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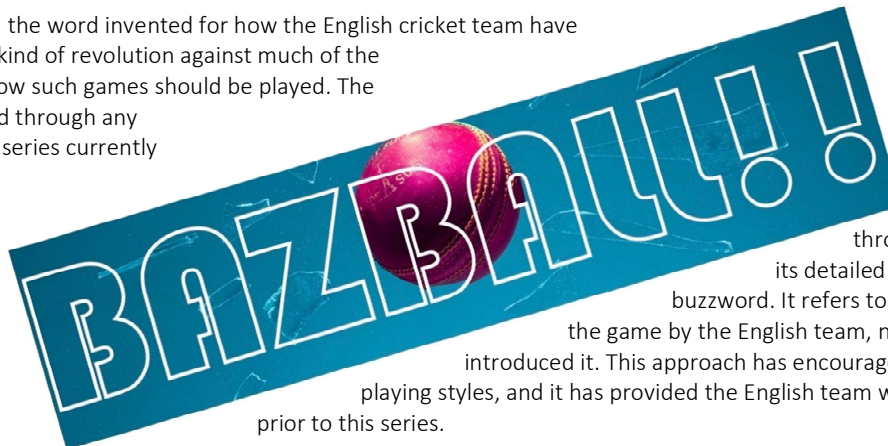
...a parable, of sorts

Any cricket fans will likely be thoroughly sick of reading or hearing the word BAZBALL! (Which is the way people seem to say it), and anyone not inducted into the specialised world of Test cricket, especially The Ashes (the name given to Test match series involving Australia and England) will have no clue what it means.

People who've grown up outside countries that regularly play in these five-day sporting events are bemused that two teams can play for such a long time and so regularly end up without a winner. Over the years, there have been times when they have been dry and soporific affairs, interrupted by unseasonal rain, open to players deliberately trying to attain a draw rather than a win, or just...boring. But to those who appreciate and love its mysterious appeal, there are still, within those kinds of games, moments of brilliance, epic battles between one player and another, milestones achieved and records broken. Test cricket can be an acquired taste, but it can also provide some remarkable stories.

Everyone knows the unwritten rules, such as, if you win the toss, you usually choose to bat. There is a kind of expected order and rhythm to a game that its fans have come to know and love. Mind you, the number of fans has, arguably, been diminishing as newer, shorter, flashier versions of the game have become more popular.

Enter...BAZBALL! the word invented for how the English cricket team have Test matches; a kind of revolution against much of the wisdom about how such games should be played. The liberally sprinkled through any about the Ashes series currently played in Before the first bowled, match, and in was the approach to coach who has tactics and notable wins



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throughout the first its detailed analysis, Bazball buzzword. It refers to the new the game by the English team, named after the introduced it. This approach has encouraged startling new playing styles, and it has provided the English team with some prior to this series.

Controversy rages about whether this is going to have a lasting impact on Test cricket, whether it is a way of breathing new life into a tired format, whether it is going to make Test cricket more appealing to those who've never been interested, or who have left it behind for something that they find more interesting or exciting. Test cricket purists see it as a flash-in-the-pan, an attempt to fix something that ain't broke, an aberration. They appreciate the game the way it is, the way it has been for generations, and they don't see any reason to change it.

In the first match of the series, England's Bazball tactics were tested against the Australian team that largely stuck to the kind of script that might more usually be expected. Commentators seemed to see it as an opportunity for this new style to prove itself or be relegated to the dustbin of history. On the final day, the game hung in the balance and, in one of the most exciting conclusions to a game for a number of years, Australia won, perhaps in the end by resorting to some Bazball tactics of their own.

Right now, in the middle of this new way of doing things, it's impossible to forecast where it will lead. Will the well-founded practices of the game ultimately prove to be the ones to continue to carry the game forward into the future? Will other teams take on England's style, refining it and making it their own? Will those who are the stewards of the game seek to protect its heritage by rule changes, or will they embrace the new way forward? Will these new approaches bring people back to the game? Only time will tell. It's a fascinating time to be a Test cricket fan and to watch this experiment unfold. In the meantime, the players keep taking to the field, stepping up to bat and bowl, committing themselves to inspiring new generations to love and play the game so that it might thrive well into the future.

