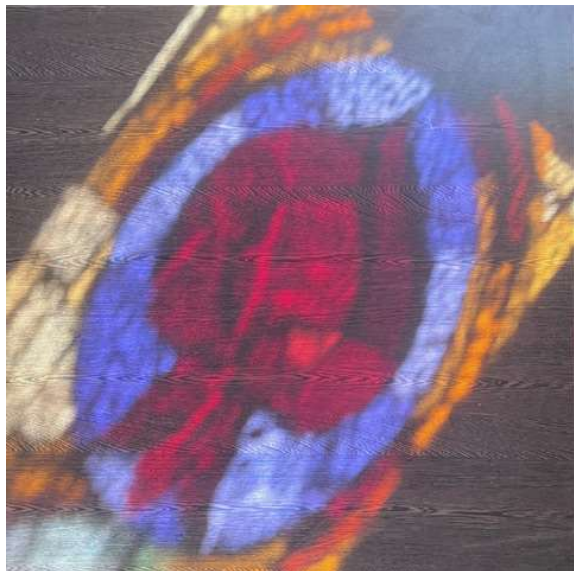




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BREAKING IN ...

Do you ever have moments that stop you in your tracks? Moments when beauty breaks through into the everyday and takes your breath away?

I've had a couple of memorable ones in the last few weeks. I listen to a podcast called "Poetry Unbound" most weeks, often as I'm driving around the Partnership. Pádraig Ó Tuama reads a poem (which is almost enough, quite frankly, in his lovely Northern Irish lilt), but then he goes on to talk about the poem and point out things in it that I might not have noticed. Then he reads the poem again at the end. It's only a brief podcast - about 15 minutes - but it's a wonderful dose of beauty or

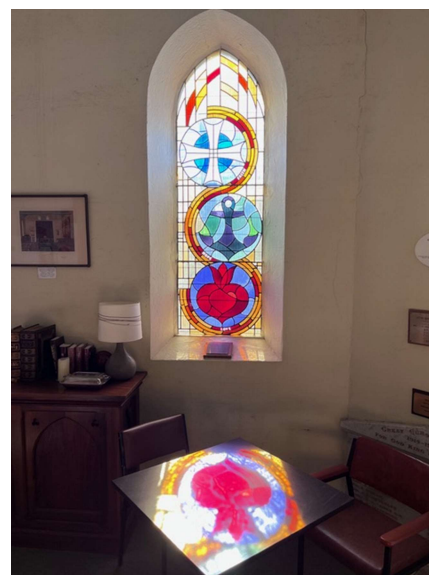
courage or challenge or mystery a couple of times a week. I highly recommend it. Just before Christmas, the poem read was *Trespassing with Tweens* by an American poet Danielle Chapman, and the last line made me gasp out loud with its surprising, lovely ambiguity. The poet David Whyte has said that "Poetry is language against which you have no defenses" and this was certainly one of those moments of being caught and captivated by the artistry of the poet.

Another moment happened as I walked into the church in Kyneton, preparing to hook up the equipment and get the PowerPoint ready...when such practicalities melted into nothingness when I was confronted by the scene in the photo above. The light shining through the stained-glass window in the Memorial Room was landing on a table just below the window, and the beautiful heart/flower from the 'love' section of the window was reflected back on the surface of the table beneath it. Not the exact same image, but one on the patterned surface of the table, muted yet still shimmering in the morning sun. No setting up of technology happened until photos had been taken and I'd made sure that everyone arriving had noticed it too. Someone commented "Well, that's a message!" and I imagine they meant a reminder *(continued on page 3)*

<https://onbeing.org/programs/danielle-chapman-trespassing-with-tweens/>



Pádraig Ó Tuama reads Danielle Chapman's poem in this 16-minute podcast. The link above will enable you to push 'play' and listen for yourself, or look for it on your favourite podcast player by searching for Poetry Unbound.



REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY Readings Year C

Epiphany

An 'Epiphany' is a revealing, appearing or manifesting of something or someone, and in this season the Church reflects on the manifestation of Christ to all people. The length of this period varies depending on the date of Easter.

Date	Day/Season	Col.	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
26 Jan	Epiphany 3	G	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10	19	1 Corinthians 12:12-31a	Luke 4:14-21
2 Feb	Epiphany 4	G	Jeremiah 1:4-10	71:1-6	1 Corinthians 13:1-13	Luke 4:21-30
2 Feb	Presentation of the Lord	W	Malachi 3:1-4	84	Hebrew 2:14-18	Luke 2:22-40
9 Feb	Epiphany 5	G	Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13)	138	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Luke 5:1-11
16 Feb	Epiphany 6	G	Jeremiah 17:5-10	1	1 Corinthians 15:12-20	Luke 6:17-26
23 Feb	Epiphany 7	G	Genesis 45:3-11, 15	37:1-11, 39-40	1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50	Luke 6:27-38
2 March	Transfiguration of Jesus	W	Exodus 34:29-35	99	2 Cor 3:12-42	Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

Colours: P – Purple W – White G – Green R – Red

The Revised Common Lectionary is available from the UC Assembly Resourcing Unit. A link to the publication is available below (or you can search for it online using "calendar and lectionary 2025")
<https://uniting.church/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Lectionary-YrC-2025-1.pdf>

Around the Partnership in December and January



From above, clockwise:

- Tylden UC on Christmas Eve for the carol service.
- Meg celebrated her 80th birthday in January with Lyn and many other friends.
- Kyneton worship space set up for Christmas morning.
- Romsey UC after a small smoky incident recently – more information on page 5

(from page 1) about the light of God that shines through each of us, refracted out into the world, and sometimes reflected back in moments that we sometimes miss.

