

Partnership in Print



Uniting Church in Australia - Macedon Ranges Partnership

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Season - Ordinary Sundays 26-30

I wonder???

church

right to die

asylum seekers

justice

journey

same sex marriage

slavery

international terrorism

What are you
throwing away?



UGLY



Oh just some old
ideas and beliefs
that were taking
up too much
space.

society

too short

FAILURE

over emotional

what is right?

beliefs

compassion



I wonder???

Some time ago, while I was on holidays, I visited a sizable, lively church from another denomination. During the announcements, an elder of the congregation got up to ask for volunteers to go on a roster to supervise the children in the playground. The playground was near the car park and between the road and the church building. There were no fences around the playground or any of the facilities. The elder complained the need for another group of volunteers was driven by insurance requirements and the litigious times we live in. I must confess I was shocked. I wondered where their concern for the wellbeing and safety of the children fitted in? Something appeared to be amiss.

In another church, I heard of the huge kerfuffle caused when the minister had up and sold most of the pews and replaced them with individual chairs. The distress caused over sitting on chairs rather than pews in worship was palpable – “church must have pews to be church they said!” Interestingly, when asked why each person came to church, none mentioned the pews. They spoke of the welcome they received, the faith, the love they saw in others, the commitment to Christ and the depth of the worship. I wonder what really matters?

In another church, there have been problems with questions over when or if the Bible is processed in at the start of the service, the colours on display, the formality of the worship, the structuring of the liturgy, the hymns or songs chosen, the amount of new things versus the old and familiar. I start to wonder because at the same time, I see many people instead going to a café, taking the dog for a walk, sleeping in, visiting a friend or family member, playing sport, or attending a local market. Church has no interest for them. I wonder why?

Recent readings from the story of the Exodus, tell of how the people, once delivered from slavery, only focused on the threat in front of them. They quickly forgot the experiences of deliverance and blessing they enjoyed in their journey. I wonder did they really get it? Something seemed to be amiss.

Society has changed, yes. The issues we face have changed, yes. The church's place in our community is now sidelined when once it was central, yes. Key issues in our society are being led by community groups, sporting clubs, political groups and interest groups, yes. Yet in the midst of this we as churches seem to hang on to the things that don't matter – the forms, the structures, the styles and the pressures. Regarding the key issues we are reactionary. Sometimes I wonder if we get it?

When I read the stories of Jesus, the early church and the conversations of our early church leaders, I see and hear people on the edge. They are pushing the agenda and leading the questions of what matters. They are the ones on the fringe healing and helping. They are the ones asking the

tough questions and calling people back to what matters. The church has been where the rubber hits the road yet it seems we have found instead a nice wayside stop.

There are big issues for us all to address these days. The question of same sex marriage; the question of the "right to die"; the questions around how do we deal with asylum seekers; the questions around fair treatment of workers; the questions around international behaviour and threats; justice, fairness, balance, fake news, and I could go on. Can we get back onto the front foot and lead the debates with demonstrations and conversations of love, justice, compassion, generosity and graciousness? Can we reground our worship in the grace and love of God? Can we find a way forward without defensiveness but generosity of spirit? Big questions for each of us individually. Big questions for us as a Partnership. Big questions of how we are church.

Rev Peter Cannon

Worship Leaders

	Service time	Sunday 1st October	Sunday 8th October	Sunday 15th October	Sunday 22nd October	Sun 29th Oct
Northern Congregations	10am	<u>BARFOLD</u> Annette Buckley - HC	<u>METCALFE</u> TBA	<u>MIA MIA</u> Peter Cannon	<u>SUTTON GRANGE</u> TBA	
Kyneton	9:30am	TBA	Peter Cannon	Annette Buckley - HC	TBA	
RM Begg	3:30pm				Monday 23rd October Wendy Elson	
Lancefield	10:45am	Blessing of the Animals at Romsey 10am - Peter Cannon	Wendy Elson - HC	Congregation	TBA	5th Sunday combined Service at Northern Churches - in hall TBA
Romsey	9am		Wendy Elson - HC	Trevor Turnham	TBA	
Tylden	9am	Wendy Elson - HC	TBA	TBA	TBA	
Woodend	11am	Mondays				
Mt Macedon	10:30am	Brian Charter	Meg Evans - HC	Jean Beale - Baptism	Peter Cannon	
Riddells Creek	9am	Wednesdays (Devotions) & Thursdays (Walk the Labyrinth)				
	4pm			Inter-generational Worship Peter Cannon		
Gisborne	9:30am	Paul Gilbertson	Annette Buckley	Janet Wood	Annette Buckley - HC	

