



Partnership in Print



Uniting Church in Australia - Macedon Ranges Partnership

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Season - Ordinary Sundays 18-21

*For God
so loved . . .*



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I offer this poem. It is a reflection on the early days of the recent months as I sought to process the experience. There are allusions to a couple of the stories in Mark 5. I offer it as one story alongside so many other stories - Peter Cannon

NURSE NURSE

Sitting I take her hand.

Unresponsive

Yet allowed to hold

Sitting

Holding

Offering words of comfort

As yet unresponsive

Yet allowed to hold

Breathing laboured

Conflict within

Painted in vivid colour

Hope crying

Despairing

Holding

Soothing

As yet unresponsive

But rest comes

...For a moment

Still I sit...

From another room

A plaintive cry:

"Nurse. Nurse."

The nurse comes

Reassures the troubled one

Others are here too

Other rooms

Other floors

Other wings

Windows upon windows

Each for a person, a community

Each crying, "nurse, nurse."

Hope crying

Despairing

Pain rampant

Seeking

Still I sit

Holding on

Offering words of comfort

Was that a move of a finger against mine?

A response?

Am I sure?

Hope crying

From another room

A plaintive cry:

"Nurse. Nurse.

Help.

I don't need much.

Please

someone help."

The nurse comes

Reassures the troubled one

Still I sit

Holding on

Despairing

Maybe responsive

Offering words of comfort

Hope crying

The nurse comes
Can I take your obs?
Cooperation
Responsive
Hope

The nurse comes and smiles
The nurse comes and listens
The nurse comes and cares
A healing presence

I read of a woman
12 years seeking
Too ashamed to cry, "help"
Now silent
Alone with no one to comfort
Yet too desperate to not reach out

And a child
No name
A desperate father leaving her hand
for a moment

Advocating
Despairing
Hope crying
"Healer, healer. Help"

Hope crying
Despair evident
Pain rampant
Seeking

The healer responds
A healing touch
Reassures the troubled ones

Words of comfort
Compassion
Faith giving life

I see healers coming into the room
Reassurance
Touch
A listening ear
Words of comfort
Nurses, doctors, physios, cleaners, food
servers
Compassion
Faith giving life
Hope blessed

"Nurse. Nurse."
The plaintive crying continues
Sometimes aloud
Sometimes silent
Hope crying
Despair evident
Pain rampant

In every room
Hope continues
Compassion

I sit holding her hand
Crying out for her
Seeking the healer's touch
Waiting
Hope continues
Compassion seeps through
Faith giving life

Worship Leaders

	Service time	Sunday 5th August	Sunday 12th August	Sunday 19th August	Sunday 26th August
Northern Congregations	10am	<u>BARFOLD</u> Peter Cannon - HC	<u>METCALFE</u> TBA	<u>MIA MIA</u> TBA	<u>SUTTON GRANGE</u> TBA
Kyneton	9:30am	Pip Elston	Peter Cannon	Annette Buckley - HC	Doug McIver
Lancefield	10:45am	TBA	Annette Buckley - HC	TBA	TBA
Romsey	9am	Jeni Clampit	Annette Buckley - HC	Fi Bottcher	Peter Cannon
Tylden	9am	Annette Buckley - HC	Janet Cole	Bronwyn Hewitt	Shirley Bowen
Mt Macedon	10:30am	Max Woolcock	Wendy Elson - HC	Janet Wood	Meg Evans
Gisborne	9:30am	Janet Wood	Margaret Woolner	Peter Cannon	Wendy Elson - HC

Week beginning		Sunday 29th July	Sunday 5th August	Sunday 12th August	Sunday 19th August	Sunday 26th August
Riddells Creek	9am		Wednesdays (Devotions)			
	4pm				Inter-generational	
Woodend	11am Mondays	Monday 30th July	Monday 6th August	Monday 13th August	Monday 20th August	Monday 27th August
RM Begg	Monday 3:30pm		Wendy Elson 6th August			

Weekly Prayer & Meditation

There are a number of weekday opportunities to be involved in worship, prayer or meditation within the Partnership. You are welcome to attend any of these occasionally or regularly.

Prayer for Peace every Monday morning at 11am at Woodend. Followed by lunch. The community are warmly welcomed to this but we really encourage Partnership members to be involved.

The Lancefield Church is open for private Prayer and Meditation every Wednesday 11am - 3pm.

An Ecumenical Meditation Group meets by arrangement. Contact Wendy for details.

Labyrinth walk at Riddells Creek is available at any time if you wish to walk on your own.

Prayer Meetings are held at Gisborne Church at 2pm on Tuesdays and 10am on Fridays.

