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"VINTAGE CLOTHES" IS A SONG WRITTEN BY Paul McCartney in 2007 and I have found myself singing it a lot lately. Why you ask? Well in the last few weeks I have had the privilege of visiting our Opportunity Shops in Kyneton and Woodend, including a Tuesday morning sorting day. It was amazing watching the sorting take place. It was incredibly productive, with every person doing their own task with precision and speed! So many clothes, and the hope of a new chance to be loved by someone again. I think there is a deeper message as I reflect on Vintage Clothes. Many of the clothes were something very desirable in their day, perhaps the height of the fashion at the time. For me, as I reflect, it was flared and embroidered pants, paisley loose-fitting shirts and tops, platform shoes and striped coloured socks, with individual toes. (1970's-1980's)

Yet with time these clothes lost their popularity in the fashion world, or just wore out and now they are rare.

A line in Paul McCartney's song goes, "Check the rack, what was out is coming back!" Something to ponder.

When I think about my church experience back at the time of flares and ug-boots I remember the formal services at Buckley Park Uniting Church in Essendon (no longer there) and especially the Sunday evening services where a dozen or so would sit around in a circle and share thoughts, songs, prayers and Holy Communion. I played my guitar and was the main source of music for those services. (cont. on page 3)



Three
Deacons:

Wendy, Fi
and Meg

Some of us were privileged to attend Fi Bottcher's ordination as Deacon in the Uniting Church on 9th February Brunswick Uniting Church. What an emotional and very joyful occasion it was! Rev Deacon Meg Evans and our past minister Rev Deacon Wendy Elson were both very happy to take part in the service and Fi was radiant as she made her promises. The following Sunday Fi was inducted into the position of Sunshine Mental Health Chaplain, where she'll be working in the hospital and in the community.

Flo Watson, Manager & Chair, Kyneton OpShop Committee, has announced her retirement from her 50 years of Opportunity Shop service in Kyneton after commencing with the Kyneton Methodist Church Circuit. Flo arrived in Kyneton in 1968. She has enjoyed her association with Kyneton and her OpShop service with the Methodist Church Circuit and the Uniting Church (since its inception in 1977). For the last 14 or so years, Flo has described herself as the Co-ordinator of Kyneton's Uniting Church Opportunity Shop.

Flo says "she is very proud of what has been achieved and hopes that, whoever takes over, the OpShop volunteers will continue to help the community. I am thankful to everyone who has helped in many ways and wish everyone connected with the OpShop well and continued community service."

There is no doubting that Flo's magnificent service and contributions have generated much Uniting Church and community appreciation. It has been well recognised that the recycling of pre-loved items by the thousands of donors over the years of Flo's OpShop service, have assisted immeasurably in fulfilling the objectives and values of the OpShop Committee and, accordingly its operations have financially assisted many community organisations and the work of the Church in community. Well done, Flo! May you enjoy peace and happiness in your future lifestyle! Thank You.

Submitted by Doug McIvor

LECTIONARY Readings Year A

Lent A season of preparation and discipline that begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes at sundown on Holy Saturday. During the forty weekdays and six Sundays in Lent, the church remembers the life and ministry of Jesus and renews its commitment to him in Christian discipleship.

Date	Day/Season	Color	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
1 March	Lent 1	P	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7	32	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11
8 March	Lent 2	P	Genesis 12:1-4a	121	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	John 3:1-17, or Matthew 17:1-9
15 March	Lent 3	P	Exodus 17:1-7	95	Romans 5:1-11	John 4:5-42
	Annunciation of the Lord	W	Isaiah 7:10-14	45 or 40:5-10	Hebrews 10:4-10	Luke 1:26-38
22 March	Lent 4	P	1 Samuel 16:1- 13	23	Ephesians 5:8-14	John 9:1-41
29 March	Lent 5	P	Ezekiel 37:1-14	130	Romans 8:6-11	John 11:1-45
5 April	Palm Sunday	P	Isaiah 50:4-9a	118:1-2, 19-29	Philippians 2:5-11	Matthew 21:1-11
	Passion Sunday	P	Isaiah 50:4-9a	31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Matthew 26:14 to 27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54

Colours: G – green

W – white

P - purple

There was also Sunday School and Youth Group, where I grew in my faith and many of the people in the group, I am still great friends with today.

"Check the rack, what was out is coming back!"

The Christian story has never been 'out' however the way we continue to retell the greatest story ever told has changed and needs to continue to change.

If we are to continue to be culturally relevant and not only make sense to the masses but give them opportunity to experience God in new and named ways, then the way we do things needs to appeal to them.

