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FROM OUR NEW MINISTER

One of my favourite places to be in the whole world is sitting in my rocking chair, in our lounge room, looking out at our backyard and the sky. No matter what time of year it is, it never disappoints. Whether I am sitting there with an icy lemon drink, cooling off on a hot summer's day or rugged up, with the fire

going and a cup of coffee in hand, it is the place to truly *be*.

I especially enjoy watching the seasonal changes found demonstrated by our deciduous cherry-plum tree, a living example of life, death and resurrection. From being jam packed with thick foliage to being as bare as can be, I witness all the stages of life, death and resurrection from my own lounge chair. Now, at the time of writing this piece, the leaves have again sprung into place, exploding out of the 'dead' boughs and preparing for budding. Only a few weeks ago, it would have seemed impossible. Life is full of seasons and changes. Celebrating the blossoming of life is something that people are generally good at doing; birthdays, achievements, milestones. However, dry desolate times of life can be extremely challenging and hard to bear at times. It can feel like life will never renew again, but it does and usually in unexpected and different ways.

In my life I have spent a lot of time learning and practicing the art of Spiritual Direction and one of its primary disciplines is around being present; listening, hearing and attending to the Spirit. I love this practice because it moves me and those I sit with, away from the, 'How do I solve this issue?' place to a place of acceptance, honouring and allowing.

Recently I spent some time contemplating where God may be leading me in ministry next and I had a strong sense of God impressing on me, "Be patient". The words spoke to my heart and I knew them to be what I needed to embrace at that point in time. Being intentional about being, listening, attending to my sense of frustration or concern and offering it to God allows space for me to be ministered to and guided for the next step.

"Be patient." Patiently the cherry-plum tree moves through the seasons of being dry and seemingly lifeless, through expressions of hope and flourishing, through periods of budding, blossoming and fruiting then slowly, slowly dropping its fruit and all its leaves to return to a place of rest and replenishment. There is no rushing here. No pushing along the process or demanding growth. Just

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Introducing Linda

Rev. Linda Young has a background in teaching, ministry, spiritual direction and supervision. She has a master's degree in Spiritual Direction. Linda was ordained within the Churches of Christ movement in 2002 and since then has served in placements including: Harcourt, East Keilor, Cheltenham, Thornbury, Kaniva & Serviceton (a shared UCA ministry) and Ballarat South UC. Linda facilitates professional supervision, including CoC and UCA ministers.

Linda is a published author, musician and enjoys travelling and meeting new people.

Linda and her husband Greg have lived in the Macedon Ranges, between ministry placements, for over 30 years. They have two daughters, both married and two grandchildren, who also live locally.

patience, knowing that all stages are important, and all stages need to be honoured and allowed to do what needs to be done.

I am reminded of how Jesus walked with people through their *winters*. He helped them to understand their sadness or their loss. He took their hand and journeyed into their deep places with them and brought transformation to their souls and often even to their bodies. Jesus' patience, gentleness and love nurtured people through their difficult times of change and uncertainty.

Today, we are living in a time, perhaps more than any other time, when change and disruption can potentially rule our daily lives. I sometimes think how my grandparents would have marvelled but also cried at some of the changes that have occurred in the last 70 years. But I do believe that life is about patience, understanding, holding things lightly and realising that God is the bringer of all that is good, and sometimes it is about being patient.

I, ... urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Ephesians 4 1-3

Now, I can say that God has honoured my patience and I am honoured to have been called into ministry here at the Macedon Ranges Partnership. I look forward to journeying with you, along with the ministry team, to experience the seasons that God continues to call us into, in this place and region, together.

Rev. Linda Young
November 2019

Early Carols in November

In 1942 German U-boats were attacking shipping in the North Atlantic. The British composer Benjamin Britten was on board a ship making its way to England. During the voyage Britten occupied himself by writing the first version of his famous "Ceremony of Carols", set for treble voices and harp. These days this piece is sung in many parts of the world and the Gisborne Singers will perform it twice, first in the Roman Catholic Church in Kyneton on **Sunday 17th November at 3 p.m.** and then in the Church of Christ in New Gisborne on **Sunday 24th November, also at 3 p.m.**

In the 1950s the composer Julius Harrison arranged the piece for soprano, alto, tenor and bass parts. This is the version that the Gisborne Singers will sing, accompanied by harp, and with soloists Rosie Cocklin and Tom Healey.

