

Partnership in Print



Uniting Church in Australia - Macedon Ranges Partnership

Barfold - Gisborne - Kyneton - Lancefield - Metcalfe - Mia Mia - Mount Macedon - Riddells Creek - Romsey - Sutton Grange - Tylden - Woodend

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You feed them





STOP RIGHT THERE! Don't read anymore if you don't want to hear me bang on about "call" again!

If you are still with me, I am going to revisit a couple of our recent lectionary thoughts. We were told a few weeks ago that big things can be done with small things. Yep. And then we were told "YOU feed them". And then amazingly we were told to stop being gutless as Jesus told us "Come on then!" And so out into the stormy seas we go....out of our comfort zones and into a space of desperately needing to trust Jesus. Are you seeing a pattern here????

Yes indeed, this is exactly what our Partnership call has been. And it is exactly what my call to deacon has been. I am going to tell you more about what a Deacon is and why this is the call on my life.

So, if you are still with me, we are further into the notion of call. I remember Deaconesses in my old Methodist parish but I didn't really know about them in the current Uniting Church until I started my Period of Discernment (POD). And even then I wasn't encouraged in this direction even though it felt like it fitted me. The Luke 4 passage about feeding the poor was very much a part of my POD and it is well known with Deacons but it took a while for me to twig to this. In fact, I originally signed on for Minister of the Word. However, I came to hear the call to Deacon and I am so totally glad I did. These days many ministers work out in the community but Deacons usually feel that this is their primary call. We stand in the community and call to the Church to come and join us. It is a radically prophetic ministry and we continue to remind the Church of its call to step out into the space of the marginalised, and again in the words of the Luke passage, 'to bring Good News to the poor, ...to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour'. Deacons are all about faith in action, caring for the marginalised and bringing their stories back into the Church. During my time at college I was the only Deacon candidate and it was my privilege to be the annoying voice that kept on saying.... "But what about the poor?". And I really think I was quite tenacious and very annoying! And still I say to us as a Partnership.... "What about the poor?" My primary call is that prophetic voice, and our primary calling is to respond, to stand with Jesus in the home of the 'sinner', and to love and advocate and hold those who are vulnerable and struggling. We are to engage with those around us, who ever they are, and to bring Good News. Then we will apparently have nice feet!!!!

And so, Deacons are important in our church. They are considered on equal footing with their Minister of the Word colleagues....they don't look forward to becoming MOW when they are promoted. It is simply a different call with a different emphasis. Deaconesses were a very important part of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches, and the Congregationals had some too. During the time of Uniting however, it took time to find where they fit in. Deaconesses welcomed men into their ministry

and the first few men to join were still called Deaconesses! Happily now we are Deacons.

Now I want to tell a Partnership story because I believe it demonstrates something of our call to be Pilgrims who are privileged to walk together. At the Op Shop celebration at Kyneton recently, we each had a piece of wool. During the prayers we put knots in the wool to represent the challenges and struggles, and tied loops to represent the blessings and times of support. Then during the intercessory prayer we tied them into a big circle of prayer. The next week I took that wool and the prayers it represented to the Elder Commissioning at Mt Macedon, and we held the prayers of each other from across the Partnership as we prayed and then laid it on the Communion table during Communion. One of our very special ladies was bothered by the complex tangles in it and spent an enormous amount of time untangling the wool. It is now tangle free and waiting for me to make it into a loopy and knotty beanie. What a privilege it is to carry everything and everyone to God in prayer. Right across our Macedon Ranges Partnership.



So thanks for sticking with me. I promise I won't let up on the notion of listening and discernment and call though!

Rev Deacon Wendy Elson

Advertisements

*** NEEDED ***

1

Someone willing to work with the ministry team to promote events. We need someone to contact local papers etc to help us inform people of the things happening in their community.

2

Grandparents! We need people to get involved with at least some of our young families and support them, particularly through the Riddell's Creek inter-generational program.

Organ available Free to a good home

Ruth Hodgson has an electronic organ that she wishes to donate to anyone who would like it. Free!!!! It just deserves a good home. The Op Shops can't sell it. The organ is located near Woodend and Ruth is happy to help transport it locally, within the Macedon Ranges.

