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SEASON OF CREATION

In early September at Kyneton's Fish'n'Chips service, Meg led us in a Season of Creation Worship. We were all invited to contribute. Things from creation were brought for the service, leading to two tables full of nature, and stories to share about many items. Amidst prayers and bible readings we were invited by Meg to write single words down a page:

a favourite thing in the creation
a beautiful thing
a scent
something hard
something dry
something wet and
something frightening (or that you're afraid of)

We were then asked to add an adjective or two, or a phrase to each line. Blindly following instructions like this led to us turning our words into creative writing as we were then asked to re-organise what we had written into a poem. Many of us then shared with the whole congregation. Some of these poems are repeated here and throughout this edition – thank you to all who contributed. Spirit present among us - Hallelujah!



GOD'S CREATION

Terror of finding snakes in the garden
My garden of contrasting colours and shapes
Perfume of daphne floats through the air
Strength from the tree trunks, the bones of the garden
Change from the garden for a time at the beach
Waves gently cleansing all cares from the soul
Shifting of sand echoes the course of our lives
Back to the garden, my 'God thinking' space
Joy at the songs of the grey shrike thrush

Lyn



Live, love, laugh and be happy
All that we need is here at hand
Joy in giving & sharing & building
Life with others in our great land.

Trees of strength, food & beauty
Home & sustenance for so many...
Families of people & creatures we love
Given to us from God above.
Even those that we fear to be near
Give us strength in the time we are here.
Joan M

1. Spring lamb

Tentative new life
Seeing for the first time the wonder of an arching rainbow
Smelling the sweet scent of the delicate brown boronia flower
Stumbling into the steadfast rock in its path.
It comes to me and licks my itchy dry skin and sniffs at
The oozing sap from a thistle broken by my step.
It is yet to know the grief of losing a loved one.

2. From the smallest of frequencies life is eternal

To the flowers in bloom as they bring new life
To the diamonds created under pressure and ringing in brilliance
Even in the desert the frequencies of life abound
And in the wet humidity of the Amazon.
But in my fear of failure and rejection
It is the scent and safe space of my love that keeps me grounded.

Jenny and Pip



REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY Readings Year B

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	Col.	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
29 Sept	Pentecost 19	G	Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22	124	James 5:13-20	Mark 9:38-50
6 Oct	Pentecost 20	G	Job 1:1; 2:1-10	26	Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12	Mark 10:2-16
13 Oct	Pentecost 21	G	Job 23:1-9, 16-17	22:1-15	Hebrews 4:12-16	Mark 10:17-31
20 Oct	Pentecost 22	G	Job 38:1-7, (34-41)	104:1-9, 24, 35c	Hebrews 5:1-10	Mark 10:35-45
27 Oct	Pentecost 23	G	Job 42:1-6, 10-17	34:1-8, (19-22)	Hebrews 7:23-28	Mark 10:46-52
1 Nov	All Saints Day	W	Isaiah 25:6-9	24	Revelation 21:1-6a	John 11:32-44
3 Nov	Pentecost 24	G	Ruth 1:1-18	146	Hebrews 9:11-14	Mark 12:28-34

Colours: P – Purple

W – White

G – Green

R – Red

B – Black

FRONTIER SERVICES ROMSEY

Worship Service and Fundraiser BBQ (23rd June 2024)

We all enjoyed the visit from Reverend Bill Clarke as he shared some of his experiences working for Frontier Services during our morning Worship Service. Jay did a wonderful job of leading the Service and had organized Reverend Bill's visit to Romsey. Good weather, enabled us to enjoy a BBQ lunch afterwards and continue our discussions and enjoy great fellowship together. Reverend Bill's wife sadly was unable to come due to ill health but we heard about Pat's marvellous cooking skills and how much they contributed to placements they had worked in. Pat also very kindly sent some delicious contributions to enjoy with our after-lunch cuppa

The lunch and donations raised over \$500.00 on the day.

Thank you to everyone that contributed in whatever way to make it a special day and a happy one for Reverend Bill who camped overnight in his motorhome.



Season of Creation 2024
Fish & Chip Service - Creative Writing Poem Kyneton 06-09-24

The chattering birds of the morning
the scent of Daphne in the fresh morning air
reminding me anew of my mother and grandmother - both long gone.

