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WATCH FOR THE NEW...

Václav Havel was the last Czechoslovakian President and the first President of the new Czech Republic.

Havel was born during the decades of Communist rule over Czechoslovakia. He was born into an intellectual family of teachers and writers, and so was not allowed anything more than a primary education. This was to prevent potential 'thinkers' becoming 'troublemakers' for the Communist rule.

He was not only barred, as thousands from intellectual families were, from basic education, but from any college or university.



This didn't stop him thinking however about human rights, and the terrible suffering of many who did protest. He saw numerous citizens, and people of other cultures persecuted, some tortured to death. So he found his own way to protest. Over the years, he worked by day as a labourer, but at night he wrote plays that were widely performed and that challenged what was occurring in his homeland. As is often true, 'the pen is mightier than the sword', and resistance to the communist regime grew. About his motivation for writing his plays he said:

"I feel that the dormant goodwill in people needs to be stirred. People need to hear that it makes sense to behave decently or to help others, to place common interests above their own."

Finally he was arrested, the plays banned, and he was sentenced to 4½ years of hard labour.

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THE CROSS IN MY POCKET

I carry a cross in my pocket; a simple reminder to me of the fact that I am a Christian no matter where I may be.

This little cross is not magic; nor is it a good luck charm, it isn't meant to protect me from every physical harm.

It is not for identification for all the world to see, it is simply an understanding between my Saviour and me.

When I just put my hand in my pocket to bring out a coin or a key, the cross is there to remind me of the price he paid for me.

It reminds me, too, to be thankful for my blessings day by day, and to strive to serve him better in all that I do and say.

It is also a daily reminder of the peace and comfort I share with all who know my Master and give themselves to his care.

So, I carry a cross in my pocket reminding no one but me that Jesus Christ is the Lord of my life, if only I'll let him be.

Author unknown



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
4 Sept	Pentecost 13 (23)	G	Jeremiah 18:1-11	139:1-6, 13-18	Philemon 1-21	Luke 14:25-33
11 Sept	Pentecost 14 (24)	G	Jeremiah 4:11-12,22-28	14	1 Timothy 1:12-17	Luke 15:1-10
18 Sept	Pentecost 15 (25)	G	Jeremiah 8:18 to 9:1	79:1-9	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Luke 16:1-13
25 Sept	Pentecost 16 (26)	G	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15	91:1-6, 14-16	1 Timothy 6:6-19	Luke 16:19-31
2 Oct	Pentecost 17 (27)	G	Lamentations 1:1-6	Lam 3:19-26 or Psalm 137	2 Timothy 1:1-14	Luke 17:5-10

Colours: P – Purple

W – White

G – Green

R – Red

B – Black

Macedon Ranges Partnership

Sunday 4th
Friday 9th
Sunday 11th
Sunday 18th
Sunday 25th
Sunday 25th

Tylden
Kyneton Fish & Chips
Gisborne
Kyneton
Romsey
Barfold

Ministry team worship September 2022

Annette Buckley
Annette Buckley
Rose Broadstock
Rose Broadstock
Rose Broadstock
Meg Evans (Closing of UC services)

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

Romsey Uniting Church September Worship Services

Sunday Worship Services in the Romsey Uniting Church are held at 9.30am. They are conducted by Lay and Worship leaders. A Worship and Holy Communion Service is conducted by a Minister on the 4th Sunday.

Wendy Hallinan helped to celebrate the birthday of her Dad recently. She sent a photo for PiP of the happy day – here he is pictured blowing out candles at his home in aged care in Cheltenham. Thanks for the photo, Wendy!



(from page 1) As the Communist regime began to crumble, such was his leadership that he became President of Czechoslovakia. He led the peaceful progression to a democracy that cares for all, particularly the most vulnerable. He came to be seen as the very soul of the new Czech Republic, and became its first President.

He talked about the vision that gave him both hope and courage over those terrible years:

'Many things indicate that we are going through a transitional period, when it seems that something is on the way out and something else is painfully being born. It is as if something were crumbling, decaying and exhausting itself, while something else, still indistinct, were arising from the rubble. The crumbling and exhaustion to him were a sign of hope.'

That quote has always reminded me of what can be seen in the Church of our times.

There are those who would like to say that all is fine. And those who feel there is nothing but crumbling and exhaustion. But what Havel helps us see, is that crumbling can be the sign of God's work to bring something new to birth.

As I see it, that is the challenge for us in these times - to strain to see through the pains of death and birth, the new thing God is creating where we are.