If any church families, or anyone they know, is interested please contact her at ruthhodgson@gmail.com or call her on 54271604



Worship Leaders

	Service time	Sunday 3 September	Sunday 10 September	Sunday 17 September	Sunday 24 September
Northern Congregations	10am	<u>BARFOLD</u> Worship Team	<u>METCALFE</u> Meg Evans	<u>MIA MIA</u> Worship Team	<u>SUTTON GRANGE</u> Wendy Elson - HC
Kyneton	9:30am	Andrea Strack	Pip Elston	Peter Cannon - HC	Annette Buckley
RM Begg	3:30pm				Monday 25th September Wendy Elson
Lancefield	10:45am	Wendy Elson	Annette Buckley	Congregation	Jay Brooks
Romsey	9am	Wendy Elson	Annette Buckley	Congregation	Jay Brooks
Tylden	9am	Annette Buckley	Janet Cole	Bronwyn Hewitt	Janet Cole
Woodend					
Mt Macedon	10:30am	Adele Mapperson	Peter Cannon - HC	Annette Buckley	Max Woolcock
Riddells Creek	9am	Wednesdays (Devotions) & Thursdays (Walk the Labyrinth)			
	4pm			Inter-generational Worship	
Gisborne	9:30am	Peter Cannon	10am - Frontier Services	Keith Hallett	Peter Cannon - HC

Bible Study & Worship Preparation Dates

Tuesday 7:30pm session venue & date		Wednesday 10am session venue & date		Week preparing for	
Gisborne	29 August	Tylden	30 August	Pentecost 14 / Ordinary Sunday 23	10 Sep
Lancefield	5 September	Metcalfe	6 September	Pentecost 15 / Ordinary Sunday 24	17 Sep
Tylden	12 September	Mt Macedon	13 September	Pentecost 16 / Ordinary Sunday 25	24 Sep
TBA	19 September	TBA	20 September	Pentecost 17 / Ordinary Sunday 26	1 October
TBA	26 September	TBA	27 September	Pentecost 18 / Ordinary Sunday 27	8 October

Prayer & Worship

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 and Meditation every Wednesday morning at 9am at Riddells Creek.
- An Ecumenical Meditation Group meets each Wednesday night at 5:30pm at the Woodend Anglican church.
- Group Labyrinth walk at Riddells Creek each Thursday morning at 9am. The Labyrinth 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.

Peace in troubled times

Very special worship event at Woodend church at 11am on **Wednesday 30th August**. We will share some soup for lunch afterward. Come and pray for Peace in troubled times with us.

International Day of Peace

On **Thursday 21st September** the Romsey Church will be open for Prayer for Peace 10am – 1pm.



Frontier Services

On **Sunday 10th September** there will be a Frontier Services day at Gisborne UC. The service will be at **10am** (later than usual) and a light lunch will follow. The speaker will be Revd Bruce Gallacher who has served two terms in the Kimberley and one in far east Gippsland.



Riddells Creek

Riddells Creek church has been buzzing. The White Goose, the gardens. Our new Inter-generational Church gathering was great fun. We had some fruit and some birthday cake (and sang Neo a happy 4th birthday). We told the story of the disciples in the boat being called to trust Jesus and we made a boat that we all fitted into. We made some oars but some of us paddled with spoons (highly ineffective but so was the boat).

This group is quite keen and they want to continue to meet at 4 pm on 3rd Sunday of the month (for 1½ hours or so) and we have quite a lot of interest. However it is Inter-generational and so we are asking that we get some older folk too. Our children and young families really benefit from having



our slightly older folk around. Please consider coming along!!!

One fun boat

Clubs and Groups



Cuppas 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.

Lancefield Music

Lancefield Music is on fortnightly...the first and third Tuesdays 2pm til 4pm. (**5th and 19th September**)

We meet for a community lunch at 12:30pm before the music program on the third Tuesday (**19th September**) of the month.

