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**zoom
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zoom...**

No this isn't an ad for Mazda. But it is what life seems to be at the moment. Zooming here, Zooming there; with one person and then a dozen. Sleep, eat, Zoom, eat, Zoom some more, eat, Zoom again and sleep. Wash, rinse, repeat...

Don't get me wrong. I have discovered the great benefit of using Zoom for meetings. I don't have to drive through heavy traffic at strange times or go out into the cold winter's night braving kangaroos on foggy country roads. It means I can actually see my mother's face when we chat. It means I can see your smiles when we share a joke or a little humour.

But it does mean sitting in front of a screen for long periods of time. My legs and hips and back and scales are all protesting. It is easy to find oneself withdrawing on the one hand or going stir crazy on the other! Lockdown is a *bummer* as the saying goes...

So what grounds and brings life in the midst of confinement? For you it may be different to me but it is a good question to keep asking ourselves. Lockdown is tiresome and for many depressing.

Well, I have seen people smile and their spirit's lift during a Zoom and heard the same over the phone. I have seen people connecting and life happening even over the Covid divide. So it is not all bad!

Shared humour lifted spirits. Shared stories seemed to encourage. Walking the dog helped ground. The wave and smiling eyes behind masks of the strangers out exercising also helped. Listening to music transports into another time and space. Someone else wrote poetry and another painted. A family member repaired and touched up his home. Someone else stepped into their garden and got dirt under their finger nails. And the watching of our video service reminded me of God's presence and that we are all in this together.

As I write this, the coming weekend's readings again speak of God initiating contact with people who have been struggling with life. Conflict, isolation, fear and pain. Into this God reaches out to ordinary people and offers hope with a vision for a new future. It is a life that we can share in creating as partners with God. (continued on page3)



Romsey Church grounds and Mount Macedon Church (before Stage 3 restrictions were reinstated) – more information see page 2.

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	Color	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
6 Sept	Ord Sun 23	G	Exodus 12:1-14	149	Romans 13:8-14	Matthew 18:15-20
13 Sept	Ord Sun 24	G	Exodus 14:19-31	114 or Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21	Romans 14:1-12	Matthew 18:21-35
20 Sept	Ord Sun 25	G	Exodus 16:2-15	105:1-6, 37-45	Philippians 1:21-30	Matthew 20:1-16
27 Sept	Ord Sun 26	G	Exodus 17:1-7	78:1-4, 12-16	Philippians 2:1-13	Matthew 21:23-32
4 Oct	Ord Sun 27	G	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20	19	Philippians 3:4b-14	Matthew 21:33-46

Colours: P – Purple

W – White

G – Green

R - Red

Page 1 Pictures:

ROMSEY UNITING CHURCH – showing the immaculate Church grounds, which have been faithfully maintained by some Congregation members, even though there has been no worship there since March.

MOUNT MACEDON WORSHIPS UNDER COVID

For 8 wonderful Sundays, the Mount Macedon congregation enjoyed uplifting and enriching worship services despite ongoing COVID-19 Stage 2 restrictions. We were blessed by diverse leadership from our worship team, lay leaders, retired ministers and pastors. A total of 23 members, plus a few visitors, participated with an average of 16 each Sunday. Unfortunately, a number of our more vulnerable members could not be with us.

Our Leadership Team, with Rev Peter, met in late May when Stage 2 was foreshadowed and completed the Synod checklist and planned compliance with the Chief Medical Officer's Directions. A working bee was held to clean and disinfect and install the necessary notices. Up to 19 people could attend in the church under the "4-square metre rule". Another 18 could be present in the hall if required. So we were ready when Stage 2 arrived, allowing up to 20 people to gather, and our worship team lead our first service on 7 June under COVID conditions. Unfortunately our famous hospitality after the service could not be enjoyed.

Service continued each Sunday up to 2 August after which services were suspended again with re-imposition of the Stage 3 restrictions.

