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A Partnership

We are now partners - all of us who identify with the Uniting Church in the Macedon Ranges. Partnerships are of various kinds. My first experience of partnership was in gym class at school; one had to "pick a partner" to do certain physical exercises.

Later on I heard about business partnerships. These are legal and commercial relationships where the partners work for a common end. Law firms have partners who jointly manage the firm. And marriage is a partnership.

The list goes on.

So what makes our Partnership in the Macedon Ranges different? Obviously the common goal is to glorify God and to engage in his mission in the world. What churches always do is what the Partnership does. But ours is a specific form of working together. To my mind it involves these elements:

- 1. Commitment to a common goal: to advance God's mission in this region, through the agency of the Uniting Church.
- 2. Commitment to each other: members and office-bearers make a personal commitment for a period of years initially to listen to each other, to make decisions together, to take certain risks together and to support each other.
- 3. Meeting socially is a good way to get to know each other and hence to work together better.
- 4. Sharing of resources: this includes personal gifts and skills, time, money, property and experience. This in turn means sharing in common projects, not that every congregation takes part in every project but that two, three or more congregations will work together, whether it be worship services, an education programme, Op Shop, community service, evangelistic outreach or something we haven't yet thought of!
- 5. Responsibility with and for the ordained ministers who are "settled" here. This team of ministers will need to meet regularly with each other, but more than that, the ministers will work with lay people to utilise the many gifts that exist in our congregations.
- 6. Expectation of change: when partners commit to each other they must expect to let go of some things and to embrace new things. Some patterns of the past and present will survive, but others won't. Through the mouth of the prophet Isaiah, God said to Israel "I am about to do a new thing" (Is.43:19). This is the way God works to create and re-create.

The detail of all this is not cut-and-dried. We are still in the early stages and there is much planning, questioning, praying and organising to be done. My own conviction is that we share a high expectation that the Spirit will guide us as the relationship develops and as we learn together what God wills for us.

D'Arcy Wood

On this page we will normally hear from the ministers of the Partnership in turn, about seasonal or other topics.

Thanks to D'Arcy for filling in this month.

Coming Events

Worship Leaders

	Service time	5th July	12th July	19th July	26th July
Sutton Grange	11am				Marge Townrow
Mia Mia	11am			Marge Townrow	
Barfold	11am	Marge Townrow			
Metcalfe	11am		Marge Townrow		
Kyneton	9am	Lay members	Lay members	Lay members	Lay members
Lancefield	10:30am	Worship Team	Beth Donnelly David Noble - Holy Meal	Beth Donnelly	Ecumenical Service 10am St Paul's
Romsey	9am		Beth Donnelly Jay Brooks - HC		Anglican Church Romsey
Tylden	9am	Congregation	Shirley Bowen	Jan Cole	Bronwyn Hewitt
Woodend	chu	rch building not in	use at the mome	nt - worshipping w	vith Tylden
Mt Macedon	10:30am	David Liebich	Rev Max Woolcock - HC	Adele Mapperson	Janet Wood
Riddells Creek		not w	orshipping togethe	er at present	
Gisborne	9:30am	Shirley Midgley	Keith Hallett	Jill Ruzbacky	Rev D'Arcy Wood - HC

General

King Maker

In our lectionary readings recently were have heard about Samuel anointing David as future king of Israel. We here, now, have a kingmaker in our ranks. Rev Dr D"Arcy Wood from Gisborne has left this week to go to Tonga as he has been given the honour of crowning the King of Tonga.

King Tupou VI will be crowned at a ceremony on the 4th July. The coronation service will be held at the Centenary Church at Nuku'alofa, the capital of Tonga, and will include anointing with oil, the presentation of a bible, the placing of the

crown and the new king taking an oath. The service finishes with communion, and being Tonga, most likely a feast.

We wish D'Arcy well and await his return to hear about his experiences.

CoCo Meeting

The Coordinating Council meeting for Congregational Reps is Saturday, 11th July, 9:30am at the Kyneton Church hall.

Mission Shaped Ministry

The July gathering of those participating in the Mission Shaped Ministry course is on Saturday, 25th July, at Hoppers Crossing from 10am.

