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### TIME WILL TELL

“Does God change?” Standing on the footpath outside Whitley Theological College, a fellow student was telling us about a conversation with her son the night before. She is a formidable woman, about my age, but wise beyond my years; a theologian, poet, teacher, prophet, and much more. She had been a primary school teacher, and she has a deep intellect and a passion for theology with children that has led her to further study, lecturing and writing on the subject. I imagined that conversations like this happened in her household all the time.

“Does God change?” her son had asked her. She did what the best teachers do, and invited him to explore his question with her, helping him by asking the kind of questions that might help him to begin to formulate his own answer: “Well, let’s see. Do you think God *likes* change?” They then, apparently, had discussed Creation, and the way a tiny seed grows into a plant, and produces leaves, and blossom and perhaps fruit. They might have talked about the mighty geological forces that have shaped our planet, giving us the breathtaking beauty of mountains or the long, slow, work of water on stone that creates river gorges. They might have talked about the evolution of species, or the growth of a wobbly, leggy foal into a beautiful steed. “Wow!” her son apparently said at the end of their conversation “God must *really* like change!”



#### Going Deeper with the Assembly Circles this Lent

Throughout Lent, the Assembly Circles of Interest will be sharing weekly reflections based on one of the Lectionary readings for the coming Sunday, as well as stories, images, prayers and songs, inviting us to “Go Deeper” in our relationship with God, our community and our world.

**Week 1** from the **Walking Together as First and Second Peoples Circle** will be shared early next week.

For more information:

<https://uniting.church/goingdeeper/>

Or contact Annette if you’d like to access the resources offline.

This woman has also written about what it is to be a prophet, although I’m sad to say I can’t find the piece to quote it. She wrote about the call of the prophet coming to the marginalised, the unexpected ones, the formerly voiceless ones, out of necessity. She wrote of the call of the prophet being for those who cannot ignore the call to speak out, no matter the personal cost, because they know only too well the deeper cost of allowing the forces of violence, prejudice and marginalisation to prevail. They know this because they bear the cost of that most deeply.

It had to be pointed out to me once that prophets are not recognised until beyond the time when their prophesies have proven to be true. In the recent days, there have been many people offering their take on what will happen in Ukraine, whether Russia will invade or not, all with very well-argued reasons for their point of view. Only time will tell us which of these people have read the signs well. The others might be regarded as ‘false prophets’, but in the moments before the Russian troops either invade or withdraw, no-one really knows. Those who prove to have been able to forecast accurately will be deemed to be the more astute ‘prophets’ of this particular moment. It would likely have been the same in biblical times. In the meantime, the prophets withstood the derision of those around them, and kept going.

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## LECTIONARY Readings Year C

### Lent

A season of preparation and discipline that begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes at sundown on Holy Saturday. During the forty weekdays and six Sundays in Lent, the church remembers the life and ministry of Jesus and renews its commitment to him in Christian discipleship. This season is the traditional time to prepare for baptisms and confirmations to be celebrated at the Easter Vigil or on Easter Sunday, or during the season of Easter.

Date	Day/Season	Colour	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
2 Mar	Ash Wednesday	P	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12	51:1-17	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
6 Mar	Lent 1	P	Deut 26:1-11	91:1-2, 9-16	Romans 10:8b-13	Luke 4:1-13
13 Mar	Lent 2	P	Gen 15:1-12, 17-18	27	Philippians 3:17-4:1	Luke 13:31-35, or Luke 9:28-36
20 Mar	Lent 3	P	Isaiah 55:1-9	63:1-8	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Luke 13:1-9
25 Mar	Annunciation	W	Isaiah 7:10-14	45 or 40:5-10	Hebrews 10:4-10	Luke 1:26-38
27 Mar	Lent 4	P	Joshua 5:9-12	32	2 Corinthians 5:16-21	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
3 Apr	Lent 5	P	Isaiah 43:16-21	126	Philippians 3:4b-14	John 12:1-8