Vale

Rev Greg Strack, retired minister, and member at Kyneton, died on Friday 15th September. His funeral was held on Thursday 21st September at Kyneton. We pass our condolences to Andrea and extended family.

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 for Peace every Monday morning at 11am at Woodend. Followed by lunch
- Prayer and Meditation every Wednesday morning at 9am at Riddells Creek.
- The Lancefield Church is open for private Prayer and Meditation every Wednesday 11am - 3pm.
- 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.

Clubs and Groups

Tylden UCAF Luncheon This week

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



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.

Tylden UCAF

We will meet on **Tuesday 3rd October** at 10am.

Mt Macedon Men's Group

Men's group at Mount Macedon, **Tuesday 3rd October** (always first Tuesday) at 10am. All welcome.

Lancefield Music

Lancefield Music is on fortnightly....the first and third Tuesdays 2pm til 4pm.

This month 3rd and 17th October

We meet for a community lunch at 12:30pm before the music program on the third Tuesday (**17th October**) of the month.

Gisborne Friends

Meet at 6:30pm on **Friday 6th October**.

Muffin'n More & Days for Girls

Both groups meet on **Tuesday 10th October** at the Gisborne church.

Muffin 'n More 10am - 12noon

Days for Girls 12noon - 3pm BYO Lunch

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 18th October**, at 7:30pm. All welcome. Contact Keith for details.

Film Club

The film club met for the first time on the 30th August. After a little delay caused by technical issues we watched the film 'Lion'. Supper and a spirited discussion followed. Decisions about the best time to meet were also discussed. Apart from being a little on the cool side it was an enjoyable evening.

The next film nights will be **this week on Thursday 28th September** and **Thursday 26th October**. Both at Riddells Creek from 7pm. Bring a friend, something for supper and a blanket. At this stage the films are a surprise. All welcome.

Kyneton Chat'n'Chew

Meet at Kaddy's Cafe,
8 High St, Kyneton on
Friday 27th October at 12
noon.



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

Romsey UCAF

Five members of the Romsey UCAF travelled to
Kilmore on 12th September and had a pleasant
afternoon with Helen Clement.

There will be no meeting in October.

Mt Macedon Thistle Club

Our September meeting is **this week** on
Wednesday 27th September at 2pm when we
will pack the Operation Christmas Child Shoe-
boxes. Devotions will be lead by Barbara Talbot
Items to bring - Something to love - a small soft
toy, doll, teddy bear etc.

In October we meet on **Wednesday 25th** at 2pm
at the church when Kaye Taylor-Law will tell us
of the work she and others do supporting a Cam-
bodian Village.

Shirley Cross will lead devotions.

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Meetings

Romsey Church Council

Meet for a meal and meeting at the home of Da-
vid and Sandra Strack, at 6pm on **Wednesday
4th October**.

Follow the Star

We had a very successful meeting last month.
The next planning meeting will be held at 10am
on **Monday 9th October** in the Romsey meet-
ing room

For your diaries *Follow the Star* will be held in Rom-
sey the evening of **Thursday 21st December**.

CoCo

The next meeting of the Partnership Co-ordinat-
ing Council is at 9:30am on **Saturday 7th Octo-
ber** at Romsey.

Woodend-Tylden Cluster

A tentative date of **Wednesday 11th October**
has been set for a meeting of the Woodend-Ty-
lden Cluster. The alternative is Wednesday 18th.
Either way the meeting will be at Woodend at
7:30pm. Watch out to confirmation.