Food-bank

We have just commenced a Food-bank from the Woodend Church and hope to expand this further as new possibilities around the Partnership emerge. We are starting small and offer non perishable goods to folks in need on a Monday.



This will dovetail nicely with our mission hopes for the Woodend site and Mondays are starting to have a wonderful missional buzz about them. Its very exciting to hear the flapping of the wings of the Holy Spirit in new initiatives and particularly as we fulfil our calling to feed the hungry and shelter the lonely and the homeless.

Thank you

A big thank you to all who supported what was a very enjoyable concert by The Savoy Singers in aid of Chaplaincy at the end of last month, either by attendance or the provision of a lovely afternoon tea. \$1500 was raised towards our cause.

Woodend/Tylden Op Shop Volunteers

The Opportunity Shop is currently campaigning for more volunteers from the community if there are any members of the partnership who are able to help, even for only a short amount of time please call Janet Cole on 54271807 where you will be able to obtain more information.

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Meal

Twenty people attended the Op Shop meal at the Chinese Restaurant in Woodend after late trading last Thursday. We had a great time when Op Shop volunteers, church members and the extended family of the Hewitts all joined together. Any interested people from the partnership are welcome to join these outings. The next will be on **Thursday 16th August** at Holgates at 6pm. Contact Bronwyn for details.

Meetings

Romsey Church Council

The next meeting is on **Wednesday, 1st August** at 6pm, at the home of David and Sandra Strack.

CoCo

The Partnership Co-ordinating council will meet at Kyneton on **Saturday 4th August** 9:30am.

Clubs and Groups



Cuppa at Cookies

Each Monday – 2pm

Coffee get together at

Cookies Cafe in Main St, Romsey.



White Goose Book Exchange



The White Goose Book Exchange is open each **Wednesday** 9:30am - 1:30pm at Riddells Creek. Come for a book, to read the papers, a cuppa or just for a chat with our friendly volunteers.

Men's Group

Mount Macedon Men's Group meets at 10am on **Tuesday 7th August** at the Church. All men welcome.

Romsey UCAF

Romsey UCAF members meet on **Wednesday 8th August** at 1:30pm in the meeting room. We will be trimming and sorting for Sammy Stamps. Please hand any postage stamps you have to UCAF members (leave on paper).

Muffin'n More

Muffin'n More at Gisborne from 10am on **Tuesday 14th August**.

Tylden History

The Tylden History group will meet at 7:30pm at the Tylden Church Hall on **Wednesday 29th August**.

Mt Macedon Thistle Club

At 2pm on **Thursday 30th August** the Thistle Club members are having an Un-Birthday Party at the home of Judy Charter at 5 Early St, New Gisborne. Bring a small gift to put in a lucky dip so we all get a present.

Devotions : Lorraine Tweddle

Shoobox items: Face Washers, Combs, Tooth-brushes etc.

Tylden UCAF

UCAF meets on **Tuesday 28th August**.

Our luncheon will be on **Tuesday 25th September**. The speaker will be from Uniting Age Well. Lunch commences at noon. Cost is \$8 and there will be a two dollar trading table.

Kyneton Chat'n'Chew

A warm welcome awaits UCA folk (& friends) @ Kaddy's Cafe, 8 High St, Kyneton on **Friday, 31st August** at 12 noon.

All welcome....no notification required as Kyneton books the Kaddy's meeting room. Any questions to Jenny Elston.



Books and Bites

Kyneton UCA **Books & Bites** event is being planned for Saturday, 8th September during the Kyneton Daffodil & Arts Festival (30th August-9th September). Festival website is <www.kynetondaffodilarts.org.au>. If wish to recycle books please remember this event. Contact Joan Mills (see directory).

Other

Pleasant Sunday Afternoon

JS Bach, Beethoven, Shostakovich, Gershwin, and incidental pieces featuring Rachel Williams, violin in solo and ensemble, and support artists

Sunday 5th August at 2:30pm



at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church
49 Fisher St, Gisborne

Non-ticketed event - \$10 donations gratefully accepted by Rachel towards her post-grad violin studies at the Mary Pappert School of Music in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Contact person
Ian Williams 0409 139 146

Malcolm Cole from Tylden, is one of Rachel's support people.

Partnership Survey

Remember that the Partnership Review survey needs to be completed by the end of July at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GRBCHFM>

If you do not have a computer there are paper copies at each congregation.

Something to think about

CALLING GOD

Many people pray. It's safe to say that at any given second millions of prayers are being uttered around the world in a huge variety of languages. The book of 1 Kings reports Solomon in conversation with God (August 19 and 26, Revised Common Lectionary). Most of the psalms are prayers in one form or another. How does God keep it all straight?

