

# Partnership in Print

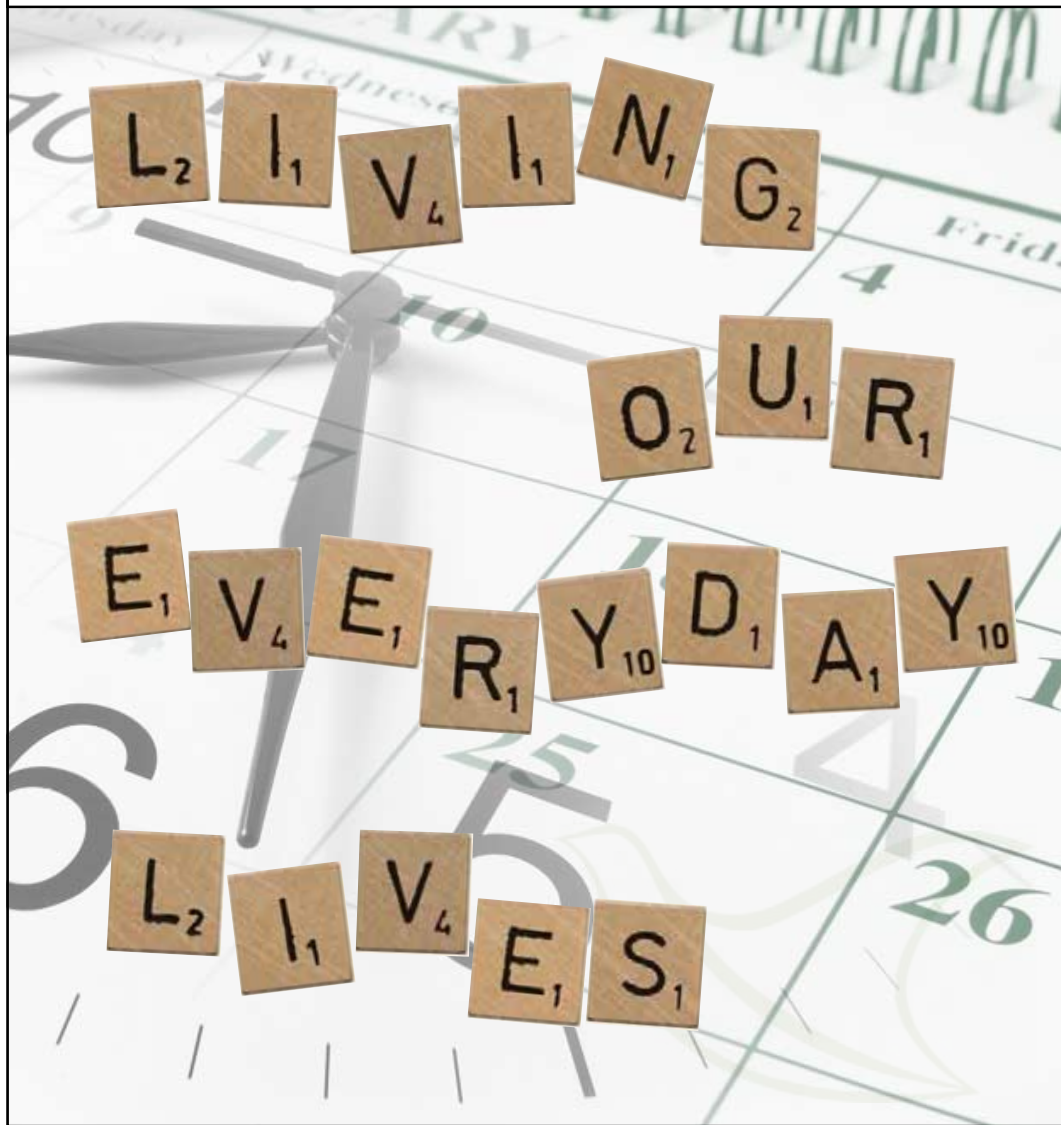


The magazine of the Macedon Ranges Uniting Church Partnership

Barfold - Gisborne - Kyneton - Lancefield - Metcalfe - Mia Mia - Mount Macedon - Riddells Creek - Romsey - Sutton Grange - Tylden - Woodend

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### Everyday life

Have you ever noticed yourself wishing life away? It is easy to fall into a pattern of thinking “After this happens....” or “I can’t wait until that is over”. Other times we find ourselves constantly looking out for the big dramas and events in life. The fact is that it is in the in-between times that life really happens. It is great to wait and to anticipate but life is lived in the here and now. Sometimes it is the interruptions and disruptions to life that are what life and ministry are all about.



I believe the Holy Spirit is very alive in this zone. Sure there is the anticipation of what is to come and there is also the tradition of what has gone before. However we are given our daily bread, and given grace which is sufficient for now. The manna from heaven was given fresh for this day but went stale and corrupted when stored up for tomorrow.

It seems to me that the Church is also responsive to the now. We can’t live in the past or live with our eyes glued to the future. What does God’s call on our lives look like right now? It is not the big events of the Church where God is most evident. It is in the daily service and relationships of the everyday lives of our congregation. The Holy Spirit dances in and out of the gathered and scattered community, in and out of the Church and the wider community. We do well to keep in step, to listen for the opportunities to love and serve in grace. We do well to hear the invitation of the Trinity to participate in relationships of kindness and compassion and care.