Special Events

Synod Family Camp

A Synod Family Camp will be based at the
Riddells Creek church on **Saturday 21st
October**. Then there will be special worship
at Gisborne with the campers participation
on **Sunday 22nd**.

Car Boot Sale

The Romsey Congregation will be holding a Car
Boot Sale in the church grounds on **Saturday
18th November**.

All questions and bookings to Sandra Strack.
Her phone number is in PiP directory.

Coco Report

for Meeting held on Saturday 2nd September 2017 at Riddells Creek

Lyn Ward presided over the meeting as Colin Chapman was unable to be present. Lyn welcomed us to the friendly space of the White Goose Book Exchange. Thank you Lyn for carrying out this role.

Devotions - Peter led us in the Reflection for the day. He used a "Makes You Wonder" question about breaking rules (especially breaking your own rules). Mentioned human fallability, covering up failings, making excuses. How we treat each other. He tied it in with the reading from the Sunday Lectionary of Romans 12: 9 -21. We discussed sharing love with those we have contact with and we had a discussion about this.

Wendy presented the **Ministry Team Report**. This Report is available to read at all the Partnership Churches. As the first thing mentioned was Annette's trip to the US she handed over to Annette to tell us a little of her travels, especially the time spent with the Biblical Story Tellers Network. She was enriched by spending time with those of similar interests to her own and attending workshops also catching up with friends. I'm sure we will all hear more about her travels in the weeks ahead.

- Main points of the Report were progress at Riddells Creek – Bookshop exchange becoming a meeting place as well as a source of reading material. Partnership with the Neighbourhood House gradually firming up.
- Reported that Woodend buildings and administration are now under the governance of Coco. The Property Committee will inspect the Woodend facility and see what needs doing to bring it up to an acceptable state for use by community groups etc. Many good things happening – Prayers for Peace, Op Shop sorting etc. Op Shop

involvement to be sorted out with Tylden/Woodend people. David Liebich gave positive feedback on the happenings at Riddells Creek to support the Woodend folk to see good things coming out of the present administrative arrangements.

- Peter had 6 people attend the Film Night and is planning to run this on a monthly basis – keep on eye the website and PIP for details. He is also sending out a Survey re Bible Studies to see what direction these need to take.

Many good happenings across the Partnership – have a read of Wendy's Report.

Minister in Association - A letter to the Pastoral Relations Committee was distributed – requesting permission for Rev. Deacon Meg Evans to become a Minister in Association within the Partnership. She would take some services around the Partnership, develop The White Goose, support the Ministry Team and other activities as the need arises. The assembled members of Coco were very happy to support this letter being forwarded to PRC and thank Meg for her willingness to be so closely involved in the on-going work of the Partnership.

Minutes & Finance - We passed the minutes of the previous August Coco Meeting. Also passed the Treasurer's Report. Finances are going well. We then moved on to a discussion on **Strategic Planning** – Our links within our communities and where we see the Spirit at work. All Churches have a huge involvement in their local communities, with many members belonging to a wide variety of Groups and activities. We all felt that those we came in contact with knew our Church ties and often opened up to us. We felt

this was the Spirit moving. Also in the various activities the Church runs there is a good spirit of sharing experiences, laughter and problems and these often include people who are not officially members of the various Churches..

Discussion

- We then discussed planning for the Church Camp – probably in April 2018. Still in the planning stage.
- The Worship Planning Team are having a meeting to sort out the Worship rosters till the end of December and possibly January.
- As previously mentioned the Property Committee will be meeting re Woodend (also the Manse) and also issues at Riddell's Creek. David Liebich was thanked for sorting out the problem with the decking at Riddell's Creek. Also some planning to deal with the tap and the letterbox. Donations of vegetable seedlings, fruit trees, shrubs etc for Riddell gratefully accepted. Also, a spare hour or two to help with weeding etc).
- Pastoral Care - no official meeting held as Annette has been overseas. Please let her

know of any pastoral concerns, health issues etc in your Congregation.