Mt Macedon Thistle Club

Our August Meeting on **Wednesday 30th August**, will be an 'Un-Birthday Party'. Meet 2pm at the home of Judy Carter (see directory for address). Bring a small gift to put in Lucky Dip so we all get a present. Lorraine Tweddle will lead us in devotions.

Items for shoeboxes - Hygiene items - Face washers, combs, toothbrushes etc.

The following meeting is at 2pm on **Wednesday 27th September** when we will pack the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Devotions will be lead by Barbara Talbot

Items to bring - Something to love - a small soft toy, doll, teddy bear etc.

Gisborne Friends

Meet at 6:30pm on **Friday 1st September** for Pizza.

Mt Macedon Men's Group

Men's group at Mount Macedon, **Tuesday 5th September** (always first Tuesday) at 10am. All welcome.

Tylden UCAF

Tylden UCAF resumes **Tuesday 5th September** after our winter break. We will meet at the church at 10am.

Muffin'n More & Craft Group

Both groups meet on **Tuesday 12th September** at the Gisborne church.

Muffin 'n More 10am - 12noon

Craft Group 12noon - 2pm BYO Lunch

Romsey UCAF

Our next gathering is on **Wednesday 13th September**. We will meet at the church at 12:30pm and car pool to Kilmore to visit Helen at Willowmeade.

Gisborne UCAF

On **Monday 18th September**, at 1:30pm, David and Margery Pettergill (Linda Moorhouse's parents) will speak to us about the work they have done with Frontier Services throughout Australia and St. Phillips, Alice Springs, over the last 20 years. Afternoon tea will follow, and a warm invitation is extended to all our Partnership churches. Everyone is most welcome.

Conversations

On the third Wednesday of each month a group of interested people meet in Gisborne, at the home of Keith and Helen Hallett, for 'Conversations'. The next Conversation Group is on **Wednesday 20th September**, at 7:30pm. All welcome. Contact Keith for details.

Kyneton Chat'n'Chew

Meet at Kaddy's Cafe,

8 High St, Kyneton on

Friday 22nd September at

12 noon. (Note change of

week as the 29th is a public holiday.

All are welcome, just turn up. Any questions to Jenny Elston.



Meetings

Follow the Star

The first meeting, to organise the 'Follow the Star' event for this year, will be held in the meeting room at Romsey Church at 10am on **Monday 27th August**. Any questions to Jay Brooks

CoCo

The next meeting of the Partnership Co-ordinating Council is at 9:30am on **Saturday 2nd September** at Riddells Creek.

Romsey Church Council

Romsey Church Council meets 6pm for tea on **Wednesday 6th September** at the Strack's.

VicTas Synod Meeting

Synod opens with Worship on **Friday 8th September** at St Michael's Church, Collins St, at 7:30pm. Synod meeting continues to 13th September at Box Hill Town Hall.

Gisborne Church Council

Gisborne Church Council meets 7:30pm on **Wednesday 13th September**.

Mission

Romsey Operation Christmas Child Shoebboxes

Prepacking
pencil cases and clothing bundles

Wednesday 30th August

From 9:30am - til completed

At the church hall

We have 120 pencil cases to fill and 120 sets of clothes to bundle ready for packing day which will be later in September. Many hands make light work.

Special Events

Books and Bites

Books and morning tea at
Kyneton UC Church Hall
on second weekend of Daffodil Festival

Saturday 9th September

9am-3.30pm

Books for all age groups, of all types on a wide variety of subjects.

Prices - 20c - \$2

Parking in Hutton St car park

Joan Mills Ph 5423 9141

Kyneton UC Op-Shop

22 Market St, Kyneton

Super Sunday Savings Sale

(part of Daffodil Festival)

Everything half price

Sunday 10th September

9am-4pm

Treats, Cuppas & Surprises

Flo - 5422 2996

Tylden UCAF Luncheon

Tylden UCAF Luncheon will be **Tuesday 26th September**. The guest speaker is co-ordinator of the district Nursing Service at the Kyneton Hospital Alison Lowe. The cost will be \$8 and there is a trading table.