As I move around the Ranges I get such a strong sense of the prayerful preparation that has gone into the partnership. People have dared to hope and have continued faithfully in prayer even when the hope was hard. Now things are building and we can enjoy the possibilities for the future. Most of all though let’s live out our faith in our communities now, responsive to every moment and listening for where the Spirit is in this and every instance.

Celtic Christianity teaches that our every duty is done prayerfully and done unto God. It is our daily toil which is our worship. So let’s celebrate the everyday-ness of life and focus on being the best we can be in the simple ways of service this very day.

*Rev Deacon Wendy Elson*

### Welcome to Judy Rigby

To assist Wendy for the rest of the year, Judy Rigby has been appointed as a Supply Minister to help with pastoral and preaching work. She has already been involved in visiting and commences preaching in Kyneton and the Northern Congregations during the month of October.

Judy says in introduction - **I come from:** the Wesleyan tradition and have lived in both East and West Melbourne. My husband John is currently the Fresh Expressions UCA minister in Melton South. Most recently I have been pastoral carer/chaplain in public hospitals.

**Best thing that has happened to me:** Becoming a grandparent. Our youngest son Joel and his wife Sarah have Asher and Edith (4 and 21 months) and our oldest son Justin and Alice are expecting their first child in March. John and I feel it is the greatest joy ever.

**I like:** to do sewing (Currently a quilt for my granddaughter) - to eat..... chocolate cake - to listen to..... “pop classical” music - to watch ....favourite movies.....Dead Poets Society and Steel Magnolias.

# News & Events

## Worship Leaders

	Service time	Sunday 4th October	Sunday 11th October	Sunday 18th October	Sunday 25th October
Sutton Grange	11am				Judy Rigby
Mia Mia	11am			Judy Rigby	
Barfold	11am	Judy Rigby			
Metcalfe	11am		Wendy Elson		
Kyneton	9am	Judy Rigby	Judy Rigby	Wendy Elson - HC	Judy Rigby
Lancefield	10:30am	10am Romsey Blessing of the Animals - Worship Team & Wendy Elson	Jay Brooks - HC	Beth Donnelly	Beth Donnelly
Romsey	9am				
Tylden/Woodend at Tylden	9am	D'Arcy Wood - HC	Shirley Bowen	Jan Cole	Alison Killoh
Woodend	building not in use at the moment				
Mt Macedon	10:30am	Adele Mapperson	Janet Wood	Cliff Talbot	Meg Evans
Riddells Creek	not worshipping together at present				
Gisborne	9:30am	Shirley Midgley	Paul Gilbertson	Meg Evans	Wendy Elson

## General

### CoCo

The next meeting of CoCo, the Co-ordinating Council, will be at Mia Mia on Saturday, 10th October, commencing at 9:30am. Mia Mia will supply morning tea.

The November meeting of CoCo will be an open meeting to which everyone is invited to attend to see how the Council works. This meeting will be at Barfold.

See page 12 for a report of the September meeting held at Lancefield.

### MSM

The second last session of the current Mission Shaped Ministry Course is on Thursday, 22nd October, 5:30pm at Hoppers Crossing. See page 9 regarding invitation to hear Guest Speaker.

### Service & Picnic

For forward planning please put in your diaries that there will be a Partnership-wide Worship Service followed by a Picnic/BBQ at Stanley Park, Mt Macedon, on Sunday, 29th November.

## General continued

### Prayer for the Partnership

From Sunday 1st November through to Tuesday 10th November there will be ten days of intentional prayer for the Partnership.

In the November issue of Partnership in Print there will be a list of prayer points for Sunday and personal prayers so we can remember our Partnership and our developing mission.

### Asylum Seeker Network

Monday, 28th September, 2pm to 4pm at St Andrew's Uniting Church, Sunbury. See page 16 for more information about the Northern Suburbs Asylum Seeker Network. All members of Partnership congregations invited.

## Tylden/Woodend

### Tylden/Woodend OpShop

Already we have seen the wonderful results of the Partnership in Print at work. Following a request last month for donations for our Op Shop we received clothing from both the Kyneton and Gisborne Op Shops - these were greatly appreciated - thank you.

### News from Woodend

Woodend Congregation are still enjoying worship with Tylden each week. At the same time we are working on getting back into our church grounds, maybe before Christmas.

Belonging to the Partnership and having the support of all the UC in the Ranges means a lot to us. Thanks to everyone for their concern and prayers. The initiatives of our sister churches are an inspiration to us, as are Wendy and Judy.

### Tylden UCAF

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 3rd November (Cup Day) at 10:30am.

## Gisborne

### Gisborne UCAF

UCAF meeting at Gisborne on Monday, 19th October when D'Arcy and Janet Wood are to speak at the church at 1:30pm about their recent visit to Tonga for the Coronation Ceremony of King George Topou VI.

