

# Partnership in Print



The magazine of the Macedon Ranges Uniting Church Partnership

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# Spring

# a new thing

"Tall Greenhood" photographed Mt Charlie Rd 25th August 2015 - The first orchid found this spring.

## Spring - a new thing



Spring is such a changeable time isn't it? One day is warm and has that lovely, new life feel. Then the next day the wind gets up and has that winter chill again. That's the thing about the seasons and rhythms of life. It is exciting and interesting at the very same time as we struggle through the change and the falling back into the past patterns. Watching shoots emerge from the ground reminds us that no matter how hard the struggle up through the cold and crusty earth, new life is persistent and determined.

The journey for the Macedon Ranges Uniting Church Partnership has been rather like this process hasn't it? As I move around this wonderful area, determined and committed people tell me about how they have been wrestling and struggling in prayer, patiently and faithfully asking God to continue to do this new thing. The preparation and the groundwork for it has been long, and faithful people have trusted the steadfast love of a faithful God who has promised to bring and sustain new life.

In a wider context, I have often heard about the decline of our churches and I think, maybe God is just doing a new thing. Maybe we need to listen differently to understand where the Spirit would have us discern and participate. There is certainly still life in our churches and the faithful prayers of God's gathered people are a testament to this. But I believe very firmly that God asks us to go with the Spirit in being church into our everyday lives. Our churches are a place to warm us, to nurture and resource us, to encourage and yes, challenge us. We are not here to serve the church itself, so much as we are here as a church to love and serve God and our community.

Several of us heard Mark Berry speak at the Presbytery meeting recently. He suggested that the wonderful work that the Spirit of God has done, and is doing, through their little group of believers is simply this. They are living their faith and their life out in their community and allowing God to use them. They are involved in sharing LIFE itself with their town. In doing this, the Gospel is made known through their love and peace making. So then let us love one another and continue to work together in this struggle for new life. This love is how our community knows who we are. Together we embrace the changes. This sounds like the new and abundant life of Spring to me.

*Wendy Elson*

## Newsletter title and masthead voting results

Thank you to all who responded and voted for the newsletter title and masthead picture. I am sorry I confused people with the pictures with no identifying letters.

The final figures for 1st place votes are:- Picture with Hanging Rock -13, Picture with trees - 7

Partnership in Print (PiP) - 20, 'Link' or 'New Link' - 3, 'Cluster Connect' - 2, 'Cluster Connection' - 2, 'Clarion' - 1, 'Ranges Muster' (new suggestion) - 1, 'Partnership Roundup' - 0.

# Coming Events

## Worship Leaders

	Service time	Sunday 6th September	Sunday 13th September	Sunday 20th September	Sunday 27th September
Sutton Grange	11am				
Mia Mia	11am				
Barfold	11am				
Metcalfe	11am				
Kyneton	10am				
Lancefield	10:30am	Worship Team	Jay Brooks - HC	Beth Donnelly	Rose Wild
Romsey	9am				
Tylden	9am	Rev D'Arcy Wood - HC	Shirley Bowen	Jan Cole	Bronwyn Hewitt
Woodend	presently worship with Tylden at Tylden				
Mt Macedon	10:30am	Rev Deacon Meg Evans	Rev Robert Renton	Rev Deacon Meg Evans	Brian Charter
Riddells Creek	not worshipping together at present				
Gisborne	9:30am				

## General

### CoCo

The next CoCo meeting will be on Saturday, 8th August at 9:30am at the Lancefield Church.

### MSM

The next session of the current Mission Shaped Ministry Course is on Thursday, 17th September, 5:30pm at Hoppers Crossing.

### Church Library Association

The Victorian Chapter of the Australian Church Library Association is meeting on Saturday, 10th October from 10am-3pm in Warragul.



For more information contact Rachel, Ph 9869 4828 or email alanrachel1@bigpond

### Lay Worship Leaders Training Day

Port Phillip West Lay Preachers' and Worship Leaders Network have organised a training day on 5th September at Hoppers Crossing.

The guest speaker will be Rev Dr Sean Winter. Morning tea and Lunch provided.