Advanced Notice

Social Dinner at Romsey

Friday 20th October

Further details next month

Car Boot Sale - Romsey Saturday 18th November

Diakonia Chicago 2017: SHAKEN BY THE WIND

22nd World Assembly 28th June - 5th July 2017

Three hundred plus Deacons, Deaconesses and Diaconal Workers from thirty-one countries gathered in Chicago to be SHAKEN BY THE WIND. And shaken we were! Shaken to be gathered together

- to create community
- to rock the foundations
- to face the chaos
- to experience the unknown
- to form a new perspective and
- to be scattered to serve.

I found myself shaken and challenged yet again to discern my call to ministry in a new way, now that I'm retired. And as always happens at these conferences my passion for the diaconate and the church has been refreshed and renewed.

Michael Kinnamon of the Churches of Christ in the USA, declared the Diaconate the 'most neglected movement of the church' stating that our worship and prayer life can NOT be separated from our service for the world. 'If the church is the church' he said, we are also SHAKEN BY THE WINDS OF CONTEMPORARY SOCIOPOLITICAL EVENTS. Think of events around the world over this year, this month (August) alone. He suggested there are five winds for Diaconal Ministry and therefore the whole church today: global solidarity (brothers and sisters in christ); welcoming the stranger (enabling others to feel at home) and 'diaconial resistance' (resisting policies which threaten potential deportees, asylum seekers, refugees).

These three go hand in hand. The other two perhaps embrace these three as well; following the servant Christ is inherently risky, yet we welcome such risk for we have an emphasis on Hope which is the opposite of Fear. Fear is fostered (perhaps festered) by so many political agencies and extremist groups around the world. In fact, he said 'many government policies are diametrically, (completely) opposed to the Gospel'.

Christopher Epting of the Episcopal Church, challenged us and the whole church to listen to the prophetic voice of the deacons on the edge; interpreting the hopes and concerns of the world to the church. Deacons, he said, have an interpretative ministry to remind the church that that we are all 'SHAKEN BY THE WIND OF THE SPIRIT'. At the time he spoke to us there were 917 right wing extremist groups around the world, by now there will be over 1,000 and continuing to increase. These groups promote fear which leads to hate. A fear of losing identity and control.

The church has to be involved in dismantling this wall of hatred. Deacons, he said are equippers not only do-ers of diakonia which is at the heart and soul of the church. Deacons need to be 'tugging at the sleeves of the church' reminding the church to BE the church. In the words of Dietrich Bonhoeffer: 'the church is only the church when it exists for others'.

Rev Dr Deaconess Gwen Saylor of the Lutheran Partnership in Print September 2017



Christi and Judy (SA Deacons) and Meg (centre) with the DUCA banner before the opening Worship.

church, intelligently, passionately, powerfully, challengingly and with humour, led us through two bible studies on the theme of 'God's Creating, Calming Wind' reminding us that we are 'SHAKEN BY THE WIND OF GOD'S EMPOWERING, EQUIPPING SPIRIT'. We looked at the chaos of creation and the world today, the mandate of the servant of Isaiah, Daniel, the Tower of Babel & Pentecost, Acts and Romans.

Let me share with you my understanding of some of her insights that 'shook' me and reminded me that often it is the Spirit of God doing the shaking!

Chaos cannot win the day because of the calming wind of God, which at the same time stirs us to action as bearers of God's image. In our times the chaotic forces of consumerism, secularism, militarisation, and some economic and scientific policies compete for God's loyalty; but chaos has no control over God who comes with the calming wind of the Spirit.

Our ministries as servants, are the ministries of The Servant of Isaiah. At Pentecost God levelled the playing field, no one people, no one language is above any other. It is only in genuine diversity that humanity can be fulfilled. Unity in diversity is a dream, a goal to be fulfilled not a reality.

We live with structural racism, with white privilege, as descendants of the colonisers. How do we deal with these issues of structural racism and white privilege? [During the conference we celebrated Canada day - another country with white colonisers now having struggles and issues with its national day because of this history.] We need to be able to recognise

that God comes to different people in different ways, to different cultures and languages also in different ways and that my experience of God may not, will not be yours. We can begin by exercising some 'cultural humility'.