Everyone would be most welcome to attend – afternoon tea follows. Everyone will have seen something in the local papers regarding their visit, but this will be a firsthand account.

## Mt Macedon

### Thistle Club

At 2pm on Wednesday, 30th September we will pack the boxes for the Christmas Child effort Item to bring – Something to love – small soft Toy, doll, teddy bear etc.

At 1:30pm on Wednesday, 28th October at the Church for our "Spring Afternoon Tea" we will hear from Sam from Kyneton Caring Community who will speak about their work in the Macedon Ranges through the Food Bank and Counselling Services etc. All Partnership members welcome. \$10 per head and trading table. Please also bring a non perishable item for the Food Bank.

## Kyneton

### Pleasant Sunday Afternoon

On Sunday, 18th October, enjoy a pleasant Sunday Afternoon with the Cooma Male Choir at Kyneton Uniting Church at 2:30pm followed by afternoon tea. Admission is a donation to the Refugee Council of Australia. All welcome.

**Garage Sale** A Garage Sale will be held at the Kyneton Uniting Church in Ebdon street on Saturday, 14th November.

## Books & Bites Bargain

The Books and Bites Fair was held again this year at St Andrews Hall in Ebden Street Kyneton.

We were very ably helped by an excellent group of volunteers who worked hard to make the day a success.

Many beautiful books were sold to keen purchasers who were very pleased at the very reasonable prices, which ranged from 20c to \$2, a bargain not to be missed. The refreshments were, as always delicious and contributed well to our profit of just over \$1,300.00.

We take this opportunity to thank all who helped and encourage you all to visit us next year for our "Books and Bites".

## Treasure Stall a Treasure

The Kyneton Uniting Church participated in the Combined Churches fund raising activity, Devonshire Teas and Stalls to support the Asylum Seeker and Refugee Support Group.

Our contribution was a Treasure Stall, which went very well. We spent a busy, happy day eating scones, buying cakes, books craft items and treasures as well as meeting old friends and welcoming new shoppers to the event.

In total more than \$1,500 was raised for this very worthy cause.



Lacuna



## Meditation Service

Sunday, 4th October 2015 at 7pm.

A relaxing way to begin the week with a focus on Music, Poetry and Prayer  
Held at St Andrew's Uniting Church Hall meeting room.

*(This service is for adults, all religious denominations are welcome)*

## Riddells Creek

### Craft Group

The Riddells Creek Craft Group meets on Tuesday, 6th October at 10:30am. Morning Tea provided, BYO lunch. Enquiries and to check location contact Lynette Bucknall.

## Lancefield

### Classical Music for Pleasure

Our Classical Music program continues fortnightly on Tuesdays on 13th & 27th October, 2-4pm at the Lancefield Church.

### Open Church

Every Wednesday 11am until 3pm, the Lancefield Church will be open for private prayer or contemplation.

## Romsey & Lancefield

# BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

**Sunday 4th October  
10am**

**at the Gazebo behind  
Romsey Uniting Church  
25 Pohlman St Romsey**

(down by the creek)

**Followed by a free BBQ**

**All welcome -  
bring your family and animal friends  
eg cat, dog, chook, rabbit, goat,  
pigeon, horse or a photo of a  
deceased pet.**

**For the safety of all animals please  
restrain them with a lead or a carry box.**

**Chairs provided.**

**Bring a rug if you wish to sit on the grass.**



## Romsey & Lancefield

### Worship team

The Worship team meet at 7:30pm on Tuesday, 29th September at Lancefield and Tuesday, 27th October in the Romsey vestry to plan forthcoming services.

## Romsey

### Church Council/Elders

The next meeting is in the meeting room on Wednesday, 7th October at 7:30pm.

### Romsey UCAF

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 14th October at 1:30pm in the meeting room.



### Social Justice Issues

I know many people across the Macedon Ranges and beyond have been deeply moved by the plight of Refugees and Asylum Seekers, particularly of recent times.

I know too that across the Ranges, we in the UC are involved with many organisations that work to help others achieve basic human rights.

There are many concerned at the reduction in Patrol Ministers able to be funded (because of an extensive debt incurred by Frontier Services) to work with those in remote and isolated places across Australia.

To my mind these are all Social Justice Issues. I wonder if there is sufficient energy and passion for these and other issues across the Macedon Ranges Uniting Churches; for the Macedon Ranges Partnership Co-ordinating Council to also work as a Social Justice Committee on our

## Gisborne Secondary College Chaplaincy



Gisborne Secondary College  
Chaplaincy

### Progressive Dinner

Saturday 17th October  
6:30pm

Gisborne Church of Christ  
Saunders Rd, New Gisborne

Including musical items by  
Gisborne Secondary College Students

Silent Auction  
\$20

BYO Beverages

Contact Bronwyn Tacey for bookings  
0417 028 605 or 5428 4592

### Gisborne Chaplaincy Fundraising Breakfast

The House of the Rock is hosting a fundraising breakfast for the Gisborne Secondary Chaplaincy on Saturday, 14th November, at 7:45 for 8:00am, cost \$25.00 single or \$40.00 double.

The guest speaker is Rev Tim Costello, CEO World Vision.

behalf?