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	Colour	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
2 July	Pentecost 5 (13)	G	Genesis 22:1-14	13	Romans 6:12-23	Matthew 10:40-42
9 July	Pentecost 6 (14)	G	Genesis 24:34-38,42-49,58-67	45:10-17 or Song of Solomon 2:8-13	Romans 7:15-25a	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
16 July	Pentecost 7 (15)	G	Genesis 25:19-34	119:105-112	Romans 8:1-11	Matthew 13:1-9,18-23
23 July	Pentecost 8 (16)	G	Genesis 28:10-19a	139:1-12,23-24	Romans 8:12-25	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
30 July	Pentecost 9 (17)	G	Genesis 29:15-28	105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128	Romans 8:26-39	Matthew 13:31-33,44-52
6 Aug	Pentecost 10 (18)	G	Genesis 32:22-31	17:1-7, 15	Romans 9:1-5	Matthew 14:13-21

Colours: P – Purple

W – White

G – Green

R – Red

B – Black

News from Romsey: Christian Meditation will be having a winter recess this year. We will recommence at the beginning of September, with the exact date to be confirmed – stay tuned to PiP!

Musical Theatre at Romsey Uniting

The Singularity Choir performed HMS Pinafore and Trial by Jury at Romsey on Sunday 28th in the church Hall.

It was a joyous afternoon followed by a delicious afternoon tea prepared by church and community

friends. (Thanks Jenny E for the photos)



A REFERENDUM FOR AN ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER VOICE



This year all Australians will be invited to vote on whether we should recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in our nation's constitution.

It is an opportunity to consider changing our constitution in a way that will honour and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Australians.

To make this change meaningful and practical, we will be asked to support an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament to ensure First Nations people are heard on the issues which impact their lives and communities.

A Voice to Parliament is the first of three things called for in the Uluru Statement from the Heart - an invitation from First Nations people to all Australians to help build a better future. A Yes to the Voice is a crucial step toward the work of treaty and truth-telling.

Why is a Voice needed?

Indigenous Australians have been calling for meaningful change for many years. An Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament will create a constitutionally enshrined pathway for First Nations people to provide advice to Government on what works for their communities, leading to well-informed, practical solutions to overcome disadvantage in areas such as health, education, justice, housing and jobs.

Since 1967, there have been five different legislated forums set up to advise the government on Indigenous policy, all of which have been abolished by successive governments. If a Voice to Parliament is enshrined in the constitution, it cannot be abolished without significant public scrutiny through another referendum. It will ensure Governments of the day hear from First Nations voices on the issues that directly impact the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

How will a Voice work?

If the Referendum is successful, the next step is for Parliament to design the model for what a Voice to Parliament will look like.

This allows for Parliament to consult communities, then review and debate the legislation, before approving its final shape – a normal process for any new laws introduced to Parliament.

Despite some claims there is not enough detail, there are comprehensive reports setting out the design principles for the Voice. We already know that the Voice will be independent, chosen by First Nations people and be representative of First Nations communities.

The proposed constitutional amendment given to us to consider before the referendum states that the Voice "may make representations" to Parliament and the Executive Government.

The inclusion of Executive Government (Federal Government and the Cabinet) is critical to ensure First Nations voices are heard at the time laws and policies are being developed. The Voice will have no veto power and will have no role in passing legislation. This is the distinct difference between a Voice 'in' Parliament and a Voice 'to' Parliament.

How will it make a difference?

A Voice will ensure the Government has direct advice from First Nations communities, which will lead to better laws and policies, better investment and ultimately better outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The Voice will not create division but enable greater cooperation and understanding between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. It is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to acknowledge First Australians and their deep spiritual ties to this land. It will create a pathway toward treaty and truth-telling. It will unite all Australians and shape the future for generations to come.



WHY DOES THE UNITING CHURCH SUPPORT A VOICE?