We live, she said; between the 'No Longer and the Not Yet'.

The Spirit's imperative to us all is Micah 6:8 Our task in our time is clear.

The conference at Loyola University on the Shores of Lake Michigan was not all work and



A new career as a helicopter pilot? On a glacier out of Juneau Canada.

no play, we had lots of fun times: experiencing a US college campus dining room, a birthday cake to celebrate 70 years of World Diakonia, a cake, a 'cookout' and fireworks to celebrate 4th July, multicultural dance and song, were surprised by rabbits around the campus and delighted in seeing a cardinal (of the bird variety!); we went to workshops and electives, conducted the business of a world organisation, explored Chicago, joined together in worship, and elected new office bearers. Sandy Boyce

a Deacon from South Australia in placement at Pilgrim UC in Adelaide city was re-elected President of World Diakonia. Sandy will hold this position until the next World Conference in Darwin in 2021. Before then the Regional conference of the Asia Pacific Region (DAP) will be held in Fiji in 2019. Of course one of the most valuable times is the renewing of 'old' friendships and making new ones. What a joy, a challenge and a privilege to attend these conferences and have the freedom to travel around the world (as we did afterwards to Alaska and Canada!)

Thanks be to God.

Rev Deacon Meg Evans (Mt Macedon)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<h1>September 2017</h1>	<p>August 28 10am - Follow the Star planning at Romsey 2pm - Romsey 'Cuppas at Cookies'</p>	<p>August 29 2pm - Prayer at Gisborne 7:30pm - Bible study at Gisborne</p>
<p>3 Ordinary Sunday 22 or 1st Sunday in Creation 9am - Worship at Tylden, Romsey 9:30am - Worship at Gisborne, Kyneton 10am - Worship at Barfold (<i>cuppa at 9:40am</i>) 10:30am - Worship at Mt Macedon 10:45am - Worship at Lancefield (<i>cuppa at 10:15am</i>)</p>	<p>4 2pm - Romsey 'Cuppas at Cookies'</p>	<p>5 10am - Mt Macedon Men's Group 10am - Tylden UCAF 2pm - Prayer at Gisborne 2pm - Lancefield Music 7:30pm - Bible study at Lancefield</p>
<p>10 Ordinary Sunday 23 or 2nd Sunday in Creation 9am-4pm - Kyneton Op Shop Super Sunday Sale 9am - Worship at Tylden, Romsey (HC) 9:30am - Worship at Kyneton 10am - Worship at Gisborne (<i>Frontier Services</i>) 10am - Worship at Metcalfe (<i>cuppa at 9:40am</i>) 10:30am - Worship at Mt Macedon 10:45am - Worship at Lancefield (<i>cuppa at 10:15am</i>)</p>	<p>11 2pm - Romsey 'Cuppas at Cookies'</p>	<p>12 10am - Muffin'n More at Gisborne 12noon - Gisborne Craft 2pm - Prayer at Gisborne 7:30pm - Bible study at Tylden</p>
<p>17 Ordinary Sunday 24 or 3rd Sunday in Creation 9am - Worship at Tylden, Romsey 9:30am - Worship at Gisborne, Kyneton 10am - Worship at Mia Mia (<i>cuppa at 9:40am</i>) 10:30am - Worship at Mt Macedon 10:45am - Worship at Lancefield (<i>cuppa at 10:15am</i>) 4pm - Intergenerational Worship at Riddells Creek</p>	<p>18 1:30pm - Gisborne UCAF 2pm - Romsey 'Cuppas at Cookies' 6:30pm - Gisborne Chaplaincy Film Night</p>	<p>19 12:30pm - Community Lunch at Lancefield 2pm - Prayer at Gisborne 2pm - Lancefield Music 7:30pm - Bible study at TBA</p>
<p>24 Ordinary Sunday 25 or 4th Sunday in Creation 9am - Worship at Tylden, Romsey 9:30am - Worship at Gisborne, Kyneton 10am - Worship at Sutton Grange (HC) (<i>cuppa at 9:40am</i>) 10:30am - Worship at Mt Macedon 10:45am - Worship at Lancefield (<i>cuppa at 10:15am</i>)</p>	<p>25 2pm - Romsey 'Cuppas at Cookies' 3:30pm - Worship at RM Begg</p>	<p>26 Tylden UCAF Luncheon 2pm - Prayer at Gisborne 7:30pm - Bible study at TBA</p>