Colours: P – Purple

W – White

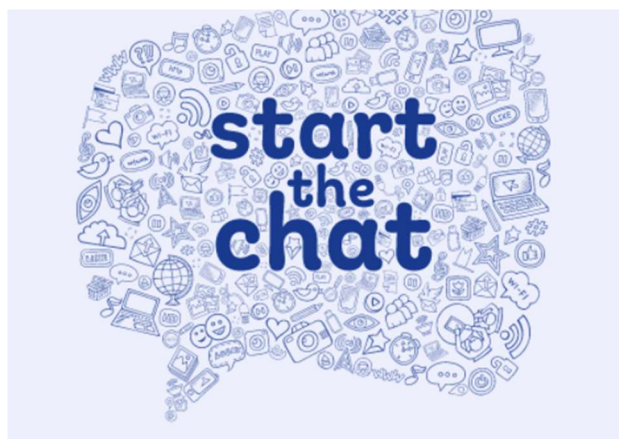
G – Green

R – Red

B – Black

(From page 1) Change and prophecy. No-one really knows beforehand what is going to be good and true and right with either of them. I think I'm only just realising how much has changed and will change in my work with the Partnership as I've moved from having 2 full-time colleagues to having one half-time. The effects of that were a bit disguised by lockdowns and restrictions, but now we are emerging back to full life, it's going to be difficult to juggle the competing demands. You might think this change, the change to a much smaller amount of ministry time, is a 'bad' one. I'm hoping and praying that we will find, within this change, a call to deeper and richer life together, and the leading of the Spirit into new ways of being Church that were previously beyond anything we'd dared imagine.

Annette Buckley 24 February 2022



Can we start chatting more online across the Partnership about all kinds of things?

This was one of the priorities that came out of the recent retreat. Yes, there is already a Macedon Ranges UCA Facebook Group, but there have only been 7 posts this year! It would be great to be chatting more!

So for Facebookers, you can help the Partnership thrive by inviting all your Facebook friends that belong to a MR Uniting congregation to join the group and the chat, and also help those willing to become Facebookers to join in too!

The 40-day season of Lent is an opportunity to disrupt our everyday routines by living more simply, taking up a spiritual discipline or being more intentional about our lives and habits. 'Fasting' is a common discipline for Lent, going without something for 40 days. But more powerful than fasting from chocolate or Netflix etc, is choosing to fast from *indifference* to others and to the challenges facing our world: poverty, conflict, inequality, violence, a changing climate...

**Lent Event** is 40 days of living more simply, learning from our global neighbours and choosing to make a difference in our own lives and the lives of others. Take up a Lent Event challenge and be part of a movement to end poverty and injustice in our world.

If you'd like to form a team to fundraise together across the Partnership or in your congregation, please contact Annette or Rose.

For more information, or to sign up:

<https://donate.unitingworld.org.au/event/lent-event/about-us>

# Lenten Study 2022

## Macedon Ranges Partnership

Reflecting on the journey to the Cross in Luke, and in the light of three contemporary films.

### Woodend Uniting Church,

**Mondays 28 March, 4 & 11 April, 11am - 2pm.**

We will begin with coffee and a devotion, watch the film, and then discuss over lunch.

#### Week 1:

Luke 21: 37 - 22: 53 AND

Film: *Babette's Feast*

Set in Jutland, Denmark, two older sisters live on an isolated and desolate island under the strict supervision of their pastor father. Unexpectedly, Babette, a refugee arrives to cook for the family. As a thank you, she decides to put on a feast to end all feasts. Will the pious and dwindling congregation take part?



#### Week 2:

Luke 22: 54 - 23: 31 AND

Film: *Chocolat*

Based on a true but different story, Vianne, a young woman with a child, arrives in a small French village where most are members of the local Catholic Church. To survive, she opens a Chocolate shop, just as Lent begins.



#### Week 3:

Luke 23: 32 - 24: 12 AND

Film: *Jesus of Montreal*

A troupe of actors are paid to put on a Passion Play. Daniel plays Jesus, and as the rehearsals progress, his life begins to echo the trials of Jesus in unexpected ways.



#### RSVP

Let Annette or Rose know if you intend on coming. We will be glad to have time with you!!

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LIVE SIMPLY  
so others can  
SIMPLY LIVE  
-Mahatma Gandhi

From the Kyneton Catholic Church:

This year we again join with our Christian Community in sharing the Word of God.