Our Covenant

Acknowledging the difficult history of this nation, and our own part in the colonisation of First Nations people and their lands, the Uniting Church accepted the invitation to formally enter into a Covenant relationship with the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (UAICC) in 1994. The Covenant is an ever-deepening commitment to walk together as First and Second Peoples, working and praying for a fuller expression of our reconciliation in Jesus Christ.

What the Bible says

As Christians, we believe all humans are made in the image of God and should be equally respected, included and supported in society (Genesis 1: 26-27). In the Good Samaritan story (Luke 10:25-37) Jesus teaches us that the two greatest commandments are to love your God, and to love your neighbour as yourself. In John 10:10, Jesus says he came so that all might have abundant life. The New Testament Epistles give Christians the "ministry of reconciliation" (2 Corinthians 5: 18) and of pursuing peace with everyone (Hebrews 12: 14).

As Christians, we are called by God to seek reconciliation in all things. This includes righting wrongs of the past and restoring relationships between First and Second Peoples in the Church and in this nation. In following Jesus, we work for practical and meaningful change that ensures all can live life abundantly.

What the Uniting Church has said

Informed by our Covenant commitment, and having heard from the UAICC, the Assembly Standing Committee in March 2023 declared its support for the proposed change in the Australian constitution to recognise an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament. The Uniting Church sees this referendum as a crucial step toward the full expression of the Uluru Statement from the Heart and its ongoing invitation to seek treaty and truth-telling.

In 2009, the Uniting Church endorsed the revised Preamble which changed our own constitution of the Church, a step we felt necessary because it says something about who we are and who we want to become. The referendum gives us a similar opportunity to say something about who we are as a nation by embedding recognition of First Nations people in our constitution.

One of the key acknowledgements in the Preamble is that First Nations people encountered the Creator God long before colonisation, and that as a result, First Nations people have insights into God's ways. We are enriched in our faith by listening to these insights. The Voice is an invitation to the nation to listen to and be informed by the lived experiences of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in developing policies and laws that will make a meaningful difference.

WHAT CAN I DO?

Start a Conversation

One of the biggest things you can do to support a successful referendum is to begin a conversation with the people around you. Here are some starting points you might consider:

- Read the Statement from the Heart and consider its invitation to all Australians?
- What have you heard about an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament? What do you think about it?
- What have you heard about the referendum this year and how it will happen?
- Share what makes you passionate about the Voice.

You might like to ask an Indigenous person to share with your congregation their insights into the need for an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament, or to ask members of the congregation to share how they are thinking about the invitation of the referendum.

Find out more:

- For more information and resources from the Uniting Church, including our statements and FAQs: uniting.church/voice
- Volunteer with Yes23, and check out their helpful Conversation Guide: action.yes23.com.au/
- Lead a study on the Statement from the Heart: <https://justart.org.au/first-peoplesactions/>
- Listen to the 2023 Survival Day message from UCA President Rev Sharon Hollis and UAICC Interim National Chair Rev Mark Kickett which references the referendum: <https://vimeo.com/788863001>
- Find resources provided by the Government <https://www.voice.gov.au/>



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	July 2023				1
Pentecost 9 10am Partnership Service Sutton Grange						
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Pentecost 5 9.30am Tylden - HC (live-streamed from here)	2.30 Faith Community		9.30-1pm White Goose open Riddells Creek		10am Prayers at Gisborne	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Pentecost 6 9.30am Gisborne (live- streamed)	2.30 Faith Community	10am Morning Matinee at Gisborne	9.30-1pm White Goose open Riddells Creek		10am Prayers at Gisborne 6.30pm Fish & Chips Worship Kyneton HC	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Pentecost 7 9.30am Kyneton (live- streamed)	2.30 Faith Community		9.30-1pm White Goose open Riddells Creek		10am Prayers at Gisborne 7pm Simba Sessions	*PiP articles due tomorrow please
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Pentecost 8 10am Romsey (live- streamed)	2.30pm Faith Community 3.30pm RM Begg	10am Gisborne alternative worship (tbc)	9.30-1pm White Goose open Riddells Creek 10am Minister's Munch		10am Prayers at Gisborne 6.30pm Fish & Chips Worship at Kyneton	



The SIMBA SESSIONS

MUSIC POETRY STORYTELLING

Mijo Biscan

Fleassy Malay

Sarah Humphreys

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

July 21st

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

MUSIC POETRY STORYTELLING

August 25th

September 15th

October 20th

November 17th

An Olde Time Concert: Gisborne was the venue for a return visit from the lovely tuneful Savoy Singers. Their music covered Gilbert and Sullivan, Ivor Novello and many of the songs we love from musical comedy. The Singers are generous with their time and talents and we were able to raise over \$600 which will go towards the refugee settlement project.