Also on the programme is "Mass of the Children" by John Rutter. The choir will be joined by children from the Macedon Ranges who have their own distinct role in this piece.

Stephen Brockman will conduct these performances. Tickets are available by phone on 0480-456-263 or via the website www.gisbornesingers.org.au

D'Arcy Wood 5428-6700

Delightful Diners this month

Our next **Delightful Diners Dinner** will be held at the home of Giles & Dawn, who live in the house Woodend side of the Tylden Church, Kyneton-Trentham Road, Tylden. We shall meet at **6:15pm**, on **Thursday 21st November**. This will be our breakup dinner for 2019.

The main for the night will be pizza, which Giles will cook in their pizza oven. Those who are attending have been asked to bring either a salad or dessert to help out with the catering. Bring your own drinks. Please let us know if you are joining us for the night, so we know numbers to cater for the night.

We shall be organising our Dinner venues for 2020, so please come prepared with ideas of great venues we could use next year.

Everyone is welcome, we love to see new faces join us for an interesting evening together.

Bronwyn Hewitt

REPORT OF COCO MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2019 IN KYNETON

Helen Aldridge presented the reflection and opening prayer.

The minutes of the Coco Meeting held in September were confirmed.

Colin welcomed Rev. Mat Harry to our CoCo Meeting and handed over to him tell of his experiences in re-generating Church. Mat shared the story of his first placement at Hampton Park UC. He told of suggesting a mid-week meal and informal worship, reaching out to young families. This involved getting children involved in the prayers and communion. While not all in the congregation were involved it still was possible for everyone to feel a sense of ownership of the initiative. He stressed the importance of encouraging others to contribute and to equip others to do things beyond what they would usually do, to find out their strengths. Also, to recognize that some things will work for a while then finish as people move on.

Mat said if Jesus wrote a Mission Plan it would be -

1. A sense of call.
2. Get alongside people.
3. Invite and equip people to be 'hands on' disciples.

He said that it was important to give people an opportunity to explore being in a Christian

John Evans from Presbytery needs information on our on-going needs from the period beyond 2020. There was a discussion

about how the Partnership will "look" beyond 2020 and there was no consensus, largely because discussions are ongoing in the congregations. It was suggested that we request on-going support and, as the timeline is too short, sort out the details after discussions with our Congregations. There was a further suggestion for a Community Liaison Person/Outward looking Ministry.

Supply Minister: Approved.

Woodend Missional Centre: submission of Form 2A approved.

Visit by Deidre Palmer: there is a strong likelihood that the President will visit some of the Partnership's churches on Saturday afternoon. The Sunday Service will be at Gisborne UC at 10.00 am. Bring Lunch to share. This will be followed by a Question and Answer session after lunch.

Church Camp: will be at 'Treetops' near Riddells Creek on March 27 to 29 next year. Details to follow.

The Ministry Team Report was written by Annette Buckley.

The congregations all gave a brief account of events since the previous Coco meeting and any upcoming events.

It was agreed by Consensus to reappoint Meg Evans as Minister in Association

Next Meeting: Saturday 2 November 2019 at Metcalfe

PRESIDENT'S THANKS

Following her visit to the Partnership on 19th and 20th October, the national President of the Uniting Church, Dr Deidre Palmer, expressed enthusiastic appreciation of the visit. She and her husband Dr Lawrie Palmer went in different directions on the evening of Sunday 20th, Deidre to Canberra to meet with Federal Government officials about the impending legislation on religious freedom and Lawrie to his hospital work in Adelaide.

One member of our Partnership commented on the easy warmth with which Deidre approaches people and another member on her capacity to remember and explain the multitude of issues that the National Assembly deals with. For my part, I want to thank Bev and Paul Gilbertson, who hosted the Palmers, Colin Chapman who introduced them to the work of the Partnership, our ministers for the Sunday morning combined service and all who gave support and help.