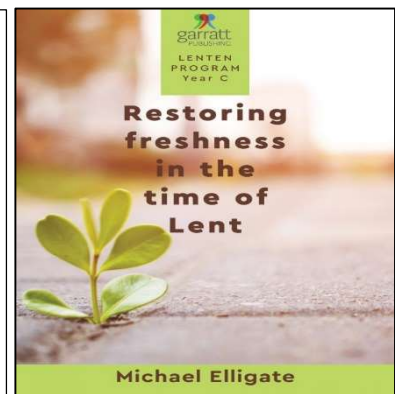
We will be using the **Restoring freshness in the time of Lent** series, written by Fr Michael Elligate.

This is a six-week program exploring the Word of God through contemplation on the readings of the Sunday's leading up to Easter.

**When:** 7pm Wednesday evenings commencing 2nd March

**Where:** Side Chapel, Our Lady of the Rosary (Kyneton)

**Facilitators:** Fr. Wayne Lanford and Fr. Declan



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>March</b>		1	2	3	4	5
		Shrove Tuesday	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>		<b>10am</b> World Day of Prayer at Gisborne	<b>CoCo AGM</b>
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<b>Lent 1</b> 9am Tylden AB	<b>2.30pm</b> Woodend Faith Community	<b>10am</b> Muffin'n'More at Gisborne	<b>1.30pm</b> Romsey UCAF		<b>10am</b> Prayers at Gisborne <b>6.30pm</b> Fish & Chips Worship Kyneton HC - AB	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<b>Lent 2</b> 9.30am Gisborne AB 10am Metcalfe RB	<b>2.30pm</b> Woodend Faith Community				<b>10am</b> Prayers at Gisborne	<b>*PiP articles due tomorrow please</b>
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<b>Lent 3</b> 9.30am Kyneton RB	<b>2.30pm</b> Woodend Faith Community	<b>10am</b> Gisborne Contemporary Worship AB	<b>10am</b> Ministers Munch Redesdale AB		<b>10am</b> Prayers at Gisborne <b>6.30pm</b> Fish & Chips Worship Kyneton	
27	28	29	30	31	<b>2022</b>	
<b>Lent 4</b> 9am Romsey AB	<b>11am</b> Lenten Study Woodend <b>3.30pm</b> RM Begg (tbc)					



## PRAYER, WORSHIP & other events

**Kyneton Fish & Chips** Fortnightly worship service – BYO meal (it doesn't have to be fish and chips!) not for sharing due to ongoing COVID restrictions, held on the Friday after the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month – this month on 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm.

**Prayer Meetings** Every week in the Gisborne Uniting Church on Fridays at 10am

**Redesdale Ministers Munch** (and worship) in March will be held at 10am at the General Store in Redesdale on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – all welcome.

**Woodend Faith Community 2.30pm** Mondays at St Andrew's Woodend, 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> March followed by Lenten Study at 11am on 28<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome.

**Partnership Lenten Studies** – Commencing 28<sup>th</sup> March for 3 weeks at Woodend Uniting Church – see flyer on page 3 for more information. Please inform Rose or Annette if you intend to come.

**Worship times across the partnership** Current weekly Sunday service times:

- Tylden is at 9am
- Gisborne is at 9:30am
- Romsey is at 9am
- Kyneton is at 9.30am on 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays
- Northern Churches at 10am

**Minister led Worship**s are noted in the Calendar for March. These Sundays Holy Communion will be taken by either Rev Rose Broadstock (RB) or Pastor Annette Buckley (AB). Other Sunday services across the partnership are led by local lay worship leaders as arranged by each church.

Missing something? If you know of meetings or events happening in your congregation and you're not seeing them here in PiP please let Robyn know – you will help us all to be informed

## WHAT COULD YOU TAKE UP FOR LENT?

40 daily suggestions

1. Complete a secret act of kindness
2. Be forgiving
3. Think before you speak
4. Finish every job
5. Triage your emails
6. Get enough sleep
7. Give away something you don't need
8. Be gracious
9. Learn something new
10. Put your things away
11. Give thanks before a meal
12. Remember someone no longer with you
13. Share your favourite music
14. Tell someone a joke
15. Clean out a drawer
16. Admire something in creation
17. Pray for a different country
18. Cuddle an animal
19. Stay on track
20. Make a donation
21. Ask for help when you need it
22. Go for a walk
23. Pray for your family
24. Stick to a budget
25. Read a chapter of a book
26. Use up what's in your fridge
27. Memorise Scripture
28. Write an encouraging note
29. Consider a new idea
30. Buy only what you need
31. Compost
32. Be patient
33. Share a poem
34. Turn off lights
35. Compliment someone
36. Watch a documentary
37. Call a friend to chat
38. Meditate
39. Drink enough water
40. Write 3 things you're grateful for

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## WHAT COULD YOU GIVE UP FOR LENT?