Ah, that's thinking in human terms. Who are we to assume that God literally has ears with which to listen to all of this noise?

Yet, what if God used human technology? Perhaps God is fully up to date with things like voicemail. What might that really be like?

Imagine turning your heart and thoughts heavenward only to be told "I'm sorry, all of our angels are busy helping other sinners at the moment. However, your prayer is important to us and will be answered in the order it was received." Not too bad if your request was for Aunt Helga to have a nice vacation next month, but pretty disconcerting if you were crying out with regard to a plane that is about to crash.

Why stop there? Perhaps you could bypass the impersonal "please hold" response and hear something like: "To speak with Gabriel, press 1; for Michael, press 2; for a directory of other angels, press 3. If you'd like to hear David sing a psalm while you wait, please press 4. To find out if a loved one has been assigned to heaven, press 5. If no response, try area code 666."

There might even be a short disclaimer: "Due to the high volume of calls, we are unable to provide responses to questions regarding dinosaurs, creation, the location of Noah's ark, or other data-based questions. Please wait until you get here to explore those inquiries."

If all this seems too much, an online service allows you to send God an e-mail. But be prepared to pay - at least one online site charges \$1 per prayer.

On the other hand, any and all of us can pray at any time, in any way that works for us. And it doesn't cost a thing.

From Editor's Clip Sheets, August 2009

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

August 2018

5 Ordinary Sunday 18

9am - Worship at Tylden & Romsey
 9:30am - Worship at Gisborne & Kyneton
 10am - Worship at Barfold (*cuppa at 9:40am*)
 10:30am - Worship at Mt Macedon
 10:45am - Worship at Lancefield (*cuppa at 10:15am*)

6

11am - Prayer for Peace at Woodend
 2pm - 'Cuppa at Cookies' Romsey

7

10am - Mt Macedon Men's Group
 2pm - Prayer at Gisborne

12 Ordinary Sunday 19

9am - Worship at Tylden & Romsey
 9:30am - Worship at Gisborne & Kyneton
 10am - Worship at Metcalfe (*cuppa at 9:40am*)
 10:30am - Worship at Mt Macedon
 10:45am - Worship at Lancefield (*cuppa at 10:15am*)

13

11am - Prayer for Peace at Woodend
 2pm - 'Cuppa at Cookies' Romsey

14

10am - Muffin'n More at Gisborne
 2pm - Prayer at Gisborne

19 Ordinary Sunday 20

9am - Worship at Tylden & Romsey
 9:30am - Worship at Gisborne & Kyneton
 10am - Worship at Mia Mia (*cuppa at 9:40am*)
 10:30am - Worship at Mt Macedon
 10:45am - Worship at Lancefield (*cuppa at 10:15am*)
 4pm - Inter-generational Worship at Riddells Creek
Items for PiP due

20

11am - Prayer for Peace at Woodend
 2pm - 'Cuppa at Cookies' Romsey

21

2pm - Prayer at Gisborne

26 Ordinary Sunday 21

9am - Worship at Tylden & Romsey
 9:30am - Worship at Gisborne & Kyneton
 10am - Worship at Sutton Grange (*cuppa at 9:40am*)
 10:30am - Worship at Mt Macedon
 10:45am - Worship at Lancefield (*cuppa at 10:15am*)

27

11am - Prayer for Peace at Woodend
 2pm - 'Cuppa at Cookies' Romsey

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10am - Tylden UCAF
 2pm - Prayer at Gisborne.

Birth

Congratulations to the Ord family of Romsey, on the birth of daughter, Verity Matilda, on 15th July. Sister to George.

<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1 9am - Prayer 9:30-1:30pm - The White Goose 11-3 - Lancefield Church Open 6pm - Romsey Church Council	2	3 10am - Prayer at Gisborne pm - Friends Group	4 9:30am - CoCo at Kyneton
8 9am - Prayer 9:30-1:30pm - The White Goose 11-3 - Lancefield Church Open 1:30pm - Romsey UCAF	9	10 10am - Prayer at Gisborne	11
15 9am - Prayer 9:30-1:30pm - The White Goose 11-3 - Lancefield Church Open	16 6pm - Woodend Op-shop meal	17 10am - Prayer at Gisborne	18
22 9am - Prayer 9:30-1:30pm - The White Goose 11-3 - Lancefield Church Open	23	24 10am - Prayer at Gisborne	25
29 9am - Prayer 9:30-1:30pm - The White Goose 11-3 - Lancefield Church Open 7:30pm - Tylden History Group	30 2pm - Thistle Club 'Un-birthday Party'	31 10am - Prayer at Gisborne 12noon - Chat'n Chew at Kyneton	

Need a Handyman

My husband Stephen is now registered with the Shire as a provider of services to those who can access Council services. He is on the list as Macedon Ranges Home Maintenance and his number is 0417 028 673.