What do YOU think? Perhaps you could speak with your Co-Co reps or also write to PiP. I hope you feel able to support this suggestion.

*Meg Evans (Rev Deac Ret'd)  
Mt Macedon UCA.*

*Editor - See page 16 for a first step  
for those interested in the Asylum  
Seekers plight.*

# Introducing the Gisborne Congregation



For many years both Presbyterian and Methodist congregations worshipped in Gisborne.

The Presbyterian church still exists and has its own minister. The Methodist congregation closed down some time before World War II and the building on Aitken St was either moved elsewhere or demolished. Most of the Methodists joined the Presbyterian congregation.

In 1977 the vote for church union was close but the building remained with the Presbyterian Church of Australia and the congregation divided into two parts - those remaining Presbyterian and those wishing to join the Uniting Church. The latter group, as one member has said, "walked away with nothing - no building, no hymn books, only people who were excited about the journey ahead."

The new congregation met at first in the Mechanics Hall which was extremely cold in winter and was often in a mess from parties held on Saturday night. After a few weeks the Masonic Lodge offered their meeting room and this was warm and cosy. Rev John Foyster helped the congregation in the beginning. The Anglican Church, situated behind the Lodge, offered their building for Sunday School and this arrangement continued until the Uniting congregation purchased their present property in Brantome St. The building was a Mercedes Benz mechanical workshop and was converted into a worship centre, hall and Sunday School rooms by a group of lay people with much input from builder Partnership in Print October 2015

Colin Bamford and Rev Graham Hall. Graham had been teaching in the local primary school and became minister to the congregation. He had his own home in Gisborne, which was convenient for all concerned.

The Ash Wednesday fires which devastated the area in 1983 were stressful for both Graham and the congregation. Both minister and congregation were very active pastorally and in helping the recovery effort. Since that time the ministers have been Rev Ken Cross, Rev Barry Walker, Rev Ike Smit, Rev Chand Prasad, Pastor Alan Nightingale and Rev Andrew Gall. Some of these served Mount Macedon and Riddells Creek congregations as well as Gisborne. In Andrew's case he had the congregations of Woodend, Tylden and Gisborne.

Attendance at Gisborne's Sunday services varies between 25 and 40. Sadly, the Sunday School was suspended a couple of years ago.

The congregation has always been active in welfare activities such as Broadmeadows Mission (now Lentara), in social justice efforts, in supporting the chaplaincy at Gisborne Secondary College and in ministering to the residents at The Oaks. Currently the church building is undergoing a major makeover, first outside and then inside. Much of the funding for this comes from the sale of the manse in Gisborne.

*D'Arcy Wood (Gisborne)*

# St. Francis

Many churches celebrate the Feast of St. Francis on October 4 with a blessing of animals, recalling this Italian saint's affinity for all of God's creatures. However, Francis was more than just a lover of birds and animals. In a world of war and destruction, the saint of Assisi has much to teach us about how to live a Christly life.

Francis was born in 1182, and grew up in extreme wealth and luxury. He lived the life of a carefree playboy, and in his late teens became a warrior knight - only to be captured and spend a year as a prisoner of war.

A divine vision transformed Francis's life. He heard God calling him to repair the church, a call which Francis took in several ways. Literally, Francis began to rebuild the ruined church at San Damiano. In other ways, Francis helped to change people's perception of what it meant to be the church - the body of Christ.



At a time when the church was largely an institution that served the status quo, Francis embraced those who were outcast and welcomed them in. He founded a community that provided care for "the least" in society, and offered a home and dignity to lepers and others who were despised.

The former soldier travelled to the Middle East, the land of the crusades. Instead of joining in the holy wars the Christians were waging, Francis tried to be a peacemaker between Christians and Muslims.

Francis taught a reverence for all of God's creation. The text for "All Creatures of Our God and King" is attributed to him. Wanting to show people that Jesus was born into humble beginnings- a peasant like them- Francis created the first nativity scene and used a manger for an altar one Christmas Eve.

Theologian Matthew Fox has suggested we take St. Francis "out of the birdbath" and give him the respect he deserves, for from this humble saint we can learn much about how to live in harmony with one another and all of creation.

*From Editor's Clip Sheets - Used with permission*

*We may feel as though our everyday life is changing so fast we can't keep up.*

*Spare a thought for Jan Grezbski. He had quite a bit of catching up to do.*

## An Attitude of Gratitude

In 1988 Polish railway worker Jan Grezbski fell into a coma as a result of an accident. He was 65 when the accident occurred, and he remained in the coma for 19 years, waking up at the age of 84.

During this time, Mr. Grezbski's wife Gertruda cared for him, faithfully believing that some day

he would wake up. Every few hours, each day, she turned him to avoid bed sores.

Much changed in the time that Jan Grezbski was asleep. His four children grew up and got married. Eleven grandchildren were born.

The world changed, too. Poland changed from a communist country to a democracy. Computers



# Fresh Expressions visiting UK Speaker

## Mike Moynagh



- Wondering why the Church is no longer at the centre of local community life, and what we can do about it?
- Interested to explore alternatives to worship-centred discipleship in order to develop authentic Christian community?
- Want to better understand how the Church changes depending on its context, and what forms of leadership are needed for fresh expressions of Church?