This is what, I believe, the Partnership has been active in doing over the past 5 years or so and needs to continue to do. Great examples of these unique ways are:

Fish 'n' Chip Services, Music Appreciation, Community Lunches, Delightful Diners, Broader Community Involvement, Food Pantry, Open Chapel, CFA & Al-Anon Services – the list goes on and on.

However, are there other ways we could reach out to our local communities in ways that speak of Justice, Mercy and Humility, in service to people and in honour of God? If you've had an idea or two in the back of your mind, please contact the Ministry Team or anyone in Leadership that you could share your ideas with – let's talk!

We put on not only garments of thread and cloth but also garments of spiritual substance.

"For this reason, take up the full armour of God so that you may be able to stand your ground...fasten the belt of truth around your waist, by putting on the breastplate of righteousness, by fitting your feet with the preparation that comes from the good news of peace, and all of this, by taking up the shield of faith with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." Ephesians 6:13-17

And may the God who never changes continue to walk with us in our changing culture so that we might continue to be the light and a joy to the world, in His name.

Rev. Linda Young

Kids' riddles: When should a biscuit go to the doctor? *When it is feeling crummy.*
Why do hens lay eggs? *Because if they drop them they will break.*

The turkey (another Christmas animal limerick from Gerry Franklin; *the stork* next month)
A turkey's life's not all that great
And, when someone we want to berate,
He's a term of abuse.
Still, we find him of use
When he's served on our Christmas lunch plate.

Some more old church bulletin bloopers:

Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again" giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
Announcement for a National Prayer and Fasting conference: *"The cost for attending the Fasting and Prayer conference includes meals."*
The church will host an evening of fine dining, superb entertainment, and gracious hostility.
Tuesday at 4pm there will be an ice cream social. All ladies giving milk will please come early.
Weight Watchers will meet at 7pm. Please use large double door at the side entrance.
Potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow.

A riddle from a Brisbane childhood: When smoke from bushfires made breathing a bit difficult for many Canberra residents recently I found talking was hard. My voice became quite hoarse. The experience brought back a joke that probably came from Alan Hartshorn in the form of a riddle.
Q: Why is my voice like a small dog? A: *Because it is a little husky.*

A few bits from Rev'd Les Hartshorn's **Witty, Wise and Otherwise**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
* Tylden: 'Clean up Australia' Day	11am Prayers for Peace Woodend 12pm Woodend lunch 2pm Cuppa at Romsey	10am Tylden UCAF	9am Meditation Riddell 9.30-1.30 White Goose 12pm Tylden UCAF 1pm Stitches in Rhyme 6pm Romsey Church Council		10am Prayer Gisborne 11am Romsey World Day of Prayer 12pm Chat'n'Chew 6.30pm Meal & HC at Kyneton	9.30am CoCo meeting
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
*	Labour Day holiday Tylden Car Boot Sale	10am-12pm Gisborne Muffin'n'More	9am Meditation Riddell 9.30-1.30 White Goose 1pm Stitches in Rhyme 1pm Romsey UCAF		10am Prayer Gisborne 11am Lenten Study Mt Macedon 1.30pm Kyneton Dutch Auction	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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29	30	31	<h1>March 2020</h1> <p>*See Preaching plan for Sunday worship details</p>			
10am Partnership Service: Holy Communion at Camp	11am Prayers for Peace Woodend 12pm Woodend lunch 2pm Cuppa at Romsey					



**FUNDRAISER EVENING FOR WILDLIFE VICTORIA
AT MOUNTVIEW THEATRE
THURS. 5TH MARCH**



SWITZERLAND
by Joanna Murray-Smith
Directed by Lee Cook



On Thurs 5 March The Mount Players will be donating all proceeds from the performance of 'Switzerland' to Wildlife Victoria to assist with the care and rehabilitation of our bush fire affected wildlife.
Show starts at 8pm.

Tickets available at www.themountplayers.com
or call 5426 1892 for assistance.