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
August 30 9am - Worship at Riddells Ck 9:30-1:30pm - The White Goose 9:30am - Shoebox prepacking (Rom) 10am - Bible study at Tylden 11am - Peace worship at Woodend 11-3 - Lancefield Church Open 2pm - Thistle Club 5:30pm - Meditation at Woodend	August 31 9am - Labyrinth walk at Riddells Creek	1 10am - Prayer at Gisborne 6:30pm - Gisborne Friends	2 9:30am - CoCo at Riddells Creek
6 9am - Worship at Riddells Ck 9:30-1:30pm - The White Goose 10am - Bible study at Metcalfe 11-3 - Lancefield Church Open 5:30pm - Meditation at Woodend 6pm - Romsey Church Council	7 9am - Labyrinth walk at Riddells Creek	8 10am - Prayer at Gisborne 7:30pm - Opening of Sydnod	9 9am-3:30pm - Books & Bites at Kyneton
13 9am - Worship at Riddells Ck 9:30-1:30pm - The White Goose 10am - Bible study at Mt Macedon 11-3 - Lancefield Church Open 12:30pm - Romsey UCAF 5:30pm - Meditation at Woodend 7:30pm - Gisborne Church Council	14 9am - Labyrinth walk at Riddells Creek	15 10am - Prayer at Gisborne	16 9:30am - Presbytery Meeting & Education Day
20 9am - Worship at Riddells Ck 9:30-1:30pm - The White Goose 10am - Bible study at TBA 11-3 - Lancefield Church Open 5:30pm - Meditation at Woodend 7:30pm - Conversations	21 9am - Labyrinth walk at Riddells Creek 10am-1pm - Romsey Prayer for Peace	22 Last Day Term 3 10am - Prayer at Gisborne 12noon - Chat'n Chew at Kyneton	23
27 9am - Worship at Riddells Ck 9:30-1:30pm - The White Goose 10am - Bible study at TBA 11-3 - Lancefield Church Open 2pm - Thistle Club 5:30pm - Meditation at Woodend	28 9am - Labyrinth walk at Riddells Creek	29 Public Holiday	30

Adventurous Young Australian

Can you cope with another motor-bike story?

Born in 1900, my dad, Ern Gollan, was the adventurous type. In 1920 he enrolled at the YMCA university at Springfield, Massachusetts, USA, to do a course in youth leadership training. Leaving in 1920 from the Brunswick Baptist Church, he worked a passage across the Pacific on a steam ship. Arriving in Massachusetts, he quickly realised that he needed transport if he was to earn money for his fees and living.



Assisted by the generosity of a Melbourne YMCA donor, he purchased an Indian Motor Bike.

I have used his letters home to write his story - "Around the World on a Shoestring and an Indian".

What a thrill for him was this bike! At its best it would even do 40 miles per hour!

His trip was not without its troubles. In Honolulu, on the way to the US, he was knocked over by a truck. Compensation for his leg injury assisted the next stage of his journey. He also had an accident in America, skidding off the road on an icy stretch and landing in the snow with a damaged bike.

Ern undertook a range of part time jobs whilst attending lectures and participating in College life. Among those jobs were waiting on tables at the college, minding the cloakroom at a nearby entertainment place, shovelling snow and assisting other students with their transport as pillion passengers.

Ern's letters to his mother I found very interesting.

He outlined the subjects and courses he was undertaking. The YMCA threefold motto was 'Body, Mind and Spirit' so the studies reflected a balance of these areas. There was a strong emphasis on the spiritual aspect of living and of trying to turn out worthy specimens of young Christian manhood.