Join Rev Dr Mike Moynagh at one of three opportunities to explore the significant challenges and opportunities of our time. Mike is one of the UK staff responsible for developing leaders, and as consultant on theology and practice of fresh expressions of Church.

**At the CTM** - Centre for Theology and Ministry, Parkville (opposite Melbourne General Cemetery)

**Wednesday 21st October - \$20**

7:30-9:30pm - Mike Moynagh and John Flett engage in a theological dialogue focussed on Mike's book "Church for Every Context"

**Friday 23rd October - \$45**

4:15-6:00pm - "Finding Faith in the Outside World"

6:00-7:00pm - Light dinner

7:15-8:15pm - "Leadership at the Frontier: Starting a Fresh Expression"

8:30-9:30pm - "Leadership at the Frontier: Making Disciples in Fresh Expressions"

For more details about the above sessions: email - [info@ctm.uca.edu.au](mailto:info@ctm.uca.edu.au)

or phone Merryn Gray 9340 8815

**At Hoppers Crossing**

**Thursday 22nd October - donation for meal**

Join Mike Moynagh at the Port Phillip West Presbytery "Mission Shaped Ministry" Session 5:30pm - 9pm (A group of Partnership members are attending these sessions)

If you wish to attend please email Adam McIntosh on [<themcintoshbunch@hotmail.com>](mailto:themcintoshbunch@hotmail.com) by Monday 19th October. This session includes an evening meal for which you are asked to contribute a donation. Let Adam know of any dietary restrictions when you reply.

became commonplace. The Berlin wall came down.

"When I went into a coma there was only tea and vinegar in the shops, meat was rationed and huge gasoline lineups were everywhere," Mr. Grezbski said.

One of the biggest changes that Mr. Grezbski noticed was the invention of the mobile phone,

and how everyone seemed to have one. Most of all, he noticed that whenever people talk on their mobile phones, they seem to be moaning and complaining.

"I've got nothing to complain about," Mr. Grezbski said shortly after coming out of his coma. What might it take to make people more appreciative, and less prone to complain?

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<b>27 Ordinary Sunday 26</b> <b>9am</b> - Romsey, Kyneton & Tylden <b>9:30am</b> - Gisborne <b>10:30am</b> - Lancefield, Mt Macedon <b>11am</b> - Sutton Grange 2-4pm - Open House at Woodend Manse	<b>28</b> 2-4pm - Northern suburbs Asylum Seeker Network at Sunbury	<b>29</b> <b>7:30pm</b> - Romsey Lancefield Worship Team at Lancefield
<b>4 Ordinary Sunday 27</b> <b>9am</b> - Romsey & Lancefield Blessing of Animals <b>9am</b> - Kyneton, Tylden <b>9:30am</b> - Gisborne <b>10:30am</b> - Mt Macedon <b>11am</b> - Barfold <b>7pm</b> - Lacuna Meditation Service, Kyneton	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>10:30am</b> - Riddells Creek Craft Group
<b>11 Ordinary Sunday 28</b> <b>9am</b> - Romsey, Kyneton, Tylden <b>9:30am</b> - Gisborne <b>10:30am</b> - Lancefield, Mt Macedon <b>11am</b> - Metcalf	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>2pm</b> - Lancefield Music
<b>18 Ordinary Sunday 29</b> <b>9am</b> - Romsey, Kyneton, Tylden <b>9:30am</b> - Gisborne <b>10:30am</b> - Lancefield, Mt Macedon <b>11am</b> - Mia Mia <b>2:30pm</b> - Pleasant Sunday Afternoon at Kyneton <i>Copy for Partnership in Print due in tonight</i>	<b>19</b> <b>1:30pm</b> - Gisborne UCAF	<b>20</b>
<b>25 Ordinary Sunday 30</b> <b>9am</b> - Romsey, Kyneton, Tylden <b>9:30am</b> - Gisborne <b>10:30am</b> - Lancefield, Mt Macedon <b>11am</b> - Sutton Grange  <i>Printed copies of Partnership in Print distributed today</i>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>2pm</b> - Lancefield Music <b>7:30pm</b> - Romsey Lancefield Worship Team in Romsey vestry

# October 2015

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b> <b>2pm</b> - Mt Macedon Thistle Club	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>7</b> <b>11am-3pm</b> - Open Church Lancefield <b>7:30pm</b> - Romsey Church Council/Elders	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>9:30am</b> - CoCo meeting at Mia Mia
<b>14</b> <b>11am-3pm</b> - Open Church Lancefield <b>1:30pm</b> - Romsey UCAF	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Gisborne Chaplaincy Progressive Dinner
<b>21</b> <b>11am-3pm</b> - Open Church Lancefield Mike Moynagh at the CTM	<b>22</b> <b>5:30pm</b> - Mission Shaped Ministry Course, Hoppers Crossing with Mike Moynagh	<b>23</b> Mike Moynagh at the CTM  <i>Partnership in Print                      emailed today</i>	<b>24</b>
<b>28</b> <b>11am-3pm</b> - Open Church Lancefield <b>1:30pm</b> - Mt Macedon Thistle Club	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

The work on the Woodend Manse has now been completed. Wendy is having an open day on Sunday, 27th September, during the afternoon from 2-4pm. The Romsey manse has recently been inspected and is in good condition. If the manse is required for a minister the carpets and drapes will need replacing and the interior and exterior will need re-painting. The hotplates in the kitchen will need replacing and several other minor jobs are required to freshen up the manse ready for their use. Kyneton is still working on their manse and church property separation. They have some parties showing interest in purchasing it already.