Please contact Rob Coulson ph 5428 6242 or email rsnpc@bigpond.com if you wish to attend. Please notify of any dietary restrictions.

### 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.

## Men's Breakfast

Saturday, 5th September at 7:30am, Kyneton Baptist Church, Ebdon Street, hosted by the Kyneton Baptist Church, and supported by the Kyneton Combined Churches collaborative. An invitation is extended to males of all communities. Membership of a church is not obligatory!

The guest speaker is Phil Shepherd, Education Director, Australian Institute of Police Management.

Information from John Dettmann 5423 4164.

## Delicious Daffodil Devonshire Delicacies

The Combined Churches of Kyneton have recently formed a new social action group. Its purpose is to raise awareness in the community and offer support for those fellow human beings seeking asylum in Australia. The Asylum Seeker and Refugee Support Group is holding a Devonshire Tea Cake stall and Craft stall in St Mary's Hall, 24 Hutton St, on Saturday, 5th September (10am -3pm), as part of the Daffodil and Arts Festival. The event will offer an opportunity to learn more and support Asylum Seekers.

For more information, contact Fr Joe Ruys on 54221261. Mia Mia Kyneton UCA is represented by Andrea Strack.

## Books & Bites Fair

Saturday, 12th September 10am-3.30pm: MMKUCABooks&BitesFair@StAndrew's, Ebdon Street, Kyneton - book sales & refreshments. Proceeds to support outreach & mission.

## OpShop Sunday Sale

On Sunday, 13th September 10am-4pm: MMKUCA OpShop Sunday Super Savings Sale, Market St., Kyneton - sales proceeds to UCA Frontier Services.



Lacuna



## Meditation Service

Sunday, 6th September 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)*

## Woodend

Woodend News is that we continue to worship with Tylden and are most grateful for their generous hospitality.

We continue to talk and pray together to listen carefully for God's guidance on a vision for the Uniting Church in Woodend.

We were saddened by the passing of Marion Pollard this month, a long time elder and faithful member of our congregation.

As we extend our sympathies to her family, we give thanks to God for the life of this wise and wonderful lady.

## Service at Bupa

On Wednesday, 16th September at 11am we have a combined Anglican/Uniting church service at Bupa Aged Care, 2 Sullivan's Rd, Woodend.

## Bible Study

There is Bible Study each Tuesday at 7.45pm. Ring 0410 821 118 to confirm you're coming.

## Dinner at Lizzy's

Shared dinner at Lizzy's 26th September at 6:30pm bring a plate BYO.

## Tylden - Woodend

### Op Shop

Op Shop business is still thriving however donations have dropped off over the last few weeks - any donations are always gratefully received.

## Tylden

### Tylden UCAF

Our next meeting is Tuesday, 1st September at 10 am at Tylden - everyone welcome.

Tylden UCAF luncheon is on Tuesday, 22nd September at 12 midday - Violin music and a talk about Spain by Henry Vyhnaal.

Jan Cole delivered a large number of stamps to Sammy Stamp from Tylden UCAF.

See page 14 for item about Sammy Stamp.

## Mt Macedon

### Thistle Club

We meet at the Church at 2pm on Wednesday, 30th September. We will pack the boxes for the Christmas Child effort and hopefully will see a DVD about this fantastic work.

Item to bring – Something to love – small soft Toy, doll, teddy bear etc.

Devotions: Ruby Dries.

## Lancefield

### Classical Music for Pleasure

Our Classical Music program continues fortnightly on Tuesdays on 1st, 15th & 29 September, 2-4pm at the Lancefield Church.

### Open Church

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

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## Romsey

### Church Council/Elders

The next meeting is in the meeting room on Wednesday, 2nd September at 7:30pm.

### Romsey UCAF

Will meet at "Karinya", Lancefield, to have afternoon tea with the residents on Wednesday, 9th September, at 2pm.

## Romsey & Lancefield

### Worship team

The Worship team meet at 7:30pm on Tuesday, 29th September in the Lancefield meeting room to plan forthcoming services.

### Blessing of the Animals

Combined Romsey and Lancefield service on Sunday, 4th October 10am, in the Gazebo behind the Romsey Church. Bring pets (on a leash or otherwise restrained) or photo of a pet too difficult to bring.