During this time, the Thistle Club and Men's Group each also held much welcomed, well supported meetings.

Although currently adjourned, we look forward with anticipation to recommencing activities in coming weeks.

Someone has described becoming a Christian as marrying into a family. We get to be at the table because we fell in love with someone. Now we start to learn the family stories, jokes, struggles and victories, hopes, pains, and loves. And bit by bit, they become ours too, through the grace of the One who loves us and draws us in.

Reflection from *The Christian Seasons Calendar* by Aaron Miller
University Hill Congregation, United Church of Canada

ZOOM ZOOM ZOOM continued (From page 1) We may not see its fulfilment but we are on the way. The journey to life takes many turns but actually begins as we step into it.

So what brings life? Well over the years, I have learnt the little smiles, the listening ear, the encouraging voice and the many other such experiences and encounters have been glimpses of the face of God. And in the stepping forward in response to God's call, I am drawn deeper into healing and love. In these, the breath of the Spirit brings life.

Rev Peter Cannon

HIDDEN GEM

Do you recognise this place? It's a mural in one of the communities of the MRP and takes us on a fascinating journey through history.

Have you a **Hidden Gem** in your community? Take a photo of your community's Hidden Gem and see if others can recognise it. It may be a building, a natural environment feature or...????

This month's picture is from.....??? (see page 8 to see if you're right!)



A report from the
Gisborne
Community Care
Foodbank

Gisborne Community Care Foodbank

On June 26th, 2020 we celebrated a year since our opening. Over the past year we have had 1042 individual clients visit the Foodbank. Many families come and go as their lives, or crisis situations improve. Presently we have (including deliveries) between 130 to 150 clients visit per month. All clients are from the Macedon Ranges area and are struggling, in need of food.

With the advent of the Pandemic, we have changed the way we operate. We are fortunate to have the use of the courtyard and the back entrance of the Foodbank, which allows the clients to enter through a secluded entrance. We now serve the clients outside, with tables between the volunteers and the clients, for the required social distancing. We are open Wednesdays and Fridays between 10 and 3pm.

The Macedon Ranges Community have been wonderful, in their continual food and monetary support. With this help we generally have a supply of fresh fruit and vegetables, frozen meat, eggs, bread and basic food and toiletry items.

I would also like to deeply thank the Uniting Church, who have generously partnered with us, in allowing us to use their facilities. It has been God sent.

God says in His word,

"He who is generous will be blessed, for he gives some of his food to the poor."

Proverbs 22:9 NASB

Anita Worrell

Manager of Gisborne Community Care Foodbank

Port Phillip West Presbytery Safe Church Training

Sept 7th and 10th – a requirement by law for all church workers and volunteers to keep up to date with training

Presbytery Trivia Night

September 5th 7pm via zoom
You are invited to join as an individual and we will put you in a team or you can arrange your own team of 6 – 8 people from your congregation or family and friends.

– see Presbytery Newsletter for more information and booking details for both of these events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2020		1	2	3	4	5
		10am Zoom chat LY			11am Zoom chat AB	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
10.30am Zoom Chat AB	10am Safe Church training PPW via zoom 4.30pm Zoom chat PC	10am Zoom chat LY		7pm Safe Church Training PPW via zoom	11am Zoom chat AB 6.30pm Fish'n'Chips (Kyneton via Zoom)	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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27	28	29	30	September		
10.30am Zoom Chat AB	4.30pm Zoom chat PC	10am Zoom chat LY				



Dumpling Fundraiser for Gisborne Secondary College Chaplaincy @ Flying Pigeon



Come and learn how to make northern Chinese dumplings from scratch and raise money for Chaplaincy

on Saturday 26th September or 24th October from 10.30am-12.30.

\$80 per person includes a complimentary beverage.

Bring your friends or family, let's have some fun together, and take home delicious dumplings for dinner.