D'Arcy Wood



A photo from Dr Lawrie Palmer: most of those who stayed for the Q&A session with the President on Sunday.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>November 2019</h1> <p>*See Preaching plan for Sunday worship details</p>					1	2
					10am Prayer Gisborne 12pm Chat'n'Chew at Kyneton	CoCo meeting at Metcalfe
3	4	5 Cup Day	6	7	8	9
*	11am Prayers for Peace Woodend 12pm Woodend lunch	10am Tylden UCAF Barfold Cup Day BBQ 2pm Prayer Gisborne	9am Meditation Riddell 9.30-1.30 White Goose 1pm Stitches in Rhyme 6pm Romsey Church Council		10am Prayer Gisborne 6.30pm Meal & HC at Kyneton	
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Congratulations to Winda and Cameron, who were married at Mt Macedon Uniting Church on Saturday 14th September.

We have been very pleased to have Cameron and Winda worshipping with us at Mt Macedon recently, and we were very happy to see them celebrate this special day with their family and friends. We wish them every blessing in their life together.

Melbourne Cup Day.

2019

Meeting 11.00am-12.30pm

Get Up,Clean Up,Stay Up.

Special Guest Speaker.
Direct from Melb' Mens Group
"The Deal"

Simon F.

Barbeque Lunch 12.30 on.

Enjoy Our Sobriety

Byo Meat,Chair & Salad to Share.

At Barfold Union Church.. Kyneton-Redesdale Rd,
Barfold.

Contacts. Brian. 0411634123. Cherry. 0419512857
Tony. 0400673346

November 2019



WHITE GOOSE • WILD GOOSE LOOSE GOOSE

A Goose by any other name belongs to Riddells Creek.

I was surprised to realise the other day that the name **White Goose** for our Drop In Centre and Book Exchange at Riddell was thought to represent only the White (and now Grey) Geese that roam the streets near the Lake at Riddells Creek. There is however a deeper meaning to 'our' White Goose.

Some of you will be aware that the Island of Iona off the coast of Scotland informs some of our worship material. Over the years it has, and continues to publish much valuable worship material. Their Publishing house is Wild Goose Publications now often informed by the Wild Goose Resource Group. Traditionally it is believed that the Wild Goose was/is a symbol of the Holy Spirit:

"Legend states that some of the Celtic believers in the British Isles used the **Wild Goose** to symbolise the Holy Spirit instead of the traditional dove. Unlike the dove, which is calm and gentle, a wild goose will attack you and is in essence wild, untamed, and uncontrolled.

In similar fashion, the Holy Spirit is unpredictable – blowing to and fro like the wind (John 3:8) and coming in power (Acts 1:8), disturbing the status quo and setting the people into a new adventure with God."

So it is with this symbol of the Holy Spirit and the Geese of Riddells Creek that the Centre at Riddell came to have the name **White Goose**. Dare we pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to disturb our status quo and and set us into a new adventure with God?

Let's do it!

Meg



THE WHITE GOOSE
RIDDELLS CREEK

Every Wednesday

9.00am Meditation

9.30 - 1.30 Book Exchange

12.00 - 1.00 BYO Lunch

1.00 - 3.00 Stitches 'n Rhyme

(Sewing Community Bags, always
something to do even if you
can't sew!)

3rd Sunday of every Month

1.00 - 4.00pm Book Exchange

4.00 - 5.00 Family Communion
Service

MEETINGS

Saturday 2nd November CoCo The Partnership Co-ordinating Council will be at Metcalfe at 9.30am

Wed. 6th November Romsey Church Council dinner meeting at Strack's at 6pm

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Prayers for Peace Every Monday at St Andrew's Woodend at 11am.

Prayer Meetings Every week in the Gisborne Uniting Church on Tuesdays at 2pm and Fridays at 10am.

Meditation Every Wednesday at Riddell's Creek at 9am

Other Worship/Prayer times: see Preaching Plan

CLUBS AND GROUPS

Each Monday **Lunch** at Woodend UC all welcome at 12pm
Coffee Get-together at Romsey Uniting Church. This is in the church meeting room at 2pm.