Walking in the bush I spy delicate wild flowers all but hidden from view.
Gingerly stepping over rotting logs providing homes for tiny insects and spiders
and potentially hiding slithering deadly, snakes.

Dead leaves carried by early Spring winds,
once crisp and dry, now wet,
as they tumble over the rocks in the river flowing by.

All bringing joy to my heart
and thanks to the Creator

DJANDAK

Sacred Yaluk
flowing under endless sky,
blossoming trees,
mighty oceans,
ancient rocks
and desert sands
all call us
to gather
to sing
to share stories
to remember
and to work together
so that all that is harmed
might be healed.

Sacred yaluk flows
New life blossoms
Ancient rocks hold ground
Kind skies comfort
Everyday our natural world
Summons us to sing, share, pray.

Musings from Louise

(Djandak and yaluk are Dja Dja Wurrung words meaning Country and river)

God in creation: Bunjil dreaming
Wedgetail eagle, majestic; gliding across blue skies; circling, rising with hot air up to puffy cumulous clouds;
Wings twitching, stretching, folding – no fear of strong wind gusts.
Memories of nature – toes in hot, dry sand, squeak, squeak, squeak... Squeaky Beach at the Prom...
Waves crashing – wet ocean – big – water connecting us all.
Eucalyptus scent wafting on the wind
Creation in God, in us.

God's creation is majestic
Just as the mountains
And the dry outback
Even the slippery snakes
that hide in the rocks.
Looking for rain to drink their fill
After the rain the wild flowers bloom,
spreading their beautiful perfume.
Showing their beauty, glory in the sunshine
Praise be to God.

Bev

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| 1. | Tree | Tall |
| 2. | Sunset | Spectacular |
| 3. | Aftershave | Relief |
| 4. | Arch | Strength |
| 5. | Cloth | Soft |
| 6. | Towel | absorbent |
| 7. | New Places/Caves | Spooky |

From this:

to this:

I look in wonder at the tall tree
And thru its branches watch a spectacular sunset
Standing in the open air, shaving for refreshment
We visit an arch and I marvel at its strength
My face is moist from the walk and I am pleased
to wipe it with the soft cloth
To refresh I wipe it with the towel
I am not pleased to be visiting a spooky cave

GISBORNE UNITING CHURCH

(23 Brantome Street, Gisborne)

PRESENTS

KAY'S CLASSIC FASHIONS "SUMMER PARADE"

ON MONDAY, 21st OCTOBER, 2024
AT 1.30 P.M. at the Church

ALL WELCOME



ENTRY: \$10

DOOR PRIZES

AFTERNOON TEA

SALES ON THE DAY

Enquiries to Maree Clarke on 5428 3852 or 0423 051 318

Inspired by Psalm 148

(read whilst sitting in a cable-car travelling up to 1700m above the Mediterranean Sea)

Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord from the heavens;
Praise him in the heights!
Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

(Ps 142:1-2)

Praise the Lord!
Praise him in the cloud, waiting for it to clear!
Praise the Lord!
The sun shines forth... we can see the beach again!
(Wing ready, I'm ready...
Run... run... run!)
Praise the Lord!
...in the air again, blue sky, pilots all around!
Floating... turning... drifting slowly towards the ground...
Touching down safe and sound.
Praise the Lord!

(Robyn, Turkey – 22/9/24)

Free Entry!



The churches of Kyneton and district warmly welcome

Geelong Welsh Ladies Choir
Victoria Welsh Male Choir
& guest artists The Couriers



to help everyone join into

KYNETON SINGS PRAISES

Community Hymn-singing



2:30-3:30pm, Sunday 24th November 2024

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CHURCH

53 Ebdon Street, Kyneton

Afternoon tea in St Mary's Hall.

