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 | Luke 14:1, 7-14 |
| 4 Sept | Pentecost 13 (23) | G | Jeremiah 18:1-11 | 139:1-6, 13-18 | Philemon 1-21 | Luke 14:25-33 |

Colours: P – Purple

W – White

G – Green

R – Red

B – Black

The Jubilee Kyneton Daffodil and Arts Festival (1st-11th September 2022)

Kyneton will be bursting with daffodils, colour and various activities between 1st-11th September as the Kyneton Daffodil and Arts Festival looks forward to celebrating its 50th year in the Macedon Ranges. **The Kyneton Uniting Church Opportunity Shop is a sponsor of the Festival.**

On **Saturday, 10th September**, between 10am-2.30pm, the Kyneton Uniting Church activities include its **Books & Bites** at the Church Hall with pre-loved books for sale covering all age cohorts. Refreshments will be available while browsing the wide range of items for sale, including DVDs & CDs. **Inquiries** 5423 9141.

The **Kyneton Community Market**, hosted by Kyneton Rotary, will also be held at the St Andrew's Uniting Church precinct at the corner of Ebdon & Yaldwyn West Streets, on **10th September** between 8am-1pm. Many stall holders will be offering their various items for sale.

The **Kyneton Uniting Church Opportunity Shop**, in Market Street between Ferguson and Mollison Streets, will be open for business during the Festival on **Wednesday to Friday between 11am-3.30pm** and on **Saturday 10am-Midday**. **Inquiries** 5422 3511 and <https://www.facebook.com/Kyneton-Uniting-Church-Op-Shop-596033980847713/>

The Festival includes visual and performing arts, crafts, flower shows, markets and hospitality. Local gardens will be open to visitors. The *Flower Show* will present the signature blooms of the Festival. Other events include the *Festival of One Act Plays*, the *Antique and Vintage Fair*, a *Visual Light Show* installation, concert performances, local artists displaying their works in exhibitions and local galleries, the dog dash, scarecrows and more!

The last day of the Festival there is a Parade planned with bands, dancers, floats, local groups, cars and vintage vehicles. After the Parade the festivities will close with a fair, performances and activities. Please check out confirmation of the 11th September planning at the Festival website www.kynetondaffodilarts.org.au

Festival information will be available at *Macedon Ranges Visitor Information Centres* and various businesses

Submitted by Doug McIvor



(from page 1) The recently released data from the 2021 Census has delivered some sobering news. For the first time since such data has been collected, fewer than half the respondents have identified as Christian. Of course, this presents the Church with opportunities as well as difficulties and concerns, but it ought to make abundantly clear that we can no longer assume that we deserve a privileged position in the community. Our Presbytery conversations need to include the awareness that we are now in the minority.

Perhaps that makes us feel vulnerable. Perhaps that's the very starting point we need to be able to recommit to listening deeply to our heart. Perhaps it's where we need to be to work alongside others who are vulnerable. Perhaps it's where we need to be to follow the Jesus who reached out to the vulnerable people of his time and gave them a new vision of what life in God's kin-dom might look like, here and now; a community of hope based on a different kind of power. The Christ we follow wields the power of sacrifice and slavery rather than domination and might: he "emptied himself, taking the form of a slave...he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross" (from Phil 2:7-8). Can we follow this Jesus, with our whole hearts, and hear the "injunction to not fear"? I hope and pray that the Church, our denomination, our Presbytery, our Partnership, our Congregations, you and I, can dare to find the courage to do just that.

Annette Buckley
August 2022



"What is the bravest thing you've ever said?" asked the boy.



"Help," said the horse.

Worship across the partnership:

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

Macedon Ranges Partnership

Ministry team worship August 2022

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Sunday 7 th | Tylden* |
| Friday 12 th | Kyneton Fish & Chips |
| Sunday 14 th | Gisborne* |
| Sunday 14 th | Mia Mia |
| Sunday 21 st | Kyneton |
| Sunday 23 rd | Gisborne mid-week |
| Wednesday 24 th | Redesdale Minister Munchies |
| Sunday 28 th | Romsey |

