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In 1985 Greg and I bought a houseblock in Woodend and I was expecting child number two. We had been married 5 years and had struggled with the extraordinarily high home interest rates of 17.5% and decided to sell up and move to Woodend. At that time, the population was 3,500 and we felt it to be a wonderful place to bring up our children.

Life seemed a lot simpler then, yet for us money was always tight. However, we always had just enough – blessed. In those days, as a young mum, the Woodend Op Shop was a place I visited often. I could buy simple treasures to help build our home and clothing for the family was a particular help to us. The staff in the shop were always kind

and helpful and having such a shop in Woodend made life a little easier for us.

I wonder how many other times our opportunity shops have helped people in need, thousands upon thousands, I am sure. Yet, all the busyness of sorting and pricing etc. was never seen by the patrons, only the well placed, hung clothes and the carefully displayed goods on the shelves. The love was evident, even if the full depth of the processes to get the goods where they were, was not.

After decades of being in the main street of Woodend, the Woodend Op Shop has made a huge move, to what was the Woodend Uniting Church Hall. Again, behind the scenes the (continued page 3)



The new set up in Woodend



LECTIONARY Readings Year B

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

Date	Day/Season	Color	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
29 Nov	Advent 1	P	Isaiah 64:1-9	80:1-7, 17-19	1 Corinthians 1:3-9	Mark 13:24-37
6 Dec	Advent 2	P	Isaiah 40:1-11	85:1-2, 8-13	2 Peter 3:8-15a	Mark 1:1-8
13 Dec	Advent 3	P	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11	126 or Luke 1:47-55	1 Thessalonians 5:16-24	John 1:6-8, 19-28
20 Dec	Advent 4	P	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16	Luke 1:47-55 or Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26	Romans 16:25-27	Luke 1:26-38

Christmas

The Christmas - Epiphany season includes Christmas Eve/Day and the twelve days of Christmas. It recalls the stories of the birth and infancy of Christ. The Church in this time celebrates the wonder of the incarnation, the season concludes with Epiphany.

24 Dec	Christmas Eve	W	Isaiah 9: 2-7	96	Titus 2:11-14	Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)
25 Dec	Christmas Day 1	W	Isaiah 62:6-12	97	Titus 3:4-7	Luke 2:1-7 (8-20)
25 Dec	Christmas Day 2	W	Isaiah 52:7-10	98	Hebrews 1:1-4,(5-12)	John 1:1-14
27 Dec	Christmas 1	W	Isaiah 61:10 to 62:3	148	Galatians 4:4-7	Luke 2:22-40
3 Jan	Christmas 2	W	Jeremiah 31:7-14 or Sirach 24:1-12	147:12-20 or Wisdom of Solomon 10:15-21	Ephesians 1:3-14	John 1:(1-9), 10-18
6 Jan	Epiphany	W	Isaiah 60:1-6	72:1-7,10-14	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2 1-12

After Epiphany

A period in which the church reflects on the manifestation of Christ to all people.

10 Jan	Baptism of the Lord	W	Genesis 1:1-5	29	Acts 19:1-7	Mark 1:4-11
17 Jan	Epiphany 2	G	1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)	139:1-6, 13-18	1 Corinthians 6:12-20	John 1:43-51
24 Jan	Epiphany 3	G	Jonah 3:1-5, 10	62:5-12	1 Corinthians 7:29-31	Mark 1:14-20
31 Jan	Epiphany 4	G	Deuteronomy 18:15-20	111	1 Corinthians 8:1-13	Mark 1:21-28
7 Feb	Epiphany 5	G	Isaiah 40:21-31	147:1-11, 20c	1 Corinthians 9:16-23	Mark 1:29-39

Colours: P – Purple

W – White

G – Green

R - Red

(from page 1) tireless personnel have merged onto the shop like determined soldier ants and diligently transferred all the goods to their new home around the corner. Again, the doors are open, ready to serve the community, with the love and care that they do so well, and yes, COVID-19 safe! Well done to all the staff and volunteers who made it happen!

As we enter into Advent 2020 perhaps there is something from the Op Shop model we can learn. Something of death and resurrection as the no longer wanted goods find new homes. Something about giving above and beyond. Something about working behind the scenes and perhaps not seeing the full fruit of our service. Something about going out and using the talents we have, to make a difference. Something about the building up of relationships with all who enter our lives.

May God bless you as this very different Advent and Christmas comes upon us and may we never forget the service of Jesus and God's calling on our lives to be like him.