- Resources Team – Peter always available to assist with Resources for Worship etc.
- At the August meeting we passed putting aside funds for training purposes – we will discuss this further at the next Coco Meeting.

Congregation Reports – A lot of this was covered in the Strategic Planning review. Keep checking the website and PIP to see all the activities happening around the Partnership.

Correspondence - John Evans confirming that Coco has permission to administer Woodend.

Synod - It was mentioned that a few people were going to the opening of Synod Worship Service at St. Michael's in Melbourne on Friday 8th September. Everyone welcome to come along.

We enjoyed a tasty morning tea. Thanks to those who organised the tea and coffee. Also for putting the heater on.

We closed with the Benediction.

On Saturday October 7th we will do it all again at Romsey.

Concert for Gisborne Chaplaincy

Treble Tones

2pm on Sunday 29th October
Gisborne Uniting Church
Tickets \$25 concession \$ 20
Great afternoon tea included



From "It's not always black and white; a colorful take on life's grey areas" Kylie Knapp

October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>1 Ordinary Sunday 26</p> <p>St Francis of Assisi Day Daylight saving starts</p> <p>9am - Worship at Tylden 9:30am - Worship at Gisborne, Kyneton 10am - Worship at Barfold (<i>cuppa at 9:40am</i>) 10am - Blessing of the Animals at Romsey 10:30am - Worship at Mt Macedon</p>	<p>2</p> <p>11am - Prayers for Peace at Woodend 2pm - Romsey 'Cuppas at Cookies'</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10am - Tylden UCAF 10am - Mt Macedon Men's Group 2pm - Prayer at Gisborne 2pm - Lancefield Music</p>
<p>8 Ordinary Sunday 27</p> <p>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>9</p> <p>First Day School Term 4 10am - Follow the Star planning at Romsey 11am - Prayers for Peace at Woodend 2pm - Romsey 'Cuppas at Cookies'</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10am - Muffin'n More at Gisborne 12noon - Gisborne Craft 2pm - Prayer at Gisborne</p>
<p>15 Ordinary Sunday 28</p> <p>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>16</p> <p>11am - Prayers for Peace at Woodend 2pm - Romsey 'Cuppas at Cookies'</p>	<p>17</p> <p>12:30pm - Community Lunch at Lancefield 2pm - Lancefield Music 2pm - Prayer at Gisborne</p>
<p>22 Ordinary Sunday 29</p> <p>9am - Worship at Tylden, Romsey 9:30am - Worship at Kyneton, Synod family Camp at Gisborne 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>) 2:30pm - Gisborne Chaplaincy High Tea Items for PIP due in today</p>	<p>23</p> <p>11am - Prayers for Peace at Woodend 2pm - Romsey 'Cuppas at Cookies' 3:30pm - Worship at RM Begg</p>	<p>24</p> <p>2pm - Prayer at Gisborne</p>
<p>29 Ordinary Sunday 30</p> <p>5th Sunday Combined Worship in the North TBA</p>	<p>30</p> <p>11am - Prayers for Peace at Woodend 2pm - Romsey 'Cuppas at Cookies'</p>	<p>31</p> <p>2pm - Prayer at Gisborne</p>

Romsey Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Wednesday 11th October - Layout of tables ready for packing - from 9:30am - til completed

Thursday 12th October - Packing of boxes - - from 9:30am - til completed

Many hands make light work - come when you can leave when you need to.