Photos of recently deceased pets will also have a special place in the service.

Dress warmly and bring a blanket, if needed, as we will only move into the hall if the weather is wet or windy.

Invite your family, friends and neighbours to come with their animals.

Special collection of money or animal food will go to local animal needs.



## Riddells Creek

### Craft Group

The Riddells Creek Craft Group meets on Tuesday, 1st September at 10:30am. Morning Tea provided, BYO lunch. Enquiries and to check location contact Lynette Bucknall.

Report of the Coordinating Council meeting at Sutton Grange on Saturday 8th August.

It was lovely to welcome Wendy Elson to our meeting even though she was still moving house.

Fourteen members of the Partnership had a delightful day on Sunday 26th July, when we travelled to Wendy Elson's Ordination at Cowes. The small bus load of 11 spent time getting to know each other and chat flowed for the whole trip. Three others went by car. Wendy was beautiful on the day and it was an honour to be present.

The final organisation of Wendy's Induction Service was discussed with the committee deciding we would cater for the event ourselves. Thank you to all those who prepared food it was delicious and to all those ladies from Kyneton who worked in the background to ensure everything ran smoothly. Also thank you to everyone who took part in the service, what a wonderful experience to be in a church overflowing with people.

## **Manses**

The majority of the work has been undertaken at the Woodend/Tylden manse, including new carpet and vinyl, painting throughout, and plumbing works. This is completed to a level where Wendy can live in the manse. There are still a couple of tasks needing to be completed.

Kyneton/Northern churches manse has been passed for the work to be undertaken and are organising for tenders. Romsey/Lancefield manse was to have an inspection to decide what work may need to be completed.

## **Newsletter**

Thank you to those who replied to the opportunity to vote for a name and cover photo for the newsletter, the name and photo have now been chosen. Jay is trying to organise a theme for each newsletter, so if you have any suggestions

she would like to hear from you.

## **Website**

A lot of background work is still going on with the website. The committee has decided to use an Australian company for the host. The committee has decided that a representative from six groups within the partnership would be the most beneficial way to run the website, but there will be an overall administrator.

## **Office**

CoCo will organise for business cards to be printed, but not until we have decided on a location for the office, so we have a permanent address. The letterhead will be available both in hard copy and electronically. Cards will be printed for Wendy as a preliminary run.

We have decide to obtain an answering machine for the Woodend/Tylden manse landline. We have also bought a mobile phone for Wendy. See back page for her contact details.

## **Ministry**

Wendy shall be at one service per Sunday within the congregations of the Macedon Ranges Partnership. It was suggested that Wendy be given space to take part in services without being expected to give a traditional sermon. Wendy's role is to talk with people out and about in the community and do outreach as a fresh expressions minister which requires her to meet and greet and generate church in the community. As a Deacon Wendy can be the interface between community and the church. Wendy plans to take most Friday and Saturday's off work.

We still have no further names available this month for new candidates as there was such a large amount of work of the PRC to get through as there was no meeting last month due to the Assembly meeting in Perth.

D'Arcy Wood, Wendy Elson and Neil Tweddle  
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have met with Judy Rigby to discuss supply ministry with her. Judy has agreed to help us out and will assist with pastoral care and later on preaching. This appointment will be for three months. Judy shall start with us on Thursday 3rd September.

## Combined Event

We have decided to join together for a combined service on 29th November 2015 at Mount Macedon. This will be followed by a picnic lunch. This still needs to be finalised.

## Open Meeting

The CoCo meeting has been working towards having an open meeting for all interested people, this is possibly 14th November 2015 at Barfold Hall at 9:30am.

## Reports from Congregations

- Northern churches feel their average attendance numbers have risen.
- Kyneton have changed their time of service to 10am. It is good to see the older church members in church. A small band of members are working well together to keep things running.
- Tylden has rented out its old house. The UCAF is holding a luncheon on Tuesday 22nd September, we would love to see and welcome you all to our event.
- Woodend is working through issues and looking forward to Wendy's ministry, as we all are. The opportunity shop lease is about to come up for renewal. The opportunity shop is working well, and we would like to thank the volunteers who work there and the people for their kind donations.
- Lancefield indicated that the Shire Council has removed their large Kindergarten sign and renewed their rental agreement for the kindergarten for another three years. Quotes are being sought for a new kitchen. The congregation is working on their toy ap-

peal for the Kinder and Primary School.