Woodend

Woodend Roster

The Woodend roster for the next 2 months - is not required as we are currently doing remedial work on our Church. However please feel free to bring a plate to Tylden Church for morning tea.

Woodend Committee

The Woodend Committee meeting will be held at Sina's at 6:30pm on Thursday, 23th July.

Woodend & Tylden

Cluster Meeting

The Woodend/Tylden cluster meeting is being held at Liz & Dave's house, 14 Owen Street, Woodend, at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, 19th August.

Riddells Creek

Craft Group

The Riddells Creek Craft Group meets on Tuesday 7th July 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 7th & 21st July 2-4pm at the Lancefield Church.

Open Church

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

Have a Cuppa

Next time you go to the Lancefield market on the 4th Saturday of the month drop in to the Lancefield UC Church and have a cuppa and a chat.

Contact details for all coordinators etc are on the back few pages

Romsey & Lancefield

The Worship meet at 7:30pm on Tuesdays, 30th June in the Romsey vestry, and 28th July in the Lancefield meeting room to plan forthcoming services.

Ecumenical Service

Sunday 26th July is our Romsey & Lancefield Annual Ecumenical Sunday Morning Service. This year the service is at 10am at St Paul's Anglican Church, Romsey.

Christmas Shoeboxes

Clothes were sorted a month ago and apart from a few items we have sets of clothes for 102 boxes.

On Tuesday, 30th June, the team will be prepacking the pencil cases (putting the pens, lead pencils, coloured pencils, rubber, pencil sharpener, sissors, and ruler into the home sewn pencil cases) so we will be ready for the major pack in October.

If you have any of these items you have purchased to donate please get them to Jeni Clampit, Jay Brooks or Sandra Strack, by Monday night.

Romsey

Church Council / Elders

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 1st July, at 7:30pm at the Stracks.

UCAF

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 8th July, at 1:30pm at the church. Any questions contact Hazel Allen.

UCA Synod of Victoria & Tasmania Lav Preachers' Association

Lay Education Day

Saturday 1st August 2015

Centre for Theology & Ministry, 29 College Crescent, Parkville Seminar Rooms G2-G3

8:45am to 4:15pm

For all Uniting Church Lay Preachers and Lay Worship Leaders

SPEAKERS

Rev Dr Chris Monaghan - "Paul's letters to the Corinthians"

Rev Dr Ross Fishburn - "Theology as a conversation"

Rev Dr Assoc Prof Monica Melanchthon - "Old Testament"

Synod Communications and media Services Unit - "Communication and the church"

Cost \$25 includes morning and afternoon tea and lunch. (Special diets catered for if notified)

Payment at the door by

- cash (correct money as change may not be available)
- or cheque (to Synod of Vic/Tas Lay Preachers' Association)

Registrations due on or before Wednesday 22 July, 2015 to:

Actg Secretary: Joan McRae, PO Box 1064, SHEPPARTON, 3632

or Email: <joanmcr@netspace.net.au>

Send: Name, Address, Phone, Email and any special dietary requirements.

Jay Brooks from Romsey is going and has space in her vehicle. Phone 5429 6163 if you would like to travel together

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Church Council

Church Council meets at 7:45pm on Wednesday, 8th July, at the church.

UCAF

Our next meeting is on Monday, 19th July, at 1:30pm at the church. Any questions contact Maree Clarke.

Craft Group

Our next gathering is at 11am on Friday, 10th July at 8 Comic Crt, New Gisborne. Contact Linda Moorhouse with questions.

Craft Group

Friends Pizza Night

We meet at the church at 7pm on Friday 3rd July.

Mt Macedon

Thistle Club

Christmas in July.

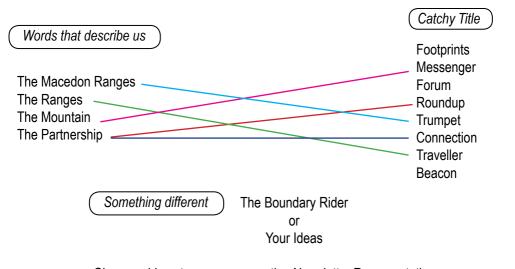
We meet at Lois & Graeme's at 30 Skyline Drive, Gisborne at 12:30pm. Cost \$12:30 per person. Men welcome. Devotions - Shirley Cross Items for Shoeboxes - tennis balls, cars, skipping ropes & wind-up torches etc.