Ern became known as the 'Young Australian who asked questions'. When travelling in a motor car with some local church members, he couldn't understand

why the black man had to sit in the back seat, or eat at another table in a restaurant. Even in the Christian churches, there were services for black people held separately from the rest.

Having completed his course and without forming any complicated romantic attachments to an American girl, Dad worked on a cattle ship and arrived in Europe. He was often billeted in countries where some of his former class mates lived.

Always on the trusty 'Indian', he visited the UK, Romania, Turkey, Hungary, Scandinavia and many other countries in Europe.

He was about twenty-three when he arrived home in Australia, to become Secretary of the Melbourne 'Y'.

It was quite another few years before he met and married mum!

The bike was still in use but grandma did not like the thought of baby Wendy being driven around in the side-car, so a small secondhand motor car was bought — a baby Austin.

Wendy Hebbard (Gisborne)

Coco Report

for Meeting held on Saturday 5th August 2017 at the Barfold Hall

On a wintery morning we were welcomed by Chairperson Colin. Our numbers were down a bit due to members away travelling etc.

Devotions - Wendy read Ephesians 3: 15 – 21 and we contemplated these wonderful words (well worth looking up and reading).

The **Minutes of the previous Meeting** were accepted.

Meg Evans briefly told us about the World Deacon Conference she had recently attended in Chicago. (300 delegates from around the world). She has written an article about this great experience for this PIP (see pages 8-9).

Ministry Team Report – Peter presented the Report this month. It will be available to read at each of the Partnership Churches. He had enjoyed 2 weeks annual leave. Also attended a Conference in Sydney, and a Code of Ethics training day, as well as a coaching retreat with Rose Broadstock - just to name a few. He mentioned Annette in the US at a Conference. Good to have Wendy back with us in the Partnership.

Pastoral activities included conducting a funeral, marriage preparation, marriage support, visits, phone conversations etc. Peter also organised Supply for the period of Wendy's leave.

Also pointed out recent ideas being floated eg. All Age Worship at Riddell, a film group etc. These and other ideas aim to help build relationships and make connections. Also promoting a program called "Makes You Wonder" sponsored by Presbytery.

Wendy suggested a review with each Church Council as to how each Church is relating to their community – either a formal or informal review. Suggestion of Church Councils budgeting an amount to CoCo for resourcing educational training over the Partnership. Amount to be in

line with what each Congregation can afford.

Strategic Planning –

- Where can we see the Spirit at work and expand on that work. White Goose, Op-Shops, 5th Sunday Worship, Garage Sale etc all seen as connections between people and thus the Spirit working among us.
- More details on Church Camp at next CoCo meeting.
- Riddells Creek - White Goose going well. Wednesday Worship and Thursday Labrynth still proceeding. A Memorandum of Understanding is being developed between the Riddells Creek Church and the Neighbourhood House. BOMAR Grant still in the pipeline. Anyone who can do a bit of gardening is welcome to come the Riddells Creek Church any Wednesday.
- St Andrew's UC, Woodend - not functioning as a Church currently. Discussion about the way forward for the property. Wendy and Ruth (from Woodend) have put forward a proposal for the on-going use of the facilities. Op-Shop sorting to be streamlined, 'Hot Office' space made available to the community, community groups to use the hall etc. Cobaw Community Health are enthusiastic about being involved.

Reports -

- Treasurer – All going well.
- Property Committee – Wendy requested an inspection of the Woodend Manse – roof leak and condensation problems. Also it was mentioned Riddells Creek still needs decking and tap to be rectified.

Congregation Reports –

- Most reported everything going along well

– some numbers down due to folk escaping the southern winter. Many planning events in the coming months – see PIP for details as they become available.

- Mention was made of the Partnership becoming involved in environmental concerns – Neil Moorhouse from Gisborne Church may give us directions with this.

Matters Arising From the Minutes -

- Banners and Signs – On-going.
- CoCo meetings are running smoothly .
- Keeping Children Safe and Safe Church – Training will be made available – 3 sessions

over ensuring months, at different times to suit people. Safe Child Policy needs to be displayed in each Church. Info on Website. Peter will put info out to each Congregation as to what still needs to be achieved.