- Romsey were finalising their 150th celebrations arrangements, they had a wonderful day on 16th August with everything flowing smoothly. They are seeking a grant for picnic tables at the church, for passers by to use. They have just had electricity attached to their gazebo. They are busy putting together 100+ shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child and looking forward to their annual 'Blessing of the Emergency Services' church service later in the year.
- Mount Macedon is busy filling shoeboxes for Christmas. They have an unbirthday party coming up at their Thistle Club.
- Riddells Creek is operating a craft group and the community is supporting them well. They currently have work being undertaken on their church. The congregation would like to have a more structured worship which is dovetailed back into the group so they become an active part of the partnership. They would appreciate someone who could help them formalise their thought processes and come up with new ideas.
- Gisborne is looking at strategies for carrying out their mission. They are working towards a shared developing partnership and outreach into the community. The church building is currently being renovated to make the church more attractive and practical so it stands out. The congregation have "More than a muffin" exchange shortly.

*Bronwyn Hewitt*

*(CoCo Secretary & Tylden Congregation)*

**Don't bother  
to give God instructions;  
just report for duty**  
*Editor's clip Sheets*

# Welcome to the Partnership Rev Deacon Wendy Elson

An atmosphere of celebration and thanksgiving surrounded the induction of Wendy Elson into ministry within the Macedon Ranges Uniting Church Partnership on the 16/08/2015.

Rev Mark Dunn reflected in his sermon,

*“Ministry is a great privilege and a high calling for each one of us as we live out our baptismal vows.”*

*“Wendy .....Alongside all the preparation you have undertaken to comply with the requirements of Pilgrim Theological College, the MCD University and the Presbytery of Gippsland we are delighted by the evidence that the Holy Spirit has also been actively preparing you for ministry for quite some time. Long may she continue.”*

Indeed Wendy herself reflects that from the time of caring for her young family in the Latrobe Valley, then becoming an integration aide in the primary school, and on into Secondary school chaplaincy in 1999, she has heard the quietly insistent voice of God calling her deeper into Christian ministry. During her time being Chaplain in the schools she has also studied Clinical Pastoral Education and Theology.

Wendy has continued to serve others in her Christian faith community in Cowes.

In her Christian walk and witness she has had a strong commitment to the wider community, especially families and young people.

Wendy has shown strength and compassion in giving comfort and support to those in residential

aged care and their families.

Wendy is enjoying settling into the manse in Woodend, making a home with her husband Shane, as well as setting up ‘base camp’ for her work among us.



In Spring she hopes to have a day for ‘open house’ in the refurbished manse .

Wendy has expressed her thankfulness for the welcome and support she has received since moving into to ‘The Ranges’.

Describing her ministry Wendy says her missional focus is to explore the interface between the Uniting Church and the community.

To help the Church realize its connection with the communities in which it has originated. To affirm and strengthen these connections.

Wendy sees her ministry as helping the Church to find its passion for the marginalized within our congregations and beyond; helping the Church to find its identity as inclusive community.

As Deacon, in her pastoral care of us and her sharing in worship, Wendy hopes to help us to see that the Church is not just a worship space but a place where we care for one another and build each other up, resource and encourage one another for our every day lives .

*“We bring our lives to our worship and our worship to our lives.”*

Wendy looks forward eagerly to travelling across the Ranges, listening to our stories, sharing Christ with us, growing with us in love as God’s people, as Christ’s disciple band in the Macedon Ranges.