Five names were put forward this month from the Synod Placements Committee and we are currently in discussions with one of them.

Jay is looking for suggestions of “Themes” that could be used for the *Partnership in Print*, this combined churches newsletter you are reading. If you have any suggestions please forward them to your CoCo representatives or Jay. We are thinking of introducing a letters page, but are working on how to monitor input to this section of *Partnership in Print*.

The design of the website is still being developed. A grant has been requested to help to get the website up and running. There will be a test run through the congregations shortly.

The letterhead is almost at a stage where it can start to be trialled.

### Snippets from Wendy's report to CoCo

What a privilege it has been to commence ministry here amongst you. The hospitality has been very warm and the support has been wonderful. I feel quite settled and at home already. I have been visiting and introducing myself to many groups around the community. I have been around many of the churches on a Sunday and this has been really enjoyable. I have visited many of the aged care facilities and I have been to ministers' collegial groups at Lancefield, Gisborne and Kyneton and it has been great to connect with these folk. Introducing myself at several community facilities, I have popped in at some of their groups and functions. I will continue to attempt to make this type of informal connection as a priority. Visiting our wonderful op-shops has been a delight. I also appreciate the dedication of our volunteers at the op shops. Judy and I have engaged in pastoral visiting. These visits have been quite a privilege. I am still trying to complete some study requirements as I finish off the last subject of my Masters Degree. I am doing some research for this on the relationship between church and community which is relating well to my ministry role here. Thank you to you all for your care and support. I value it greatly indeed.

We are looking into purchasing an answering machine for Wendy so she is easily contactable on the manse number which is 5427 2761.

Wendy took part in the Woodend Suicide and Mental Health Walk on Sunday, 13th September.

- **Lancefield/Romsey** congregations have some upcoming events in which they would appreciate your participation. These include St. Francis Day – Blessing of the Animals – on Sunday, 4th October at 10am at Romsey, followed by BBQ lunch. Please bring an animal along to this service. Follow the Christmas Star parade, starting at the Anglican church in Romsey and walking

through the town to the Uniting Church accompanied by the Kyneton band. This shall run on two evenings, in the week before Christmas. Please dress up as wise people, angels, shepherds, or as a member of the crowd (tunic and or cloak). The Lancefield congregation are looking at having a Kinder service.

- **Gisborne** is celebrating the completion of the work at the back of the church and work is about to begin on the front of the church. They are then going to work on updating the interior of the church.
- A paper was presented from a service that took part in **Mount Macedon** combined with Lancefield, Romsey and Riddells Creek led by Meg Evans and the worship team. The discussion was around the traditions we might need to “let go”. Some of the ideas that arose were: worship times, working regularly with other churches, changing ideas, format of worship, being flexible and tolerant, where do we worship, accepting more responsibility, assisting in community work, awareness that God is leading these changes.
- The **Northern churches**, small rural congregations, based in communities produced a paper with their aspirations including: to provide mission, to continue outreach, promote the presence of the church through open, exciting and fulfilling experiences, provide new forms of worship still recognizing the need for tradition, provide hospitality, show care, help and support, welcome everyone, look forward positively, value people and our ministers and their contributions. This is similar to the other churches within the partnership.
- **Kyneton** congregation is holding a pleasant Sunday afternoon event at the Kyneton Uniting church on Sunday 18th October at 2:30pm. The entertainment for the day will be the Cooma Male Choir. Everyone is welcome to attend. This will be a lovely afternoon with some very talented musicians.

Our next Macedon Ranges Partnership joint event is on Sunday, 29th November at Stanley Park in Mount Macedon or at the Mount Macedon Uniting Church if raining. The church service will begin at 10:30am. This will be a casual service, followed by a picnic lunch. Please bring all your own requirements, chair, blanket, food. We would like to see as many of you as possible at this event.

Some suggestions for future combined events were

- a volunteer’s service followed by a meal and
- a progressive church crawl.

We are holding an open CoCo meeting on Saturday 14th November at Barfold at 9:30am. Everyone is welcome, so please come along and take part in that meeting.

We shall be having our AGM of CoCo members at the December meeting and election of office bearers for 2016. So please have your elections for CoCo members for 2016 at your congregations before the December CoCo meeting which is on Saturday 12th December. Please put a lot of thought into whether you are being called to take part on this council.