1. Complaining
2. Negative self talk
3. Sarcasm
4. Dominating the conversation
5. Excuses
6. Going through the motions
7. Worry
8. Over-commitment
9. Impatience
10. The quick fix
11. Complacency
12. People pleasing
13. Cynicism
14. Procrastination
15. Snarky comments
16. Busyness
17. Defensiveness
18. Stereotyping
19. Nagging
20. Narrow mindedness
21. Hitting the snooze button
22. Netflix
23. Weighing yourself
24. Online shopping
25. Coffee
26. Speeding
27. Alcohol
28. Make up
29. Snacks
30. Arriving late
31. Disposable plastic
32. Social media
33. Mindless eating
34. Clutter
35. Selfies
36. Hot showers
37. Chocolate
38. Wasting food
39. Buying stuff you don't need
40. Checking your phone

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**19 & 20 MARCH 2022**

**JUBILEE HALL, 52 SMITH ST, MACEDON**

## THE SEEKERS STORY WITH ATHOL GUY AO

**A Very Special Fundraising Weekend in  
support of MacGregor's Farm  
Dementia Respite in Woodend**

*The Anglican Parish of Gisborne and Woodend Lifestyle Carers' Group are thrilled to jointly present two performances (evening and matinee), an art sale & more in support of this local project. Local legend Athol Guy AO presents a special The Seekers' Diamond Jubilee Preview including his mini documentary "60 Years and 100 Million Albums" with unique footage from their very last concert from Royal Albert Hall London. Bring your friends for a fun music-filled event with Hanging Rock Winery wine by the glass and merchandise for sale. These limited-ticket performances will definitely sell out - so please book early to avoid disappointment!*



## Two Performances Only

**7.30 pm on Saturday**

**19 March 2022**

**2 pm on Sunday**

**20 March 2022**

**\$50 per ticket**

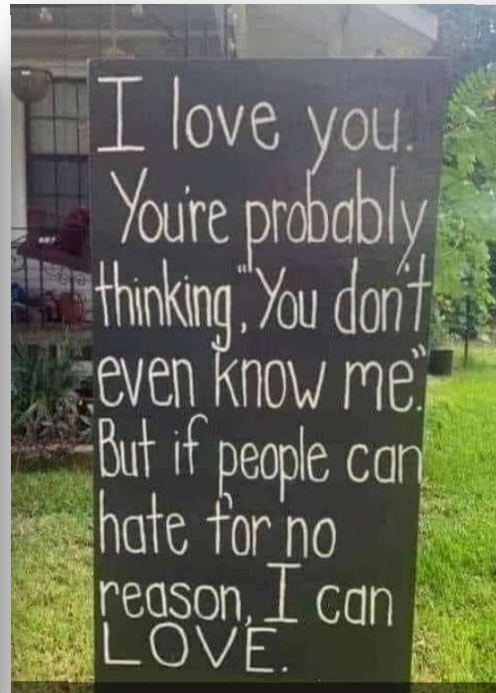
**Plus Art Sale from**

**10 am - 2 pm on  
Saturday 19 March at  
Jubilee Hall**

**Tickets available at  
TryBooking**

[www.trybooking.com/BXFNM](http://www.trybooking.com/BXFNM)

**Phone enquiries: 5428 4038**



### LOVE IS NOT ALL YOU NEED.

- \* You need mutual respect.
- \* You need support.
- \* You need trust.
- \* You need boundaries.
- \* You need people to be there when it matters.
- \* You need space to grow and acceptance when you do.
- \* You need people to show their love in a way you can understand.

Nedra Tawwab

### How to be Loved

**Y**OU KNOW what a bore is, of course. It is a person who, when you ask how he is, tells you. I suppose there is one thing which everybody desires, and that is to be loved. It may sound funny, but it is real. Here is a little practical advice which may help in this problem. I came across these few lines and I pass them on to you.