*Alison Killoh (Woodend)*

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*A bunch of Macedon Ranges Partnership members travelled to Cowes for Wendy's Ordination on the 26th July.*



*Congregation representatives present Wendy with the symbols of ministry (Bible, water, bread and wine) at her Induction in Kyneton on the 16th August.*



*The choir presents "Dona Nobis Pacem" at Wendy's Induction Service.*

# September 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
		<b>1</b> 10am - Tylden UCAF 10:30am - Riddells Creek Craft Group 2pm - Lancefield Music 7:45pm - Woodend Bible Study
<b>6</b> <b>Ordinary Sunday 23</b> 9am - Romsey & Tylden 9:30am - Gisborne 10am - Kyneton 10:30am - Lancefield, Mt Macedon 11am - Barfold 7pm - Lacuna Meditation Service Kyneton	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 2pm - Lancefield Music 7:45pm - Woodend Bible Study
<b>13</b> <b>Ordinary Sunday 24</b> 9am - Romsey & Tylden 9:30am - Gisborne 10am - Kyneton 10:30am - Lancefield, Mt Macedon 11am - Metcalf 10am - OpShop Sunday Sale Kyneton	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 2pm - Lancefield Music 7:45pm - Woodend Bible Study
<b>20</b> <b>Ordinary Sunday 25</b> 9am - Romsey & Tylden 9:30am - Gisborne 10am - Kyneton 10:30am - Lancefield, Mt Macedon 11am - Mia Mia <i>Copy for Partnership in Print due in tonight</i>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 12noon - Tylden UCAF luncheon 7:45pm - Woodend Bible Study
<b>27</b> <b>Ordinary Sunday 26</b> 9am - Romsey & Tylden 9:30am - Gisborne 10am - Kyneton 10:30am - Lancefield, Mt Macedon 11am - Sutton Grange <i>Partnership in Print distributed today</i>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 2pm - Lancefield Music 7:30pm - Romsey Lancefield Worship Team 7:45pm - Woodend Bible Study

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b> <b>11am-3pm</b> - Open Church Lancefield <b>7:30pm</b> - Romsey Church Council/Elders	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>7:30am</b> - Men's Breakfast, Kyneton  Kyneton Daffodil festival events
<b>9</b> <b>11am-3pm</b> - Open Church Lancefield <b>2pm</b> - Romsey UCAF at 'Karinya'	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>9:30am</b> - CoCo meeting at Lancefield <b>10am</b> - Books & Bites Fair, Kyneton
<b>16</b> <b>11am-3pm</b> - Open Church Lancefield <b>11am</b> - Service at Bupa Woodend <b>7:45pm</b> - Gisborne Church Council	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>23</b> <b>11am-3pm</b> - Open Church Lancefield	<b>24</b> <b>5pm</b> - Mission Shaped Ministry Course, Hop- pers Crossing	<b>25</b>  <i>Partnership in Print  available by email</i>	<b>26</b> <b>6:30pm</b> - Dinner at Lizzy's
<b>30</b> <b>11am-3pm</b> - Open Church Lancefield <b>2pm</b> - Mt Macedon Thistle Club			



# Romsey 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary





## Fantastic Day

About 160 people gathered at Romsey on the 16th August to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the opening of the Romsey Uniting Church building. The building was originally opened in 1865 as the Presbyterian church.

The celebratory communion service was led by past ministers, Stan Fishley (1969-72), Adrian Pegler (1984-93), Lorraine Saultry (1998-99 part-time supply), the Moderator Dan Wootton, Wendy Elson (as her first official event with the Partnership) and congregation members.

As there were more people present than could be seated in the church a video link, installed a few years ago and normally used for funerals, was utilized to the church hall for the overflow. After the final hymn the aprox 30 people from the hall made their way into the church for a group photo. The service closed with the Aaronic blessing. A second photo was taken outside the church.

People then made their way to the Romsey Mechanics Hall for a sitdown spit roast dinner. More people, who had been unable to make the worship service joined us there.

The hall had been decorated by a photo board, church seasonal banners, and the stage with potted plants. The tables had been set with flower centre pieces and alternating red and white table cloths and and looked wonderful.

Member, Trevor Turnaham, ably compered the entertainment including musical items by David and Kendell Allen, speakers Garry Shaw and John Laing, but gave us lots of time for catching up with people not seen for many years.

*Jay Brooks*

## 150th Thank you

To all the 150th Committee I would like to thank you for all the wonderful work you did to make Sunday such a success. Not one detail was missed, making the whole day run smoothly.