STOP PRESS

Paul, Bev and Robyn are part of a newly formed group "Refugee Family Support Group Woodend" about to embark on assisting a refugee family to settle within our community. Grateful thanks to the Gisborne event as above for starting our fundraising!



Intro to Recycling

As Christians we all have a responsibility to care for our environment.

All the items in these photos could have been recycled; or in the case of the electrical, computer etc. leads and wires taken to MRSC Transfer Station (now known as Resource Recovery Facility)

Instead, these items have just been dumped in one of our streets or parks to wash into a drain and into our waterways, causing more pollution and damage to the environment.

What items can be recycled in your community?
Let us know for the next month's edition of PiP.



COCO REPORT JUNE 2023

A shortened CoCo meeting was held via Zoom in mid-June following the postponement due to Annette being on sick leave.

There was a conversation about the streamed worship services, and a small amount of feedback was gathered. CoCo reps were asked to keep the conversations going with their congregations, and to encourage people to contact the ministry team with suggestions.

CoCo reps were asked to discuss with their congregations the kind of conversations that might be had regarding the upcoming referendum about a change to the Constitution, and a First Nations voice to federal parliament. Paul Banks is a member of the Assembly Walking Together as First and Second Peoples Circle, so he is a valuable source of information for the Partnership. Information sessions/conversations could be held as events for the congregation, or events hosted by the congregation for the wider community.

We also discussed the idea of a worship planning group across the Partnership. The suggestion is that an ongoing invitation to participate in a gathering, possibly via Zoom, to discuss the texts for the week and any other material that might be used for worship the following Sunday. It is hoped that this might, for some people, be a form of bible study, but it is also an opportunity for those who are already working on worship to share their insights with others. Further information to come about this.

An extra CoCo meeting is planned for 1st July, again via Zoom.

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<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

Gisborne Uniting Church Morning Matinee

Just when it seemed that it would be sensible to cancel winter Muffins along came 21 people to enjoy the sea shanties and the beautiful location of Port Isaac in the film Fisherman's Friend.

July is just the time to settle back, drink coffee and watch a film. And at Gisborne we throw in the Jaffa's for free! So, Tuesday morning, July 11 from 10 -12 we'll be screening a movie filmed in the Macedon Ranges. No not that one! This one is titled Healing and features Hugo Weaving and some wonderful eagles.

In July, Worship services will be streamed at 9.30am from the following churches:

2 nd	Tylden – Holy Communion
9 th	Gisborne
16 th	Kyneton
23 rd	Romsey

On 30th July at 10am there will be a Partnership Service at Sutton Grange. Holy Communion will be celebrated together on this day. There will be no streamed service on this day.

If you are unable to attend a church on Sunday morning and wish to join in on-line with streamed services, 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 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

Alternative service times – Fish'n'Chips service at Kyneton at 6.30pm this month on 14th and 28th of July. Communion will be celebrated on 14th July at this service in Kyneton. (Friday 28th will be lay-lead)

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

Address label

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<u>WOODEND</u> - 37 Forest St					
<u>GISBORNE</u> - 23 Brantome St	Bev Gilbertson	Colin Chapman	Paul Gilbertson	Neil Moorhouse Rob Dunstan	Colin Chapman, Keith Hallett, Paul Gilbertson

Confused about the parable? Have something to share? Interested in saying something about your life in Christ at this time? Help us to celebrate life with God in this place and share with the rest of the Partnership. There's a fifth Sunday this month (Partnership service time – hooray!) so you have an extra week – please send me your additions for PIP by **23rd July 2023**.

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