*If you want to be loved:*

- Don't contradict people, even if you're sure you are right.
- Don't be inquisitive about the affairs of even your most intimate friend.
- Don't underrate anything because you don't possess it.
- Don't believe that everybody else in the world is happier than you.
- Don't conclude that you have never had any opportunities in life.
- Don't believe all the evils you hear.
- Don't be rude to your inferiors in social position.
- Don't repeat gossip, even if it does interest a crowd.
- Don't jeer at anybody's religious belief.
- Learn to hide your aches and pains under a pleasant smile. Few care whether you have the earache, headache or rheumatism.
- Learn to attend to your own business.
- Do not try to be anything else but a gentleman or a gentlewoman, and that means one who has consideration for the whole world and whose life is governed by the Golden Rule.

The author of those lines is unknown, but we should add something else from an author who is well-known. If we want to be loved then Jesus said: "Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind," and then you will love your neighbour as yourself.

God's love for us is not conditional upon our love for Him, for He so loved us that He gave His only begotten Son. Our love for others should not be conditional upon their love for us, but simply because we want to show that the love of God is real in our lives.

*from "MORE THOUGHTS FOR BETTER LIVING"  
by Rev. Lance R. Shilton*

Little sharing's from  
PPW 'Regenerating the  
Church' fb page...

Identifying all that  
love includes and  
encompassing all that  
love is...



## Sacrededge 2022 April 29 – May 1 Queenscliff Uniting Church

Sacrededge is our response to a sometimes harsh and fearful world. It is an opportunity to connect with people from diverse backgrounds. Rather than debate and argue about issues Q&A style, this unique festival listens to people from the edge... their stories, music, poetry.

Our presenters, artists & performers come from a range of backgrounds – Indigenous, Refugee, LGBTIQ folk, Carers for the Earth and Ocean. They are the voices from the edge who are vulnerable and not normally heard.

With a bunch of people from different spiritual traditions and none, people who love stories, justice, ideas, music and the arts, community is created.

Sacrededge is a lived experience of how we can treasure each other in all our glorious diversity and find our hearts and minds expanded and enriched.

The event will be a fully vaccinated one, so make sure you are all up to date with your vaccination requirements, (including a third booster shot if eligible) to ensure the safety and health of all who attend.

Information & Bookings: [www.unitingqueenscliff.org.au](http://www.unitingqueenscliff.org.au)

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From Wendy Hebbard after reading some reviews about the book **Damascus** by **Christos Tsiolakis**

Melbourne writer, Christos Tsiolakis was brought up with knowledge of the Greek Orthodox Church. This did not result in him having a faith. Nevertheless, Christos has always been very interested in Christianity. His recent book "Damascus" was reviewed by Bri Lee, who said, "I learned more about Christianity in "Damascus" than I did in five years at a Catholic High School". Our main man was Saul. Known now as St Paul, he travelled the world in the years after Jesus in the story of the resurrection. Paul is a figure of extraordinary drama and eloquence. He was a Pharisee and a Roman citizen. He initially persecuted Christians until that dark night on the road to Damascus when he heard a voice thundering, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" He was cast down. He found himself blind until he came to see, and became the supreme exponent and populariser of Christianity (from Peter Craven's review in The Age). This was a stage in history of cruelty and sadism. When one exiled woman feared that her child had died or when a young girl was being stoned to death for adultery. Jesus asked, "Who is without sin? Can I dare cast the first stone?" Unspeakable cruelty and torture at those times, just reveals how barbaric they were. There is a Greek woman of Ephesus who suffers the terrible grief of having a daughter born without an arm. She was left out on the hillside to die. Eventually she found her way to Paul and the comfort of Christ. This landscape at the time was indeed appalling. Full of accumulated atrocity and abomination, the atmosphere of this book is compelling and deeply serious. "Damascus" exhibits the absolute cruelty of paganism and Christianity comes like a messenger to mitigate this.

Some Homework: **The image of God**

Genesis 5:1-3

2 Corinthians 3:17-18

Colossians 1:15

1 Corinthians 15:48-49

Colossians 3:9-10

2 Corinthians 4:4

Please read a couple of verses before and after stated verses. Hope the Holy Spirit will carry you along in these matters.

Maybe even better, read the whole Bible

Carl Zumstein

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



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