Rev Linda Young

HIDDEN GEM

Do you recognise this place? The clue is in the background... Can you say where it is?

Have you a **Hidden Gem** in your community? Take a photo of your community's Hidden Gem and see if others can recognise it. It may be a building, a natural environment feature or...???

This month's picture is from.....??? (see page 6 to see if you're right!)



A prayer for putting on a mask

Creator, as I prepare to go into the world, help me to see the sacrament in the wearing of this cloth – let it be “an outward sign of an inward grace” – a tangible and visible way of living love for my neighbours, as I love myself.

Christ, since my lips will be covered, uncover my heart, that people would see my smile in the crinkles around my eyes. Since my voice may be muffled, help me to speak clearly, not only with my words, but with my actions.

Holy Spirit, as the elastic touches my ears, remind me to listen carefully – and full of care – to all those I meet. May this simple piece of cloth be shield and banner, and each breath that it holds, be filled with your love.

In your Name and in that love, I pray.

May it be so. May it be so.

[Richard Bott, Moderator of the United Church of Canada]

The ministry team are continuing to create a **weekly Worship video** service which can be viewed on-line through YouTube or accessed through the Partnership's website at macedonrangesunitingchurch.org.au/worship-services. If you need assistance to view the service give one of the ministers a call 😊



Greetings all,
 This Wednesday is the 4th Wednesday of the Month of November and as such we should all be able to meet again at 10.30 at our Budburst café and with the weather forecast for bright and clear outside again is our preferred option.
 Annette is on leave so we have the very Rev' Peter blessing us with his presence, It will be so great to catch up with Peter after such a long time in our respective broom closets.
 This is probably our final meet for this year as December clashes with Christmas so if we could all please gather up all and any Stamps we have collected and bring them along, I can send them down to Margaret at our UCAF Sammy Stamp collection depot, She is always most appreciative of our stamp donations...and it will make a wonderful Christmas present for her..
 That's all for now,
 God Bless
 Brian. (written Sunday 22nd November)



Tylden-Woodend OP Shop. The committee of the Opportunity Shop would sincerely like to thank everybody who participated in any way, big or small to what was an enormous effort in moving the shop from High Street to the hall in Forest St Woodend. There were volunteers who worked before the actual moving day to transfer goods to the hall, those who worked in the shop through our final sale days working longer shifts and extra days. Those people who stepped up when the over 70's were not able to participate and learned the ropes very quickly. The people who were at the hall and church preparing for the incoming goods and furnishings and those who on moving day came with trailers, utes and tools and worked tirelessly till the premises in High St was emptied, the shelves removed, the shop cleaned and the Forest St site filled and ready to trade Monday. Our sincere appreciation also to those committee members who worked to finalize the lease and handle all the organizational aspects of our move. **THANK YOU TO YOU ALL.**

Tylden is planning to resume weekly worship at the church at 9am from this Sunday November 29. We are planning a service, possibly outdoors, on Christmas eve at 7:30pm.

Sutton Grange: The Uniting Church is conducting a Carol Service in the grounds of the Sutton Grange Church on Sunday Dec 20th at 7pm. It will be 'bring your own' chair or rug and insect protection. Strict COVID-19 restrictions will apply. There will be no supper.

If this event needs to be cancelled, notice will be sent out via email.



Sunday morning chat and cuppa –every Sunday 10.30am – call, email or text any of the ministers for details and assistance to connect via Zoom and spend some friendly time chatting

Kyneton Fish'n'Chips: 6.30pm December 11th – currently via zoom, check emails for more information. Contact any of the ministers for a connection to Zoom or for assistance

STOP PRESS:

Following the recent Review conducted by Presbytery of the Macedon Ranges Partnership, Standing Committee has begun working with CoCo executive appointees and some congregational representatives regarding potential changes to the Partnership. Presbytery has accepted CoCo's invitation to be involved in supporting the process of change impacting all congregations for the coming years.

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The Hidden Gem: Where is it? The clue is in the background (possibly only if you're familiar with it!) Riddells Creek Lions Park with the White Goose (Riddell UC) in the background.

Next Partnership in Print will be in your inbox or church foyer in time for February. Please send all events/stories/photos/tidbits to me **by Sunday 24th January** for 2021's first edition. I am happy to receive emails or texts via phone or you can pop something in the post for me.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Robyn (contact details available through one of the ministers 😊)

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