That's easy to say, but how do we actually do that? How can we be active partners with God in this? One way is to intentionally discern and discuss together. This is the pattern of the early Church who always met to talk through changing situations and continues to be our way in the local and wider Church.

So as part of that, Annette and I would love to offer to have this conversation with each congregation. Where is God leading us as we look to the future?

We pray all might consider taking this opportunity, and some congregations already have. That is so encouraging.

'Watch for the new thing I am going to do. It is happening already — you can see it now! I will make a road through the wilderness and give you streams of water there. (Isaiah 43: 19)

Rose Broadstock

“With Love to the World” a new look

This booklet is mailed 4 times a year to subscribers right across Australia.

It consists of very short Bible commentaries, one per day, related to the Sunday Lectionary. The authors are from all states and occasionally from New Zealand and Scotland. *With Love to the World* has been serving the Uniting Church for 46 years. The new editor is Rev Dr John Squires from Canberra and he has changed the appearance of the booklet somewhat, but the basic content is the same.

While the original purpose was to help people prepare for Sunday worship by reading the Lectionary passages during the preceding week, *With Love to the World* is also used by some people in their preparation for leading worship, e.g. there are hymn selections for each week.



The publishers have managed to keep the subscription remarkably low at \$24 per year. It is also available as an app through Play Store or App Store for the same price. Enquiries to D'Arcy Wood, 0408-542-830

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>September 2022</h1> <p>RB- Rev Rose Broadstock; AB- Past. Annette Buckley; ME- Rev Deac Meg Evans Holy Communion will be celebrated at these churches on the Sundays in calendar</p>				1	2	3
				Kyneton Daffodil Festival (until 11 th September) World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation	10am Prayers at Gisborne	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9.30am Tylden AB Fathers Day	11am Faith Community 12.30 Souper Lunch 5.30pm Romsey Meditation		9.30-1.30 White Goose open Riddells Creek		10am Prayers at Gisborne 6.30pm Fish & Chips Worship at Kyneton AB	10am-2.30pm Books'n'Bites Kyneton UC
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9.30am Gisborne 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	*PIP items due tomorrow please
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9.30am Kyneton AB	11am Faith Community 12.30 Souper Lunch 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 at Kyneton	
25	26	27	28	29	30	
9.30am Romsey RB 10am Barfold ME	11am Faith Community 12.30 Souper Lunch 5.30pm Romsey Meditation		9.30-1.30 White Goose open Riddells Creek		10am Prayers at Gisborne	

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/>

For more information and confirmation of events, please check out the Festival website www.kynetondaffodilarts.org.au or visit the *Macedon Ranges Visitor Information Centres*

FRONTIER SERVICES

The Great Outdoor BBQ is back!

Australian farmers are really struggling at the moment. Across the country, most have experienced devastating floods, drought or bushfires in recent years. And there are more challenges still on the horizon. Whilst Gisborne Uniting Church may not be holding a BBQ, we will definitely be holding a **Frontier Services Service on September 25th**. Come prepared to help support Frontier Services with a donation – do pop the date in your diary



Souper Lunch after Faith Community in Woodend on Mondays – photo from Lyn



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

The Humble Candle

Many of us have had a fascination with candles. there is something very calming about a gentle, flickering flame. The scent of candles, their simple, sleek design and, when lit, we are drawn to their flame like a moth!

Candles were first developed by the Chinese in the Qin Dynasty (221-206 B.C.). They were made of whale fat. Other countries used cinnamon, olives, tallow and beeswax.

Since 1850 other waxes such as paraffin, purified animal fats and soybean wax are among many others used until the present day.

What does a candle mean to you?

Candles give light, (some) warmth, direction, identity, reverence, joy and peace, reassurance and many other feelings. They create a certain mood, especially when large numbers are massed together.

A single candle lit in a dark place is a very powerful symbol as is a person witnessing in this secular world in which we live.

We light a candle in church to symbolise the Spirit of our Lord Jesus among us.

It signifies the commencement of the service.

At the end the candle is extinguished, but the Spirit of the Lord stays with us.

Jesus is the "*Light of the world*" - he shows us the way forward.

There is something very calming about a gentle, flickering flame.

Candles are used in both sad and joyful times.

The church candle not only reminds us of the sacrifice that Jesus made for mankind, but it confirms his presence in our time of worship and in our daily lives.



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I need your input for the next issue of **Partnership in Print!** If your church has things on in October, 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 18th September 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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