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| Rose Broadstock |
| Annette Buckley |
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*It's hoped that these services will be trials of our internet-based worship together. Please contact the ministry team if you are unable to attend local worship and would like to participate from home.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| 31 July | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Partnership Service Gisborne | | | 9.30-1.30 White Goose open Riddells Creek | | 10am Prayers at Gisborne | |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 9.30am Tylden RB | 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 6.30pm Fish & Chips Worship at Kyneton AB | |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 9.30am Gisborne AB 10am Mia Mia RB | 11am Faith Community 12.30 Souper Lunch 5.30pm Romsey Meditation | | 9.30-1.30 White Goose open Riddells Creek | | 10am Prayers at Gisborne | *PIP items due tomorrow please |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 9.30am Kyneton RB | 11am Faith Community 12.30 Souper Lunch 5.30pm Romsey Meditation | 10am Gisborne mid- week worship AB | 9.30-1.30 White Goose open Riddells Creek 10am Ministers Munch Redesdale AB | | 10am Prayers at Gisborne 6.30pm Fish & Chips Worship at Kyneton | |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | <h1>August 2022</h1> <p>RB- Rev Rose Broadstock; AB- Past. Annette Buckley; ME- Rev Deac Meg Evans</p> | | |
| 9.30am Romsey AB | 11am Faith Community 12.30 Souper Lunch 5.30pm Romsey Meditation | | 9.30-1.30 White Goose open Riddells Creek | | | |

Revisiting *The Church as Salt*

If you missed the book study of *The Church as Salt* during Advent, or if you took part but would like to go deeper, you are welcome to join the Faith Community/Prayers for Peace group at Woodend Uniting Church on Mondays at 11.00 am, followed by a soup and bread lunch. This study will go through the book chapter by chapter.

About the book:

You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.

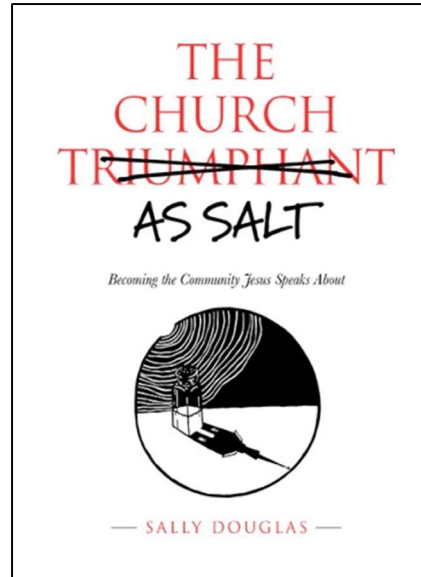
Matthew 5:13

The Jesus community is called to be the salt of the earth, a metaphor that contains rich and disruptive challenge. Salt is little. We weep salty tears and grow up in dark salty wombs. Salt preserves. Salt draws out taste and too much salt spoils everything.

With scholarly insight into the biblical text, early church writers and theology, as well as her pastoral experience in ministry, Sally Douglas invites us to wrestle afresh with the metaphor of being salt. Here we discover a call into discipleship that is free from the success criteria of consumerist culture and free from nostalgia. *The Church as Salt* is not a 'how to' manual. Instead, through stories of ancient and contemporary salty communities, reflection questions and liturgies, the book is a nourishing resource for people and communities seeking faithful ways of being church today.

Copies of the book can be purchased here for \$25.95:
<https://coventrypress.com.au/the-church-as-salt>

or there may be a spare copy or two available from others in the Partnership. Please contact Annette, Rose or Meg for further details, or if you have a copy of the book you'd be happy to loan to someone else.



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

HOUSE SIT OR RENTAL NEEDED.

I am a mature, professional lady who lives in Auckland NZ. I am looking for a house sit or to rent a granny flat or similar from September 21 to mid January this year.

My family lives in Gisborne, and after so much chaos I am finally able to see them. I would prefer to live independently and will need accommodation during this visit.

Locations with public transport to Gisborne would be ideal, but not essential.

Please contact me, Heather at heatherandevanvickery@gmail.com

Thanks again,

Heather

This message came to us through the Partnership's Website. Please contact Heather if you can assist!

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

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Next Partnership in Print will be out at the end of August and I will be needing any articles, stories, photos by **Sunday 21st August 2022**. Thank you to all those who contributed generously to this edition. Please write to me at zumstein@mmnet.com.au or you can pop something in the post or my letterbox, or call – I'm happy to take notes over the phone too.

Robyn (contact details at bottom of Contact list under Z 😊)

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