100% of profit made after covering costs will be donated back to Chaplaincy. You can secure your spot by

Emailing Bronwyn on sbtacey@bigpond.com

For any enquiries please call Bronwyn 0417 028 605

Maximum 10-12 people.



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From August through first half September at least: All of the Partnership is on at least level 3 restrictions (those of us in Melbourne are on level 4). Consequently, no church services can be face to face services. Synod's instructions are also clear that no meetings can be held on church property. Many will be feeling disheartened by the tightened restrictions. Others will be grieving from the threat to and loss of loved ones. Please take time to pray for each other and the wider community. If you want to take time and pray at the same time as someone else, you can join with the ministry team during their times of prayer, they are:

9am Presbytery ministers 9 minutes at 9 prayer time.

11am Peter's prayer time

1pm Linda's prayer time

3pm Meg's prayer time

5pm Annette's prayer time

Psychologist's list on how to cope with the anxiety and fear caused by COVID-19 goes viral

Published by Eileen M Feliciano, Psy.D. on March 27, 2020 [Extracts—Dot points] Full article on Regenerating the Church FaceBook

1. Stick to a routine.
2. Dress for the social life you want, not the social life you have.
3. Get out at least once a day, for at least thirty minutes. ... open the windows and blast the fan.
4. Find some time to move each day, again daily for at least thirty minutes.
5. Reach out to others, you guessed it, at least once daily for thirty minutes.
6. Stay hydrated and eat well.
7. Develop a self-care toolkit.
8. Spend extra time playing with children.
9. Give everyone the benefit of the doubt, and a wide berth. Everyone is doing the best they can...
10. Everyone find their own retreat space.
11. Expect behavioural issues in children, and respond gently.
12. Focus on Safety and attachment... physical touch, play, verbal reassurances.
13. Lower expectations and practice radical self-acceptance .
14. Limit social media and COVID conversations, especially around children.
15. Notice the good in the world, the helpers....
16. Help others. Find ways, big and small, to give back to others.
17. Find something you can control and control the heck out of it eg. Declutter...
18. Find a long term project and dive into eg. huge jigsaws, series of novels, knit a blanket
19. Repetitive movement can be soothing eg. Knitting, rocking, running...
20. Find an expressive art and go for it...
21. Find lightness and humour in each day...
22. Reach out for help your team in there for you.
23. 'Chunk' your quarantine, take it moment by moment.
24. Remind yourself daily this is only temporary.
25. Find the lesson. (Making sense of Covid).

September Sillies

You'll stay on the couch! You'll stay in your room!
You'll stay in a chair for a meeting on Zoom!
You'll stay in the bathroom—a brief getaway!
There are so many places at home you will stay!



Not sure what the cat needs but it knows how to follow rules 👍



What part of "STAY AT HOME" did you not understand?



Sammy Stamp is still collecting – keep saving those stamps!



Sammy Stamp update by Allan J Clark



Sammy Stamp continues under lock-down conditions, however, some funds are still being generated by our volunteers and they are very grateful to those who are continuing to send stamps in to be processed. If you have some stamps you would like to donate, (our cupboard is emptying) we suggest you post or send them to Sammy Stamp, c/o 44a Seventh Street, Parkdale 3195. Up until the 6th July 2020 sales had reached about \$12,449. The same week last year saw us reach \$22,198. We have not made any further grants since last report. Please contact Allan J. Clark if you have any questions or concerns, by phoning 03 9557 1008.

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The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

The Hidden Gem: is on the South Eastern wall (church side) of the toilet block in the Lions Park in Riddells Creek. Can you send me a photo of a Hidden Gem for the next edition of PiP?

Next Partnership in Print

If you have stories, dates, meetings, photos or something to share – please send them to me **by 20th September** for the next edition of PiP. I am happy to receive emails or texts via phone and I even look in my letterbox daily!

Robyn (contact details available through one of the ministers 😊)

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