**Gisborne Secondary College
Chaplaincy Committee**

Movie night fundraiser



Monday 16th March 2020
Readings Cinema Sunbury
6.30pm for 6.45pm Start
Supper provided after the Movie
\$20 per ticket

Available from Snapshot Photos
Shop 19 Gisborne Village Shopping Centre.
Cash only please
If you are unable to visit the shop please Contact
Ann-Maree 0415 773 402 or Bronwyn on 0417 028 605

Please bring your ticket on the night

MEETINGS

- Wednesday 4th March** **Romsey Church Council** meeting at David Strack's at 6pm
- Saturday 7th March** **CoCo** the Partnership Co-ordinating Council will be at 9.30am (check missive for venue)
- Wednesday 11th March** **Romsey UCAF** at 1.30pm

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

- Prayers for Peace** Every Monday at St Andrew's Woodend at 11am. No Prayers for Peace 9th March
- Prayer Meetings** Every week in the Gisborne Uniting Church on Fridays at 10am.
- Meditation** Every Wednesday at Riddell's Creek at 9am
- World Day of Prayer** **10.30am** at Kyneton Baptist Church, 43 Ebdon St, (Kyneton Combined Churches)
- Friday 6th March** **11am** at Romsey Uniting Church followed by a share lunch. (more info see page 7)
- Other Worship/Prayer times:** see Preaching Plan

CLUBS AND GROUPS

- Each Monday*** **Lunch** at Woodend UC all welcome at 12pm
 Cuppa at Romsey Coffee get-together at Romsey Uniting Church. This is in the church meeting room at 2pm.
 *No Lunch or Cuppa on Labour Day holiday this month – 9th March.
- Wednesdays** **The White Goose** – 9.30am til 1.30pm at Riddells Creek UC
 Stitches in Rhyme at 1pm
- Wednesday 4th March** **Tylden UCAF** will be having their AGM (postponed from February) at 10am
- Friday 6th March** **Chat'n'Chew** at Angie's Café & Bake Shop, Mollison Street, Kyneton from midday until 1.30pm. Inquiries: Jenny Elston 5423 7263
- Monday 9th March** **Annual Car Boot Sale** at Tylden. Stalls can be booked through Glenda Fleming
- Tuesday 10th March** **Muffin'n'More** Gisborne UC, between 10am and 12pm, drop in for coffee and conversation. See page 5 for more information.
- March 13th, 20th, 27th** **Lenten Studies** at Mount Macedon UC at 11am (and April 3rd) – more info see page 8
- Tuesday 18th March** **Mia Mia-Kyneton Church Council AGM** and Ordinary General Meeting in Kyneton at 7.30pm
- Thursday 19th March** **Delightful Diners** will meet at 6pm, come join in for a feast and conversation. Keep an eye on the missive for the venue – it's a mystery!!
- Wednesday 25th March** **Thistle Club** at Mount Macedon at 2pm. For more details see page 11
- 27th-29th March** **Partnership Camp** at Treetops, Riddells Creek – you should already have more information from Peter via email – please speak to someone who does have email if you don't!
- Sunday 29th March** There is a **Hymn Festival** at the Presbyterian Church in Gisborne at 3pm. There is no charge and anyone who would like to go is welcome (I know it is camp weekend – but we are doing both! – Janet Cole)

Kyneton Friends of Vision Australia "Dutch Auction", Friday, 13th March @ 1.30pm @ Kyneton Uniting Church Hall. Parcels with good contents are to be auctioned by Kirsty Murray (Ray White Realty). Inquiries: Jean Hedington 5422 1038

Muffin'n'More for All: People across the partnership might be interested in the programs for the March and April Muffin gatherings.

Tuesday March 10: Gisborne will host a Macedon Ranges Shire Council Community Education session on financial security for older Australians. With the help of a financial counsellor, we will look at issues around downsizing, planning for aged care and other matters you might like to raise.

Tuesday April 14: Well-known locals, Merren and Norman Stockdale, president and treasurer of the 39th Battalion Association, will speak about the formation and history of this battalion indelibly linked with the hazards and heroics of the Kokoda Track.

Drop in between 10-12 for coffee and conversation or stay and enjoy information from experts.

Janet Wood

CAR BOOT AND PLANT SALE



GISBORNE UNITING CHURCH

23 BRANTOME STREET, GISBORNE
(BLOCK NEXT DOOR)

SATURDAY, 21ST MARCH, 2020, 9 A.M. – 2 P.M.

TO BOOK A SITE – **COST \$15/SITE**
CONTACT MICHAEL WOOLNER, 5428 8281
OR DAVID MCKAY, 5428 3912

Sausage Sizzle and



Devonshire tea available

The amount of money taken over 10 days at the **Woodend Op Shop** for the Bushfire Relief was **\$3453.85**. This will be donated to Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund, all monies going to local people.

Lenten Studies - in the lead-up to Easter Mt. Macedon and Gisborne Churches will combine to hold Lenten Studies on Friday mornings from 11.00 am to 12.00 noon.