Closing date for copy for the next issue will be found on the back page.



New Partnership New Identity New Newsletter New Title

We need a name for this publication
We can link some of the possibilities below
Or come up with something else



Give your ideas to your congregation Newsletter Representative or email Editor, Jay Brooks with your ideas on or before 19th July 2015 (Reps and contact details are on the back pages.)



Open to everyone and with something for all, Eureka Moments is sure to inspire. Be amazed by two days of theological reflection, discussion, friendship, activities, learning – and great food – in pursuit of living towards 'eureka' moments. Numbers are limited so book early – the first 50 registrants receive a special gift that will ensure you remember Eureka Moments forever.

Register now: https://ucavt.goregister.com.au/wisdomsfeast2015

Uniting Church Justice & International Mission (JIM) Utility Bills

People who find it difficult to pay their utility bills are eligible under the law to be offered a hard-ship program before being disconnected. (Kildonan Care)

The Essential Services Commission has new powers.

Inequality is growing

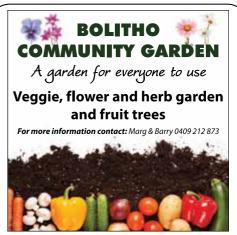
How successful is the 'trickle-down' effect? 70% of the world's population owns just 2.9% of its wealth,...one might justifiably ask this question.

The JIM is increasingly concerned about the growing inequality, because it is the antithesis of Gospel values.

Last year JIM wrote a submission to the Senate Enquiry, saying; "Our vision for the world is one which is marked by regard for the common good;"

The JIM will continue to advocate for a more caring and just society in many ways, and encourage church members to also speak out about inequality and injustice whilst you can.

For further details ---Contact the JIM Mission (Justice & International Mission) – Ph: 9251 527



Riddells Creek have their Community Garden up and running. This is the sign advertising it.

Contact Marg or Barry Tarrant for more information.

Welcome to the first issue of the Partnership-Wide Newsletter. If we are to work together well we need to know what each of us are doing. This newsletter is one way we can do that.

In conjunction with this newsletter some of the congregations will include a supplement with local items such as rosters. Others will have a pew sheet on Sundays with reminders of events advertised here and with late information. Some will have both.

As part of getting to know each other, in this issue we are introduced to Woodend and Tylden, see their buildings, hear about their work together through the Op Shop and some of their dreams for the future.

To cut down on costs, and to make sure that you receive the information every month whether you are at church or not, we will also be sending this publication and supplements by email. Please let your rep know if you would like to get your copy by email. You will not receive both email and hard copies.

Apart from news and events what else would you like to see in this newsletter/magazine? Please send suggestions of title, contents, articles and discussion letters to your rep or the editor by the closing date as listed on the back page.

Jay Brooks (Editor)

Introducing Tylden &

Tylden

The Tylden Uniting church is a small rural church with an old brick manse established c 1860. The church has a new multipurpose hall attached.

It is the only church in a small town of approximately 300, comprising a school, store, plant nursery and quarry. There is a compact residential area surrounded by rural properties. The town is twelve kilometres from Kyneton, Trentham and Woodend. Many people commute for work and many students travel to the school from other towns.

The congregation meets weekly for worship with a regular attendance of 10-12. There is a wider



Tylden Church

membership of 25 in total with whom we make regular contact. We have a middle to older age demographic. Two young people attend occasionally. We have a worship committee which currently provides three services each month

There is an active UCAF with 9 members. This group enjoys fellowship together and with our extended congregation and some people from the community we fund raise and provide catering for functions in the town. We are in recess over winter.

In each month Tylden people contribute about 138 hours of voluntary work to the Woodend/Tylden Op Shop in Woodend.



Congregation at Tylden Christmas Eve 2014

Op Shop

The Woodend/Tylden Uniting Church Opportunity Shop is located at shop 7/115 High Street, Woodend. The Opportunity Shop opened its doors in the 1970's and has been in its current location since 1982. The shop has a team of around 40 volunteers assisting with its operations. The shop provides quality, low cost clothing, household goods, books and toys. Donations of goods are welcome and can be left at the shop, preferably during opening hours, alternatively

the bin at the rear of the shop may be used.