- Correspondence – Fiona sent a thank you to Rev. Judy Archer for doing Supply Ministry while Wendy was away.

Closing - Thanks to Barfold for the lovely Morning Tea.

Meeting closed with the Benediction.

Our next CoCo Meeting is a Riddells Creek on Saturday 2nd September 2017.



Breakfast with special guest Michael McCoy

October 14, 2017

Gisborne Secondary College Chaplaincy invite you to a special fundraising breakfast with local garden extraordinaire Michael McCoy, host of ABC television series 'Dream Gardens'

8:30am at 247 Station Road New Gisborne

Cost \$20

Bookings 0407 567 715

or email

office@hotrock.org.au

Gisborne Secondary College Chaplaincy Committee

Movie night fundraiser



Monday September 18th 2017

Readings Cinemas Sunbury

6.30 start

\$20.00 per ticket

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Lectionary Readings Year A

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 3rd September	Ord Sun 22	G	Exodus 3:1-15	105:1-6, 23-26, 45c	Romans 12:9-21	Matthew 16:21-28
Sunday 10th September	Ord Sun 23	G	Exodus 12:1-14	149	Romans 13:8-14	Matthew 18:15-20
Sunday 17th September	Ord Sun 24	G	Exodus 14:19-31	114 or Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21	Romans 14:1-12	Matthew 18:21-35
Sunday 24th September	Ord Sun 25	G	Exodus 16:2-15	105:1-6, 37-45	Philippians 1:21-30	Matthew 20:1-16

Season of Creation

Series A The Spirit in Creation

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).

More information and resources see website - <http://seasonofcreation.com>



Date	Day/Season	Col	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Friday 1st September	Creation Day					
Sunday 3rd September	1st Sunday in Creation Forest Sunday		Genesis 2:4b-22 'Born of the Earth and the Spirit'	139:13-16 'Born from the womb of Earth'	Acts 17:22-28 'Born to search for God'	John 3:1-16 'Born of water and the Spirit'
Sunday 10th September	2nd Sunday in Creation Land Sunday		Genesis 3:14-19; 4:8-16 'Earth bears the curse for us'	139:7-10 'God is present in all of Earth'	Romans 5:12-17 'The second Adam comes to Earth'	Matthew 12:38-40 'Jesus in the heart of Earth'
Sunday 17th September	3rd Sunday in Creation Wilderness/ Outback Sunday		Joel 1:8-10, 17-20 'The mourning of the wild'	18:1-19 'The wild forces of creation'	Romans 8:18-27 'The groaning of creation'	Matthew 3:13-4:1 or Mark 1:9-13 'Jesus in the wild of the wilderness'
Sunday 24th September	4th Sunday in Creation River Sunday		Genesis 8:20-22; 9:12-17 'God's Promise to Earth'	104:27-33 'God's sustenance of Earth'	Revelation 22:1-5 'God's healing for Earth'	Matthew 28:1-10 'God's celebration with Earth'
1st Sunday in October	St Francis of Assisi Day Blessing of the Animals		Genesis 2:18-25 'Animals created as partners'	148 'All creatures praise the Lord'	Revelation 5:11-14 'Animals around the throne'	Matthew 6:25-29 How God has made creation beautiful'

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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.

See website for info about the churches in the listed countries and weekly prayers.

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

27 August - 2 September	Cape Verde, The Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Senegal
3 - 9 September	Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Togo
10-16 September	Ghana, Nigeria
17-23 September	Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay
24-30 September	Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Peru

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JOKE (reprinted from Herald Sun)

Two nuns were driving along a country road when they ran out of petrol. So they walked a little way to a farmhouse and asked the lady there if she had some fuel that would get them into town. The lady found a little bit of petrol in her farm shed and brought it back to the nuns in an old chamber pot saying: We don't

use this any more so no need to bring it back."

The nuns walked back to the car, carefully carrying the petrol so it wouldn't spill, and started pouring it into the car out of the little pot.

Just then, two blokes driving down the road spotted the nuns. "Well, would you have a look at that!" the driver said. "Now that's what I call faith!"

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