*Bronwyn Hewitt - CoCo secretary (Tylden)*



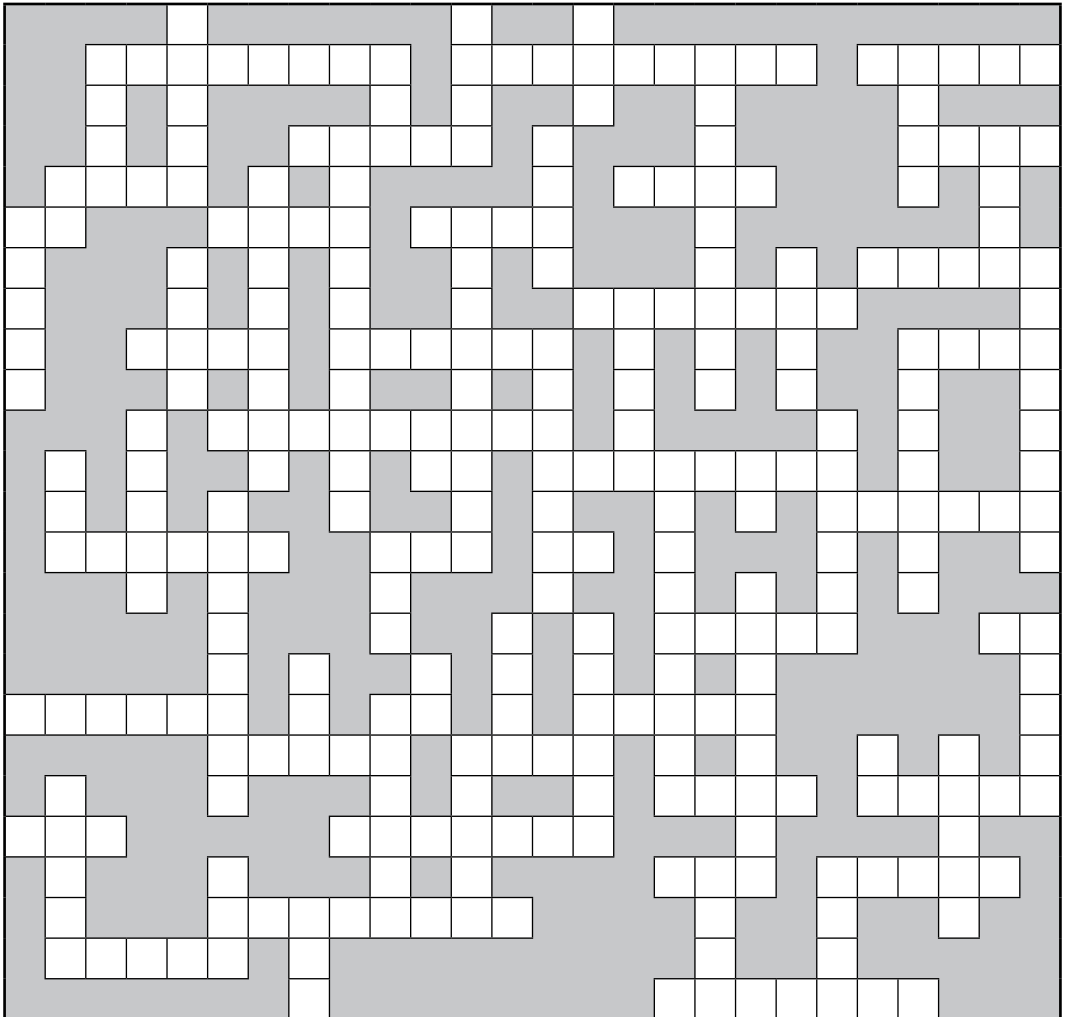
# Sunday 28 – Job’s Bitter Complaint - Wordfit

## Job 23:1-9, 16-17

This puzzle was created using the New Revised Standard Version from the above reading from Job. To complete the puzzle you will then need to work out how to fit the bold underlined words from the passage Opposite into the grid like a crossword. The words are also in a list below the passage. (*Hint - find the longest words and spaces and start with them.*)

### Background to this passage from Job.

A story is told, that there was once upon a time a man named Job. He had lost everything – his children, his livelihood, his health. Job was left with his wife, a handful of so-called friends, and sores from head to toe. His “friends” came to advise him. “You’ve obviously done something wrong,” they said, “because obviously God is punishing you.” But Job knew he had not done anything wrong, and so he could not understand what was going on. Having had enough, he lashed out at God.



1 **Then Job answered:**  
 2 **"Today also** my **complaint** is **bitter**;  
     his **hand** is **heavy despite** my **groaning**.  
 3 **Oh**, that I **knew where** I might **find** him,  
     **that I might come even** to **his dwelling!**  
 4 I would **lay** my **case before** him,  
     and **fill my mouth** with **arguments**.  
 5 I would **learn** what **he would** answer me,  
     and **understand what** he would **say to me**.  
 6 Would he **contend with** me in the **greatness of** his **power?**  
     **No**; but he would **give heed** to me.  
 7 **There** an **upright person could reason** with **him**,  
     and I **should** be **acquitted forever by** my **judge**.  
 8 "If I go **forward**, he **is not** there;  
     or **backward**, I cannot **perceive** him;  
 9 **on** the **left** he **hides**, and I cannot **behold** him;  
     I **turn to** the **right**, **but** I cannot **see** him.  
 16 **God** has **made** my **heart faint**;  
     the **Almighty has terrified** me;  
 17 If **only** I could **vanish** in darkness,  
     and **thick darkness** would **cover** my **face!** (NRSV)