To all those who stepped in and added to the preparation of the flowers, setting up the hall and church, cleaning the church and hall as well as tidying up the church grounds and providing refreshments for the early arrivals on Sunday morning than you as well.

To Pat who repaired the stonework in the front of the church foyer, a very special thank you. You have supported our church in many ways, and to Jenny Elliott for allowing him to help, thank you.

To the whole of the Romsey church every one has helped in their own special way by inviting and providing names and addresses and most importantly by making all welcome on the day. Well done.

I was unable to attend but Jay organised a DVD of the days proceedings so I felt that I was there. Thank you also to Richard Brooks for the photos and filming.

*Sandra Strack*



## CFA Thanksgiving Service

The Kyneton Combined Churches CFA Thanksgiving Service was held on Sunday, 23rd August at Kyneton's Sacred Heart Arthurson Atrium. Rev. Wendy Elson participated in the leadership of the service attended by members of the Kyneton Group of Fire Brigades, local police, members of various churches and the Kyneton district community.

The Fire Brigades included Benloch, Carlsruhe, Kyneton, Langley, Malmsbury, Pastoria, Springhill and Tylden. The Kyneton Combined Churches comprises Kyneton Anglican Parish,

Kyneton Baptist Church, Our Lady of the Rosary Roman Catholic Church (Kyneton), the Society of Friends (Kyneton Worship Group) and the Uniting Church of Mia Mia-Kyneton.

The offering supported the work of the Kyneton Group of Fire Brigades. Donations may still be forwarded to the CFA Kyneton, Ebdon Street (cheques payable to Kyneton Group of Fire Brigades). T: 5422 1241; W:<http://www.kynetoncfa.com/>

*Doug McIver - Mia Mia Kyneton*

## Riddell Roofing

Riddell is at present going through the restoration of its Welsh Slate Roof. At the time of printing, Glenn, our intrepid roofing contractor has ripped down the old guttering, down pipes and fascia boards. Keeping to the heritage feel of the church, he has prepared new, moulded fascias. When ripping down the old, he discovered the original brick layers were not exactly true of eye with the line of the bricks or even keeping the top layers vertical. Made life interesting.

The next step is to remove the original slate being held in place by handmade copper nails, cleaning, refixing and replacing over 200 broken ones with the same size Welsh tiles. The lead flashing will also be replaced and the concrete capping sealed.

Once the church roof has been completed, we can move ahead with our internal painting.

*Barry Tarrant - Riddells Creek*

## Sammy Stamp

What is Sammy Stamp? It is the logo for the UCAF Special Needs Fund – Stamps, which provides grants for small projects not covered in the Synod Budget. Operating for over 30 years.

Funds are raised by sale of used stamps, phone cards and Met tickets collected from churches, business houses and other organisations. If you wish to contribute you can drop your stamps into the UC Op Shop in Woodend or give to Romsey UCAF members.

A few helpful tips:

- Please leave the stamps attached to paper

(buyers prefer them, less damage due to handling).

- Please trim the stamps - cut (not tear) around the stamp leaving a 3mm (1/8 inch) surround.
- Separate the stamps which are 'on' paper from those which are 'off' paper.
- DISCARD stamps which are heavily franked, torn, thinned, biro cancelled or sticky taped.
- Leave PRE-STAMPED envelopes intact as complete envelopes.





## Other Events

### *Write Your Own Icon praying with a paint brush*

Paint an icon in the tradition of Eastern Orthodox Churches under instruction from an experienced iconographer. No previous painting or drawing experience required.