Money raised by the shop operations are used to support the Clergy and Church along with community organisations. In the past these have included: local ambulance, chaplaincy in the schools, SES and CFA.

Shop Opening Hours

Monday & Thursday – 9:30am to 3pm Friday – 9:30am to 3:30pm Saturday – 9.30am to 1pm

Woodend Congregations

Woodend

Woodend is a bustling town with a 'village' feel to it. The population is around 5000, many commuters but also retirees. We have 2 kindergartens and 2 primary schools in town, with a lot of recreational facilities for people of all ages. There many places to get good coffee and good food.

Woodend has many service clubs and volunteer organisations including the SES, St. Johns Ambulance, CFA, Lions and Rotary. There is also a large Aged Care Facility and a Retirement Village soon to be built.

Other Christian churches in town include Anglican, Catholic and Living Word.

Worship in St Andrew's Uniting Church began in 1910. At that time the congregation were Presbyterian. Presently our congregation numbers around 15-20 people. Ages from 40 to over 80. We share Op Shop activity with the Tylden congregation. Woodend has long been in 'cluster' with Tylden and in the past 5 years have shared

a minister with Tylden and Gisborne. Sadly our church building is in need of major repair. We are currently costing repairs and reviewing our options. Meantime we are worshipping with the Tylden Congregation; thankful for their hospitality. Indeed we have found support and hospitality across the Macedon Ranges and very glad we are now in the Partnership.

We are currently investigating New Expressions of Ministry. This was discussed at a previous Woodend Church meeting and agreed we continue to look at relocating to the main street of Woodend. This would be to outreach to the community with the new expressions of ministry. A new building is envisaged which combines the OpShop & Coffee drop in centre, with meeting room and Pastoral care rooms. Selling the existing site to help finance this vision.

We have asked CoCo Uniting Church Macedon Rangers Partnership if they wish to have a leading role in this leap of faith.





St Andrew's Woodend

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- b. Blameless
- e. Own

^{*} IS and US are interchangeable

News

Romsey Uniting Church Adult Fellowship Winter Luncheon, Wednesday 10th June, 2015

The group of 10 ladies plus other members of the Romsey Congregation did a great job. There were over 60 people present from different church groups in the Macedon Ranges area and other community groups from Romsey and Lancefield. We had a very successful day.

Everyone enjoyed the lunch which consisted of soup, sandwiches, party pies, sausage rolls, cakes and slices, tea and coffee.

Our guests, were Glenys & Ernie Sigley and Heath, the CBM Communications director. Glenys gave us a very interesting talk

about the plight of women suffering from Fistula, in Tanzania, a country which Glenys and Ernie Sigley have visited a few times. Glenys & Ernie are ambassadors for the Christian Blind Mission and we were pleased that they were able to come to our luncheon.

Fistula is a terrible condition caused by obstructed labour and this happens in many countries like Tanzania where there are not enough hospitals and doctors to help these women.

We raised in excess of \$1,600 on the day and money raised from private donations to CBM was in excess of \$500.

A very good day enjoyed by many.

Jenifer Clampit, Secretary Romsey UCAF



'Binti' dolls (actual size)

"Mabinti", (Kiswahili for girls) is a project in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. It helps women recovering from fistula, to gain new skills - like beading - so they can earn an income. These women are some of the poorest in their communities, and nearly all of them have lost a baby in childbirth.

We were all given a 'Binti' doll to thank us and to remind us of the fistula repair work being done by CBM.

Tylden UCAF

On Wednesday 10th June, 5 members from Tylden attended the Romsey Church for their winter lunch. A delicious lunch was enjoyed by a large number of people. Glenys Sigley from the Christian Blind Mission spoke of the shocking health problems of Women in Tanzania – a very moving subject.

Thank You to all

I have just spent 9 weeks in hospital and I would like to give thanks to all the people who have given David and I so much prayer and support. To be in hospital so long is very frightening. I thought that I was to have wash out of a wound and then be home. But ended up being told that I would have two operations and then wait 12 weeks to have a new hip replacement. It was devastating to me, I lost it and was very frightened. The staff, especially the night staff at St. Vincents, East Melbourne, were wonderful. One of the night nurses sat with me most of the night praying and talking with me, our friends from Romsey UC have supported us untiringly.