Gymnfa
Ganul

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2024		1	2	3	4	5
			9.30-1pm White Goose Riddells Creek	2pm Romsey coffee	10am Prayers at Gisborne	(daylight saving time begins – put clocks forward 1 hour tonight)
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Pentecost 20 No streaming.	12.30 Souper Lunch 2.30pm Faith Community 4pm Meditation	10am Muffin Morning Gisborne	9.30-1pm White Goose Riddells Creek	2pm Romsey coffee	10am Prayers at Gisborne 6.30pm Fish & Chips Worship Kyneton	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Pentecost 21 Streaming from Northern. Lay led 10-2pm White Goose	12.30 Souper Lunch 2.30pm Faith Community 4pm Meditation	10am Ministers Munch	9.30-1pm White Goose Riddells Creek	2pm Romsey coffee	10am Prayers at Gisborne 6pm Delightful Diners	*PiP items due tomorrow
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Pentecost 22 Streaming from Kyneton. Lay led	12.30 Souper Lunch 1.30 Kay's Fashion Pde 2.30pm Faith Community 4pm Meditation	10am Gisborne alternative worship	9.30-1pm White Goose Riddells Creek	2pm Romsey coffee	10am Prayers at Gisborne 12pm lunch Gisborne 6.30pm HC Fish & Chips Worship Kyneton	
27	28	29	30	31	October	
Pentecost 23 9am BBQ breakfast Tylden AB leading at Romsey (no streamg)	12.30 Souper Lunch 2.30pm Faith Community 4pm Meditation		9.30-1pm White Goose Riddells Creek	2pm Romsey coffee		

NEW FACES IN KYNETON

Put together by **Kyneton & Northern Congregations' UC** folk last week is their entry for the Daffodil Festival's Scarecrow competition. To the right is the **Opportunity Shops'** entry. What a creative display!



A NOTE FROM ROMSEY

We have a **Coffee Afternoon** each Thursday at 2pm at the Community Co-op in Romsey. Come and join us!

GISBORNE

We have been holding our **Friends' lunches** on the last Friday every second month. We are inviting all in the Partnership to join us if you can. The next lunch is Friday, 25th October and all are invited!

All that is required is to let Maree know by Wednesday 23rd if planning to attend so that she can confirm numbers with the Vic.

Once again, Gisborne Uniting Church will host a **Summer Fashion Parade** by Kays Classic Fashions this year on Monday, 21st October, at 1.30 p.m.

A wonderful opportunity to purchase your summer wardrobe. Great brands at low prices to suit ladies 10 – 24, as well as their usual 'specials' rack.

Entry is \$10 which includes afternoon tea and door prizes. Everyone is welcome with no obligation to buy. Enquiries to Maree 0423 051 318.

TYLDEN EVENTS

BBQ breakfast at Tylden BBQ shelter, Tylden Hall Sunday 27th October at 9am.

Delightful Diners Dinner will be held on Friday 18th October at 6pm. The venue this month is Sizzler Restobar at 1&2/80 High St Woodend (The Indian restaurant)

WHY ME?

The attendant at the Institute for the Blind has informed me that ninety percent of those who attend there suffer the same condition.

I don't know whether or not I should apologise, because, as the title will indicate, this item is about me. Let me say at the outset that its purpose is not to evoke or elicit sympathy.

A condition has developed in my eyes technically known as Macular Degeneration; in other words, it is age related deterioration of the surface of the retina and is incurable, irreversible and progressive. The effect of the condition is quite frustrating to say the least. I find it difficult to read, even with special aids. I have to sit within a foot or two of the television screen to see any detail. I am unable to buy anything in shops which means that I cannot, without assistance, buy gifts or greeting cards for those near and dear to me. I have had to stop driving the car which means loss of independence.

It would be useless for me to attend cinemas or stage presentations. I have had to restrict my bowling activities because of difficulty in seeing the jack and the other bowls. Minor repair jobs become well nigh impossible. There is the embarrassment of not being able to recognise people known to me who I meet in the street. All in all the condition means a severe diminishing of quality of life, although, of course, there are still many things that can be enjoyed.

Despite the knowledge that there are many others worse off, the temptation comes to ask guerdously - "Why Me?" What have I done to deserve this? Questions, of course, to which there is no answer.

On the other hand, if by some miraculous intervention I should regain normal vision, I would be compelled to ask again - "Why Me?"! Why should I be singled out for special treatment when so many others continue to suffer? And I am forcibly reminded of the late Fred Hollows who, when someone commiserated with him on his terminal illness, responded with the remark that "the illness attacks others, why should it pass me by?"