**WORDLIST**

2 LETTERS

By  
He  
Is  
Me  
My  
No  
Of  
Oh  
On  
To

3 LETTERS

But  
God  
Has  
Him  
His  
Job  
Lay  
Not  
Say  
See

4 LETTERS

Also  
Case  
Come  
Even  
Face  
Fill  
Find  
Give  
Hand  
Heed  
Knew  
Left  
Made  
Only  
That  
Then  
Turn  
What  
With

5 LETTERS

Could  
Cover  
Faint  
Heart  
Heavy  
Hides  
Judge  
Learn  
Might  
Mouth  
Power  
Right  
There  
Thick  
Today  
Where  
Would

6 LETTERS

Before  
Behold  
Bitter  
Person  
Reason  
Should  
Vanish

7 LETTERS

Contend  
Despite  
Forever  
Forward  
Upright

8 LETTERS

Almighty  
Answered  
Backward  
Darkness  
Dwelling  
Groaning  
Perceive

9 LETTERS

Acquitted  
Arguments  
Complaint  
Greatness  
Terrified

10 LETTERS

Understand

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*Lectionary Reading for*

*Sunday 11th October 2015*

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# An Invitation to explore interest in a Northern Suburbs Asylum Seeker Network

In response to various expressions of concern for the plight of Asylum Seekers in our community, some members of our presbytery of Port Phillip West are interested in connecting UC Churches in Melbourne's Northern Suburbs more effectively as partners working with Lentara Uniting Care - initially focusing upon Lentara's Asylum Seeker project and Asylum Seeker Welcome Centre - and perhaps in time other supportive opportunities more broadly.

This networking proposal seeks:

- To inform interested congregations by gathering together to share information and have discussion that is informing of the issues, and what can be done to help facilitate change where necessary.
- To explore options that the church has in assisting people seeking asylum in Australia to live in our communities in a respectful and acceptable way.
- To act together with congregational and personal response, exploring what is needed to enable churches to become involved.

## Why only the Northern Suburbs?

This is only a new initiative which is starting in one particular area of the presbytery. This we thought would be a manageable beginning. With interest shown from other areas within the presbytery, it is hoped that it can spread further and take on a wider support network to help people hurting within our Australia-wide community who have come to seek peace out of a hurting world. Other suburbs may wish to be involved or develop their own network and join the call for caring people in churches to find ways of assisting people who are struggling to belong in a country where they find alienation more than they find welcome.

More information on lentara's role see: <http://www.lentarauc.org.au/asylum-seeker-welcome-centre/>  
or <http://www.lentarauc.org.au/asylum-seeker-program/>

**First Meeting Monday, 28th September, 2pm to 4pm at St Andrew's Uniting Church, Sunbury.**

## Lectionary Readings Year B

<u>Ordinary Sundays after Pentecost</u>						
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	Co- lour	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
4 Oct	Ord Sun 27	G	Job 1:1; 2:1-10	26	Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12	Mark 10:2-16
11 Oct	Ord Sun 28	G	Job 23:1-9, 16-17	22:1-15	Hebrews 4:12-16	Mark 10:17-31
18 Oct	Ord Sun 29	G	Job 38:1-7, (34-41)	104:1-9, 24, 35c	Hebrews 5:1-10	Mark 10:35-45
25 Oct	Ord Sun 30	G	Job 42:1-6, 10-17	34:1-8, (19-22)	Hebrews 7:23-28	Mark 10:46-52

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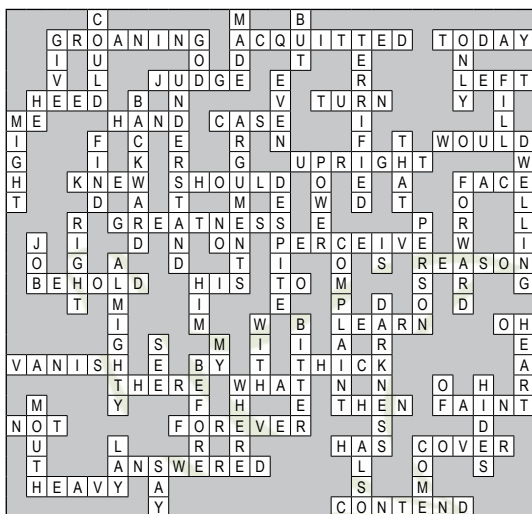
N - Northern, SG - Sutton Grange, B - Barfold, MM - Mia Mia, M - Metcalfe, K - Kyneton, L - Lancefield, R - Romsey, T - Tylden, W - Woodend, MtM - Mount Macedon, RC - Riddells Creek, G - Gisborne, P - Presbytery

The head of a medical school said some time ago that probably more good is done between two friends at ten o'clock in the morning over a cup of coffee than in the doctor's office all day long. Two or three friends gathered over a relaxing cup of coffee can help bring life back into perspective and enable them to solve their problems.

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## Puzzle Answer

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