Bronwyn Tacey, Gisborne



"I have so missed the church camp community atmosphere. Great weekend."

Mission discussion sessions on Saturday



The jigsaw, a map of the world, became a centre for prayers for others at Sunday worship



Kookaburra watching as we left for walk



"I really enjoyed my weekend and have come away feeling refreshed and extremely blessed to be part of this faith community."

Fresh air on Saturday afternoon



Partnership worship on Sunday

We were very pleased to have Rev David Withers, the Synod Strategic Framework Minister, in camp with us to lead us in discussions about mission. What is it? Where do we see it now in our congregations? Ideas going forward.

Disturb us Lord,
when we are too well pleased with ourselves,
when our dreams have come true
because we have dreamed too little,
When we arrived safely
because we sailed too close to the shore.

Prayer by Sir Francis Drake - used by David



Before breakfast walk

Camp Survey

Can you please return camp survey forms ASAP. Please fill one in even if you did not go to camp. The first few questions relate to all people.



Accommodation block with heated bedrooms

"The mindset and engagement of attendees really made for an uplifting and encouraging time together."

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	Col	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Sunday 5th August	Ord Sun 18	G	2 Samuel 11:26 to 12:13a	51:1-12	Ephesians 4:1-16	John 6:24-35
Sunday 12th August	Ord Sun 19	G	2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33	130	Ephesians 4:25 to 5:2	John 6:35, 41-51
Sunday 19th August	Ord Sun 20	G	1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14	111	Ephesians 5:15-20	John 6:51-58
Sunday 26th August	Ord Sun 21	G	1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11), 22-30	84	Ephesians 6:10-20	John 6:56-69

Have you thought of using the Season of Creation lectionary readings through September?

We celebrate the season of Advent before Christmas. We celebrate the season of Lent before Easter. When do we celebrate the season of Creation? This new season of the church year is celebrated during the four Sundays of September that precede St Francis of Assisi Day (1st Sunday in October).



Developed in Melbourne and Adelaide and first used in 2004 in co-operation between the Lutheran and Uniting Churches. It has now gone worldwide. (Editor - In 2016 when I worshipped with 3 congregations of the United Church of Canada all were using Season of Creation liturgies.)

See website for liturgies, music and more information <http://seasonofcreation.com>

Season of Creation

Series B: The Word in Creation

The second series focuses on those texts where the Word is the impulse that summons forth creation, evokes praise from creation and stirs life in creation.

Date	Day/Season in Creation	Col	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Saturday 1st September - Creation Day						
Sunday 2nd Sep	1st Sunday Earth Sunday	Teal	Genesis 1:1-25	Psalm 33:1-9	Romans 1:18-23	John 1:1-14
Sunday 9th Sep	2nd Sunday Humanity Sunday	Teal	Genesis 1:26-28	Psalm 8	Philippians 2:1-8	Mark 10:41-45
Sunday 16th Sep	3rd Sunday Sky Sunday	Teal	Jeremiah 4:23-28	Psalm 19:1-6	Philippians 2:14-18	Mark 15:33-39
Sunday 23rd Sep	4th Sunday Mountain Sunday	Teal	Isaiah 65:17-25	Psalm 48:1-11	Romans 8:28-39	Mark 16:14-18
1st Sunday in October (or could be celebrated on 30th September) St Francis of Assisi Day - Blessing of the Animals						

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

Macedon Ranges Partnership Prayer Cycle

Day	Congregation/s	Topic	Day	Congregation/s	Topic
Sun	Northern Congregations	Friends	Thu	Riddells Creek, Office & Staff	MR Partnership
Mon	Kyneton	Family	Fri	Mt Macedon	Homeless
Tue	Lancefield & Romsey	Concerns	Sat	Gisborne	Current Affairs
Wed	Tylden & Woodend	World Events			

In God's Hands: The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle enables us to journey in prayer through every region of the world and through every week of the year affirming our solidarity with Christians all over the world, brothers and sisters living in diverse situations, experiencing diverse problems and sharing diverse gifts.

In the past years several future months of the cycle were on display on the website. This year the listing of future weeks in the cycle has been reducing until now the point has been reached that it is pointless trying to include it here in PiP.

See the World Council of Churches website for the weekly cycle and prayers.

<https://www.oikoumene.org/en/resources/prayer-cycle/ecumenical-prayer-cycle/#>

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Contacts Other Groups

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