Last Sunday was my first day in church for 9 weeks. It was wonderful to be home. I found it interesting listening to Beth Donnally's message that the most used phrase in the bible was "Do not be afraid". We do need to remember that God never tries us more than we can bare, we need to trust no-matter what.

The hymn we sang "Be still my soul"; with the words starting on the third line in the third verse

"then you shall better know his love, his heart.

who comes to soothe your sorrow, calm your fears.

Be still, my soul: for Jesus can restore

the trust and hope that strengthened you before."

reminded me that we are never alone and Jesus can restore the love and hope we sometimes forget is ours so freely given.

May God bless each and every one. Amen

Sandra Strack

Lectionary Readings Year B

Ordinary Sundays after Pentecost

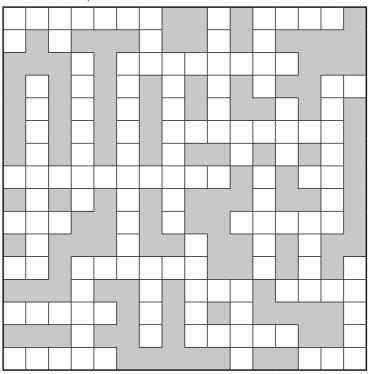
A period of time that varies in length depending on whether Easter is early or late. In this period, the Church recalls its faith in the Holy Trinity. It seeks to relate its faith as a people of God to Christ's mission in the world. It commences with Trinity Sunday and concludes with the feast of Christ the King.

Date	Day	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Sun 5 July	Ordinary Sun14	2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10	48	2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Mark 6:1-13
Sun 12 July	Ordinary Sun 15	2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19	24	Ephesians 1:3-14	Mark 6:14-29
Sun 19 July	Ordinary Sun 16	2 Samuel 7:1-14	89:20-37	Ephesians 2:11-22	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
Sun 26 July	Ordinary Sun 17	2 Samuel 11:1-15	14	Ephesians 3:14-21	John 6:1-21

Sunday 15 – Blessings in Christ - Wordfit

Ephesians 1:3-14

This puzzle was created using the New Revised Standard Version from the above reading from Ephesians. To complete this puzzle you will first need to read the bible passage. Next use the clues at the bottom of the page to complete the wordlist. (If you are using a different version to NRSV you will need to check the answers to the wordlist as some of the words differ between versions.) Once you have a complete list you will then need to work out how to fit the words into the grid like a crossword. (Hint - find the longest words and spaces and start with them.)



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David Todd (Woodend) poses the question:

Can I believe in evolution and still be a Christian?

Christ came at the centre of history to save mankind Jn 6. vs 62-63 He was at the beginning John 1:1-2

He will return at the end of this age (time) Acts 1: 11 & Rev 22:12-13. Does this suggest there is evolution?

What are your thoughts? Email or send your responses to the editor for inclusion in the next edition.

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Lancefield	Elders Peter Fraser, Ian Kennedy Rita Vandervalk David Noble, Judy Stammers	Classical Music Group Ian Kennedy Organist - Rita Vandervalk
	Elders	Worship Team Co-ord Jay Brooks
ROMSEY	Noel Shaw, David Strack Jeni Clampit, Sandra Strack Jenny Elliott, Jay Brooks	UCAF Pres - Hazel Allen Sec - Jeni Clampit
Tylden	Elders Shirley Bowen, Joy Evans Max Hinneberg, Jean Lucas	Worship Team Co-Ord Janet Cole
WOODEND		
Mt Macedon	Elders Brian Charter, Anne Fyfield Neil Tweddle Barbara Talbot, Shirley Cross	Thistle Club Pres - Judy Charter Sec - Anne Fyfield Organist - George Fyfield
RIDDELLS CREEK	Elders David Liebich Barry Tarrant Marg Tarrant	Craft Group Lynette Bucknall
GISBORNE	Prayer Ministry/F & C - Glennis Speed Pastoral Care/F & C - Bev Gilbertson Social Justice - Wendy Hebbard Worship & Education - Eleanor Wood	UCAF - Maree Clarke Craft Group - Linda Moorhouse Friends Pizza Night - Jean Wilkie
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