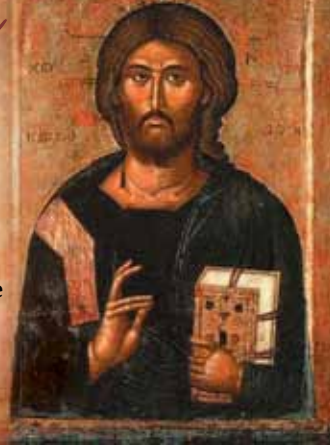
15 – 19 February 2016, 9.00 to 5.00

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OR 9434 4742

**More information:** [writeyourownicon.wordpress.com](http://writeyourownicon.wordpress.com)



### **Romsey Primary School 150th Anniversary Open Day**

Saturday October 24th from 10.00am – 4.00pm

All past students, families and staff of Romsey Primary School are invited to our 150th celebration at the current school site in Station Street, Romsey. Visits to the old school will be available, and there will be displays, demonstrations, a mini market day, and gourmet bar-b-cue lunch on the day. An official ceremony will be held at 2.30pm. Other activities in Romsey over that weekend include a special screening of *Dusty* at the Mechanics Institute with an old time supper afterwards on Saturday evening, a special World Children's Day activity

program at Sydney Seymour Cottage (hosted by the Romsey Lancefield Historical Society) on Sunday and a family picnic day at the old school site also on Sunday. Some of the local cafes, restaurants and hotels will be offering special deals for those attending the Open Day at Romsey. All good reasons to come along and catch up with old acquaintances!

For further information visit the Romsey Primary school website [www.romseyps.vic.edu.au](http://www.romseyps.vic.edu.au) or call 03 5429 5099. Email your attendance to [romsey.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:romsey.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au)

### **Gisborne Chaplaincy**

The House of the Rock is very kindly hosting a fundraising breakfast for us on Saturday, November 14th, 7:45 for 8.00am, cost \$25.00 single or \$40.00 double.

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

Please put the date in your diary and flyers will follow and hopefully bookings can be made via the trybooking system.

*Bronwyn - Secretary GSC Chaplaincy*

## **“Finding Your Own Voice”:**

**Mon 26 Oct, 7:00-9:30pm,**

**at the CTM, Parkville**

**an educational workshop for lay people**



CENTRE FOR  
THEOLOGY  
& MINISTRY

Are you struggling to find your own theological voice in the face of ancient creeds and dominant Church traditions? Do you find it difficult to express your faith because you have doubts and questions about certain doctrines and are unsure of what thinking underpins them? In your role in the church, how are you able to engage with its theological foundations?

If this describes you, you're not on your own. This special workshop with internationally recognised speaker Dr Val Webb is an ideal chance to discover your own voice within your unique context and experience, and to network with other lay people and local leaders.

### **WHEN:**

Monday, 26 October 2015

7pm to 9.30pm, refreshments from 6.30pm & afterwards

### **COST:**

\$25, or bring some colleagues & friends and buy five tickets for \$100

### **WHERE:**

Rooms G2 & G3,

Centre for Theology & Ministry

29 College Cres, Parkville 3052

You'll be able to find your own voice as Val explores the big issues at the heart of theological thought in the church and how they have changed and been reinterpreted down the centuries as knowledge and context changed. This evolution invites us to consider the shapes of faith for the twenty-first century.

Val's workshop - Finding your Own Voice – draws from her most recent book, *Testing Tradition and Liberating Theology* (Morning Star Publications, 2015). This really is a superb opportunity to engage with the theological aspects of our everyday lives. Just as importantly, there will be plenty of time to meet other lay people and local leaders and to share your own questions, answers and evolving stories.

REGISTER ONLINE @:<https://ucavt.goregister.com.au/valwebb2015>

### **WANT MORE INFORMATION.**

Check out the CTM website for the full brochure.

<<http://ctm.uca.edu.au/ctm/group/lay-ministries/>>

**No great thing is created suddenly, any more than a bunch of grapes or a fig.  
If you tell me that you desire a fig, I answer you that there must be time.  
Let it first blossom, then bear fruit, then ripen.**

*Editor's clip Sheets*

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*Editor's clip Sheets*

## 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/Season	Colour	1st Reading	Ps	2nd Reading	Gospel
Sun 6th September	Ord Sun 23	G	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23	125	James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17	Mark 7:24-37
Sun 13th September	Ord Sun 24	G	Proverbs 1:20-33	19	James 3:1-12	Mark 8:27-38
Sun 20th September	Ord Sun 25	G	Proverbs 31:10-31	1	James 3:13 to 4:3, 7-8a	Mark 9 30-37
Sun 27th September	Ord Sun 26	G	Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22	124	James 5:13-20	Mark 9:38-50

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