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>4</p> <p>9am - Worship at Riddells Ck 9:30-1:30pm - The White Goose 11-3 - Lancefield Church Open 5:30pm - Meditation at Woodend 6pm - Romsey Church Council</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9am - Labyrinth walk at Riddells Creek</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10am - Prayer at Gisborne 6:30pm - Gisborne Friends</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:30am - CoCo at Romsey</p>
<p>11</p> <p>9am - Worship at Riddells Ck 9:30-1:30pm - The White Goose 9:30am - Romsey Shoebox prep 11-3 - Lancefield Church Open 5:30pm - Meditation at Woodend</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9am - Labyrinth walk at Riddells Creek 9:30am - Romsey Shoebox pack</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10am - Prayer at Gisborne</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8:30am - Gisborne Chaplaincy Breakfast</p>
<p>18</p> <p>9am - Worship at Riddells Ck 9:30-1:30pm - The White Goose 11-3 - Lancefield Church Open 5:30pm - Meditation at Woodend 7:30pm - Conversations</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9am - Labyrinth walk at Riddells Creek</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10am - Prayer at Gisborne</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Synod Family Camp at Riddells Creek.</p>
<p>25</p> <p>9am - Worship at Riddells Ck 9:30-1:30pm - The White Goose 11-3 - Lancefield Church Open 2pm - Thistle Club 5:30pm - Meditation at Woodend</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9am - Labyrinth walk at Riddells Creek 7pm - Film Club at Riddells Creek</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10am - Prayer at Gisborne 12noon - Chat'n Chew at Kyneton</p>	<p>28</p>

Tai Chi & Qigong

The Gisborne church will be hosting 8 introductory sessions of Tai Chi and Qigong on Saturdays 4-5pm commencing on 21st October. Cost will be \$12 per session.

Are you interested in some gentle exercises and movement? Let Michael Woolner know for numbers (Contact details in directory at back). Or come on the first Saturday to see if you like it.

Festival Gathering of the Network of Biblical Storytellers

I don't know whether there are many places on earth where you can see a retired space shuttle and then within a few hours drive, a community of people who live as their ancestors did, without electricity or other modern conveniences. That was part of my experience on my recent trip to the United States, a three-week holiday that included the annual Festival Gathering of the Network of Biblical Storytellers. The Gathering, with an opportunity to catch up with a friend who lives in Ireland, was my main reason for going. It was a good opportunity, though, to revisit New York and to spend some time discovering Washington DC, rural Pennsylvania and Philadelphia.

The Gathering had about 200 participants at the National 4H Center in Maryland, just outside of Washington DC. While the Network has set up mission trips to the Philippines, Cameroon, Haiti, India, Cambodia and other countries, most of the delegates at the Gathering were from the United States. There was a small group from Korea, and each year a number of Canadians attend, and it was great to be part of the international contingent. The Network is my tribe, and it was lovely to renew old acquaintances and meet a variety of people who were at a Gathering for the first time.

A feature of the program was the opportunity to hear the same bible story told over the course of the few days by a variety of storytellers. We heard the story of Jesus' presentation at the temple, and Simeon and Anna's responses, told by 5 or 6 different people, each one bringing something new to the story. The last one of

these was a quite elderly man, and hearing him say Simeon's words with love and joy was really something special. Another highlight of the Gathering is always the Epic Telling, an opportunity for different people to learn part of a book of the bible (this year it was Luke) and to hear it told as one long story by the storytellers. While some parts of Luke were left out for brevity, it was still fascinating to hear the narrative brought to life by the very talented tellers. If I go again, I'll make sure I register early enough to be part of it, as spots in the Epic are very quickly assigned soon after it is announced.

I attended five workshops, with my favourite being with Richard Swanson, who describes his work as 'exploring the insides of biblical narratives'. He has a way of encouraging people to listen deeply to the stories, play with them, find the links with them to their own lives, ask questions of the stories and allow the stories to ask questions of them. This can lead to some really rich discoveries and to some surprising revelations as we step outside the boxes that have sometimes been built around familiar bible stories.

All too soon the Gathering was over, and we were saying our goodbyes. I spent a few more days in Washington with my friend Wendy before she had to travel back home. We visited the popular tourist sites: the National Mall with the Lincoln memorial and the Washington memorial. We visited

the Smithsonian, which, I discovered, is not a single museum but a whole series of enormous museums, each of which could take a day to