Every 2nd Tuesday **The "Progressive Study"** meets in Kyneton at 6.30pm, usually at Paul Banks' home, 18 Ebdon St, Kyneton. This month on 12th November and 26th November. (more info on pg. 10)

Wednesdays **The White Goose** – 9.30am til 1.30pm at Riddells Creek UC (see pg 5 for more information)
Stitches in Rhyme at 1pm

Friday 1st November **Chat'n'Chew** will be held at Angies at Kaddy's at 8 High St Kyneton at 12pm. All welcome

Tuesday 5th November **Tylden UCAF** – yes it is cup day - at the church hall at 10am
Barfold BBQ and AA meeting – see flyer on pg. 5 for more information

Thursday 21st November **Delightful Diners** at 6.15pm at Dawn and Giles' in Tylden. See pg. 2 for more information

Friday 22nd & 29th Nov **Advent Studies** at Gisborne UC at 11am. We will be using NT Wright's book **Advent for Everyone Matthew**. The book is available for \$15. See Paul or Anne for more information. These studies will also continue on Friday 6th and 13th of December.

Wednesday 27th Nov. **Mount Macedon Thistle Club** Christmas Break-Up & AGM 12 noon at the Church.
Devotions: Lynette Bucknall.
Items for Kyneton Caring Community: Christmas Items - Puddings, Shortbread etc.

ROMSEY

Each Thursday evening between 5 – 8pm the Judder Bar Food Van is operating from the Romsey Church Grounds. For the church it is an opportunity to connect further with the community as they come to the church's property for a night out. If you are around Romsey on a Thursday evening and are looking for a meal, why not give them a try and hang around to chat to the locals?

The Romsey Church Ladies and Romsey Walking are in the process of packing Shoe Boxes for Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child.

Romsey Church is getting organised for our annual Follow the Star event which will be held on Tuesday 17th December. The procession will commence from the Anglican Church at 7.30pm. The Kyneton Brass Band will be providing the music and we will have a great collection of animals. All this followed by a light supper. Further information in the December PiP.

WOODEND OPPORTUNITY SHOP

The Opportunity Shop end of year **Morning Tea** will be held at the Woodend Bowling Club on **Wednesday November 27th at 10am** for all volunteers. The annual presentation of donations to Woodend and Tylden CFAs, Woodend Ambulance, Woodend SES and Kyneton and Gisborne School Welfare Departments will take place on that day.

The shop has also forged a new link with the **Sunshine Hospital Opportunity Shop** as they are not receiving sufficient donations to meet their needs. We thank Jenny Connor and Merl Wielens for their co-ordination of this project and are very pleased to be able to help this group at this time

LECTIONARY: 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	Color	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
3 November	Ord Sun 31	G	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4	119:137-144	2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12	Luke 19:1-10
	All Saints Day	W	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18	149	Ephesians 1:11-23	Luke 6:20-31
10 November	Ord Sun 32	G	Haggai 1:15b to 2:9	145:1-5, 17-21 or 98	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17	Luke 20:27-38
17 November	Ord Sun 33	G	Isaiah 65:17-25	Isaiah 12	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Luke 21:5-19
24 November	Christ the King	W	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Luke 1:68-79	Colossians 1:11-20	Luke 23:33-43
1 December	Advent 1	P	Isaiah 2:1-5	122	Romans 13:11-14	Matthew 24:36-44

Colours: G – green

W – white

P - purple

Gisborne Secondary College Chaplaincy Committee Movie night Fundraiser

FISHERMAN'S FRIENDS

The film is based on a true story about Port Isaac's Fisherman's Friends, a group of Cornish fishermen from Port Isaac who were signed by Universal Records and achieved a top 10 hit with their debut album of traditional sea shanties.

Monday 25th November 6.30pm for 6.45pm start
Readings Cinema Sunbury Supper provided after the movie

\$20 per ticket Available from Snapshot Photos Cash only please
Shop 19 Gisborne Village Shopping Centre

If you are unable to visit the shop please contact Helen on 0407 686 708 or
Bronwyn on 0417 028 605

Please bring your ticket on the night.