No there is no real answer to the problem of suffering. There is no ready explanation why some undergo physical or mental problems and others escape!

Jack Mitchell

-Writing about the frustrations of his vision impairment which got worse each year until he couldn't see. Jack passed away aged 91 on 3rd December, 2001. Jack was in his early 80's when he was told he had Macular Degeneration. He was my wonderful Dad and a Methodist Local Preacher for many years.

Jenifer Clampit

Dear Wendy,

MY WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER

I have just completed my guided prayer week. It was very kind of a team of catholic women to volunteer their time to our Church of Christ. About ten people availed themselves of this experience. There were four nuns and I was allocated to a catholic laywoman, married with four children.

Each morning at 8am, she and I sat in a small prayer room at the church, with two armchairs and a sunny window. We talked mostly and prayed little. She gave me the story of Zacheus to ponder for the whole week. I struggled to find new insights and applications for my life.

She also encouraged me to find 30 minutes to meditate each day. It is impossibly hard for me to silence the chatter in my head and my noisy thoughts.

However, I am still learning.

A few anecdotes since we finished the week -

First, as my car radio is broken, I have been immersed in silence, whilst driving. This has been helpful.

Secondly, I have taken her suggestion of sitting in a special armchair in the lounge, gazing out on our huge gum tree and the wonderful sky. Usually this occurs when I rise. However, the household clatter was an amusing distraction, with Ted banging saucepans, trying to be helpful washing up; and our 23 year old daughter getting ready for work and calling out this and that. I will need to find time when the house is empty.

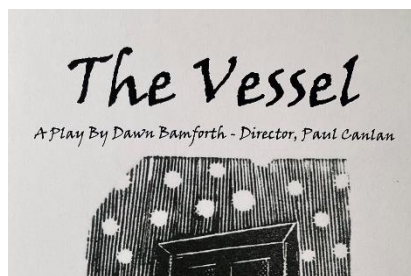
Another little plan of mine is to arrive at appointments 15 minutes early and meditate in the car or similar.

As yet, God has not spoken to me. I might be terrified out of my wits if He did!

Thanks again and God bless you,

Cheers, *Rosemary*

(a letter to Wendy Hebbard from her younger sister, submitted by Wendy)



Dawn Bamforth and her fellow cast members were rehearsing at Tylden UC last week. The local playwright would love to have your support by seeing her play, *The Vessel*. Along with a second short play *Until Then*, *The Vessel* will be showing soon in Kyneton, Geelong, Trentham and Castlemaine.

The Vessel - is the story of an older woman, in the latter stages of dementia, living in aged care. The play is a deeply personal account of the small acts of kindness in her final days and hours, as she shares memories from her earlier life with the audience. In the words of an audience member from our 2023 season:

"The Vessel is a clever, funny, sad, heartbreaking snapshot into the world of ageing, aged care, dementia, complexities within relationships and families...and so many other things"

Please see the following links for tickets and more details:

(artwork by Tim Jones)

Social Foundry, Kyneton	7pm Saturday 19 October	https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1267331
The Potato Shed, Geelong	2pm Sunday 20 Oct.	https://www.geelongaustralia.com.au/potatoshed/calendar/item/8dbf037c7bd4956.aspx
Trentham Mechanics Hall	1pm Monday 21 October	https://www.trybooking.com/CUCTY
The Phee, Castlemaine	2pm Tuesday 22 October	https://events.humanitix.com/the-vessel-by-dawn-bamforth

Monday's Faith Community in Woodend will be beginning to explore Sally Douglas' book **Jesus Sophia – Returning to Woman Wisdom in the Bible, Practice, and Prayer** beginning on October 7th at 2.30pm. All are invited to join – we have some copies available to borrow, or you may purchase your own. The book is also available electronically. Contact Robyn or Annette for more info.



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This edition of PiP comes to you from the sunny sea-side town of Oludeniz in Turkey. It's been put together a little earlier than usual, so do pay attention to emails from around the partnership for any changes or new events popping up in October. Thanks to all who got in early for this edition. I look forward to receiving your news and additions for November's PiP, due by the 20th October.

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