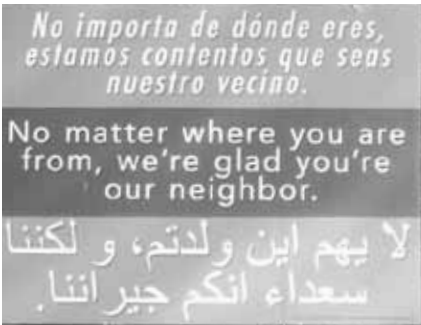


Detail from the gate on the front door of the National Cathedral in Washington DC, an image of Abraham and Isaac from Genesis 22

fully explore. We were able to visit the recently-opened National Museum of African-American History and Culture which provided a gripping account of the long history of oppression and disenfranchisement of African-Americans as well as a celebration of the achievements of many African-American people. We also visited the National Cathedral, a beautiful neo-Gothic building with enormous numbers of stained glass windows. One of the windows, the Space Window has a piece of moon rock embedded in it. The service there on Sunday morning, in the midst of the grandeur of the building, was a beautiful and gracious offering of worship in which we were made to feel very welcome and included.

After Washington, the adventure began in earnest, as I hired a car and drove back to New York, via Gettysburg, Lancaster in the heart of Amish country and Philadelphia. It was here that I discovered that speed limit signs on US highways are merely suggestions. In all of my driving over the next few days I overtook only two vehicles, while everyone streamed past me at least 5 miles an hour faster than I was going, and often more! I drove through truly beautiful countryside, lush and green even though it was the end of summer. I passed through gently rolling hills and farmland, all looking as if you only needed to push something into the soil and it would sprout with life. I paid a visit to a Christian bookshop that I've had some contact with, and spent a glorious 5 hours trawling through their treasures,

and making a purchase or two. Or maybe twenty. Lancaster, I discovered, is the county in the US that takes in the greatest number of refugees per head of population. Every second garden in the area in which I stayed, and many of the businesses, had a sign welcoming strangers as neighbours. It was a lovely sign of inclusion and community. In Philadelphia, rather than visiting the major attractions (the museum with



the steps that Rocky ran up in his first movie) I discovered the quaint Chemical Heritage Foundation museum and the inspiring National Liberty Museum. Despite its grand title, it's only a small museum, housing displays about inspiring people who "Live like a Hero" alongside beautiful glass sculptures. I loved this place, mainly because it didn't just honour the obvious heroes, but people like good teachers, conductors who seek to bring music to as many people as possible, and everyday people who have done extraordinary things in sometimes difficult circumstances. A truly inspiring place.



A glass sculpture from an exhibit about Dietrich Bonhoeffer at the National Liberty Museum in Philadelphia

I was very glad to return the hire care to New York and to spend a few more days there at the end of my visit. Sitting on the rooftop of my hotel, looking at the Manhattan skyline in the warm evening, it was hard to imagine you all shivering back here, with forecasts of snow close to home. When the time came, I was well and truly ready to come home, and I look forward to regaling anyone who dares to ask with holiday snaps and stories.

Annette Buckley

Gisborne Chaplaincy events

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
invite you to
High Tea
Sunday October 22nd 2:30pm
Macedon CWA Hall
662 Mt Macedon Road, Mount Macedon 3441

\$30 per Ticket
Glass of Champayne on arrival
Musical entertainment by Suz Yardley
accompanied by John Payne

Tickets can be purchased
at Snapshot Photos
Shop in Gisborne
Village shopping Centre

Cash only please

if you are unable to visit
Snapshot photos
please contact

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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
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'
Sunday 1st October	Ord Sun 26	G	Exodus 17:1-7	78:1-4, 12-16	Philippians 2:1-13	Matthew 21:23-32
Sunday 8th October	Ord Sun 27	G	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20	19	Philippians 3:4b-14	Matthew 21:33-46
Sunday 15th October	Ord Sun 28	G	Exodus 32:1-14	106:1-6, 19-23	Philippians 4:1-9	Matthew 22:1-14
Sunday 22nd October	Ord Sun 29	G	Exodus 33:12-23	99	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Matthew 22:15-22
Sunday 29th October	Ord Sun 30	G	Deuteronomy 34:1-12	90:1-6, 13-17	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8	Matthew 22:34-46

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

1-7 October	Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela
8-14 October	Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama
15-21 October	Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico
22-28 October	The Caribbean: Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, St Kitts-Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago
29 October - 4 November	Canada, United States of America

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