The dates of these studies are March 13, 20 and 27 then April 3 at the Mt. Macedon UC.

All Partnership people and friends are most welcome to attend all of these sessions or some as you are able. Our resource material is 'Lent for Everyone - Year A' by Tom Wright. The book costs \$17.00. Contact Paul Gilbertson or Anne Fyfield for more details.

ARE YOU IN?

Clean Up 
STEP TO CLEAN UP

Tylden March 1st service is as follows: Communion at the church at 9:00am then leaving the Shelter at the hall we will walk to Clean Up Australia - ie Tylden, meeting up again together at 10:30am for morning tea. The community is being invited to participate.

World Day of Prayer - Friday, March 6th

This year the combined **Romsey and Lancefield** service will be held at the Romsey Uniting Church followed by a shared lunch.

We welcome members from Romsey and Lancefield Anglican, Catholic and Encourage churches to join with us. The service for 2020 has been prepared by the women of Zimbabwe on the theme 'Rise! Take your mat and walk!'

PREACHING PLAN for March 2020

Sunday Date	Sunday minister led services details	Other Partnership services	Notes	Other Congregational services
March 1st	Tylden 9:00 am Holy Communion Annette Buckley Mt Macedon Holy Communion 10:30am Peter Cannon	2 nd Woodend 11am Robyn Zumstein 4 th Riddell 9am	Linda pre-booked family event	Gisborne 9:30am – Kyneton 9:30am – Romsey 9am – Ian Kennedy Lancefield 10:45am – Ian Kennedy Northern (Barfold) 10 am – tba
March 6th (Friday)	Romsey World Day of Prayer 11 am Annette Buckley Kyneton 6.30pm Holy Communion Linda Young		Fish'n'Chips See note below	
March 8th	Gisborne 9:30am Holy Communion Linda Young Lancefield 10:45am Holy Communion Peter Cannon	11 th Riddell 9am	9 th Labour Day holiday no Prayers for Peace	Tylden 9am – Shirley Bowen Romsey 9:00 am – with Lancefield Mt Macedon 10:30am –
March 15th	Kyneton 9:30am Holy Communion Linda Young Northern (Sutton Grange)* 10 am Peter Cannon Riddell All Age 4pm Holy Communion Annette Buckley	16 th Woodend 11am Meg Evans 18 th Riddell 9am	Baptismal service	Tylden 9am – Romsey 9am – Trevor Turnham Gisborne 9:30am – Mt Macedon 10:30am – Lancefield 10:45am – Trevor Turnham
March 20th (Friday)	Kyneton 6.30pm Holy Communion Peter Cannon		Fish'n'Chips See note below	
March 22nd	Romsey 9 am Holy Communion Meg Evans	23 rd Woodend 11am Linda Young 25 th Riddell 9am 23 rd RM Begg 3.30pm Linda Young		Tylden 9am – tba Gisborne 9:30am – Mt Macedon 10:30am – *Northern (Mia Mia) 10am – tba Lancefield 10:45am – tba
March 29th	Treetops campsite Riddells Creek 10:00 am Holy Communion	30 th Woodend 11am Meg Evans 1 st April Riddell 9am	Partnership service at the camp	

NOTES:

* The Northern congregations have decided to swap the Sutton Grange service from the 4th Sunday to the 3rd Sunday and so the service at Mia Mia will therefore be on the 4th Sunday. This is to enable a baptism to be conducted at Sutton Grange on the 15th March.

Macedon Ranges Partnership Camp

Please set aside the weekend of 27th to 29th March 2020 and plan to attend our Partnership Camp. The camp will be at TreeTops camp in Riddells Creek. There will be a great speaker and fantastic fellowship. There is some great cabin style accommodation. Registration and details should now be available either through the email missive or on the website... if you can't access either of these, speak to someone who can 😊

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ROMSEY - 25 Pohlman St (PO Box 264, Romsey, 3434)	Noel Shaw	Jeni Clampit	Roger Baker		Noel Shaw, Jeni Clampit, Jay Brooks (alt)
TYLDEN - Trentham Rd (c/o Tylden General Store, Tylden, 3444)	Max Hinneberg	Janet Cole	Dawn Hinneberg	Max Hinneberg	Bronwyn Hewitt, Janet Cole Dawn Hinneberg
WOODEND - 37 Forest St (PO Box 34, Woodend, 3442)					George Roberts
MT MACEDON - 682 Mt Macedon Rd	Neil Tweddle	Fiona Armour	Lyn Almond		David Liebich, Neil Tweddle, Anne Fyfield (alt)
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