Bronwyn Tacey

PREACHING PLAN FOR November 2019

Sundays in November 2019	Sunday minister led services details	Other Partnership services	Notes	Other Sunday congregational services
November 3rd	Tylden 9am Holy Communion Peter Cannon Mt Macedon Holy Communion 10:30am Annette Buckley	4 th Woodend 11am Annette Buckley 5 th Barfold Cup Day alcohol free 6 th Riddell 9am		Romsey 9am – Trevor Turnham Gisborne 9:30am Kyneton 9:30am Lancefield 10:45am Northern (Barfold) 10am
November 8th (Friday)	Kyneton 6.30pm Holy Communion Annette Buckley		Fish'n'Chips	
November 10th	Gisborne 9:30am Holy Communion Peter Cannon Lancefield 10:45am Holy Communion Meg Evans (Supply) Northern (Metcalfe) 11am Linda Young	11 th Woodend 11am Linda Young 13 th Riddell 9am	Annette on leave	Tylden 9am – tbc Romsey to join with Lancefield at 10:45 am Mt Macedon 10:30am –
November 17th	Kyneton 9:30am Holy Communion Peter Cannon Riddell 4pm Holy Communion Linda Young	18 th Woodend 11am Paul Gilberston 20 th Riddell 9am 20 th Oaks and Elms 2:30pm Memorial service Peter Cannon	Annette on leave	Tylden 9am – Jan Cole Romsey 9am – Marion Latham Gisborne 9:30am Northern (Mia Mia) 10am Lancefield 10:45am Mt Macedon 10:30am –
November 22nd (Friday)	Kyneton 6.30pm Holy Communion Peter Cannon		Fish'n'Chips	
November 24th	Romsey 9am Holy Communion Linda Young Tylden 9am Annette Buckley: William will be welcomed in baptism (grandson of Graeme & Bronwyn)	25 th Woodend 11am Annette Buckley 25 th RM Begg 3.30pm Peter Cannon 27 th Riddell 9am		Gisborne 9:30am Northern (Sutton Grange) 10am Mt Macedon 10:30am – Lancefield 10:45am –

KYNETON PROGRESSIVE STUDY GROUP

From Peter's missive:

Further to our "progressive" study group on Tuesday, thought is being given to ways to make it more accessible. We also want to resolve confusion as to what is involved. It is a study group that at times looks at books that explore aspects of going deeper in our faith and at others will apply these to exploring books of the Bible. It is a group that encourages exploration and asking questions - even the tough questions.

Why not consider joining us? Let Peter know what would be needed for the group to be accessible for you. Alternatives are being actively canvased.

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<u>KYNETON</u> - 54 Ebdon St (PO Box 892)					Helen Aldridge, Pip Elston
<u>LANCEFIELD</u> - 9 High St	Rita Vandervalk	Ian Kennedy	Peter Fraser		Ian Kennedy, Rita Vandervalk
<u>ROMSEY</u> - 25 Pohlman St (PO Box 264, Romsey, 3434)	Noel Shaw	Jeni Clampit	Roger Baker		Noel Shaw, Jeni Clampit, Jay Brooks (alt)
<u>TYLDEN</u> - Trentham Rd (c/o Tylden General Store, Tylden, 3444)	Max Hinneberg	Janet Cole	Dawn Hinneberg	Max Hinneberg	Bronwyn Hewitt, Janet Cole Dawn Hinneberg
<u>WOODEND</u> - 37 Forest St (PO Box 34, Woodend, 3442)					George Roberts
<u>MT MACEDON</u> - 682 Mt Macedon Rd	Neil Tweddle	Fiona Armour	Lyn Almond		David Liebich, Neil Tweddle, Anne Fyfield (alt)
<u>GISBORNE</u> - 23 Brantome St	Bev Gilbertson	Colin Chapman	Paul Gilbertson	Neil Moorhouse Rob Dunstan	Colin Chapman, Keith Hallett, Paul Gilbertson

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