Finally, *The Pulse*, the quarterly newsletter from Medecins Sans Frontiers arrived in my letterbox this week. I can't reproduce the image here because of copyright issues, but it is an arresting photograph that I initially thought was an AI generated image. It illustrated the headline "Shattered Lives: the Palestinian children receiving care at MSF's reconstructive surgery hospital." Words, of course, do not do justice to the image of a teenage boy, with significant facial injuries, his upper left arm obviously seriously injured, seated facing the medico who was attending him. Their heads bowed towards each other, it looked like their foreheads were touching, their left hands clasped together between them, the medico carefully supporting the boy's left elbow with his right hand as he moved the boy's arm. In the midst of such carnage and horror, a moment of deep care and gentleness frozen in time.

Back to poetry...Gerard Manley Hopkins said
"The world is charged with the grandeur of God.
It will flame out, like shining from shook foil"

Where do you find signs of God's grandeur and glory? In the beauty of poetry, the dance of light, in the midst of despair...somewhere else?
May you notice, may you be surprised and captivated by God breaking into the world around you in the coming days.

Annette
February 2025

WORSHIP IN FEBRUARY

Sunday Worship services will be streamed at 9.30am from the following churches:

2nd Kyneton – Holy Communion
9th Gisborne
16th Romsey

On 23rd February, there will be no streaming, Annette will attend the BBQ breakfast at Tylden
Sunday services are held at 9.30am weekly at Gisborne, Tylden and Romsey. Kyneton meets for Sunday worship fortnightly, alternating with Friday evening worship. See the calendar on page 4 for details. The Northern Churches meet on Sundays at Sutton Grange on the 2nd Sunday of the month and at Metcalf on the 4th Sunday.
If you would like to join in on-line with streamed services on the first 3 Sundays, please contact Neil Moorhouse or Annette before Sunday to get assistance to join the live-stream.

Alternative service times – Fish'n'Chips service at **Kyneton** at 6.30pm on 7th and 21st February – BYO tea as we eat together before we worship together (and no, it doesn't have to be fish and chips!)

Ministers Munchies (informal worship in the Northern congregation) will be 10am on Wednesday 19th Feb at Bec's café **Redesdale**

Gisborne Midweek worship – Tuesday 25th Feb at 10am

Other weekly events:

Monday: Souper Lunch (12.30) & Faith Community (2.30) Woodend UC
Monday Meditation group meets at 4pm Romsey UC (speak with Jenny Elliot for details)
Wednesday: White Goose 9.30am to 1pm at Riddells Creek UC
Thursday: Coffee Catchup 2.00 pm at Romsey Community Co-op, 126 Main St Romsey
Friday: Prayer Group 10.00 am at Gisborne UC

Also... Victorian Mosque Open Day Saturday 15th February 11am - 2pm
Kyneton Op Shop is having their AGM on Tuesday 18th Feb at 11am

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>February 2025</h1>						1
						9.30am CoCo at Tylden
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Epiphany 4 9.30am streamed from Kyneton, Communion (AB)	12.30 Souper Lunch 2.30pm Faith Community 4pm Meditation Romsey		9.30-1pm White Goose Riddells Creek	2pm Romsey coffee	10am Prayers at Gisborne 6.30pm Fish & Chips Worship Kyneton	10am Quiet Day at Dromkeen, Riddells Creek
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Epiphany 5 9.30am streamed from Gisborne	12.30 Souper Lunch 2.30pm Faith Community 4pm Meditation Romsey	10am Muffin & More Gisborne	9.30-1pm White Goose Riddells Creek	2pm Romsey coffee	10am Prayers at Gisborne	*PiP articles due tomorrow
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Epiphany 6 9.30am streamed from Romsey	12.30 Souper Lunch 2.30pm Faith Community 4pm Meditation Romsey		9.30-1pm White Goose Riddells Creek 10am Ministers Munchies Redesdale	2pm Romsey coffee	10am Prayers at Gisborne 6.30pm Fish & Chips Worship Kyneton (HC) 7pm Simba Sessions	
23	24	25	26	27	28	1
Epiphany 7 No streaming Tylden – BBQ breakfast	12.30 Souper Lunch 2.30pm Faith Community 4pm Meditation Romsey	10am Midweek worship Gisborne	9.30-1pm White Goose Riddells Creek	2pm Romsey coffee	10am Prayers at Gisborne	

Quiet Day

A time of self-care and nurture, as we come together for reflection and contemplation, stepping aside from our busy-ness, to be present with what is sacred.

Saturday, February 8th, 10am - 3pm

at 'Dromkeen'

1012 Kilmore Road, Riddells Creek

Lunch, tea/coffee and light snacks will be provided.
(Please let us know of any special dietary requirements)

We would appreciate a small donation (on the day) to assist with costs.

For further information
(or if you need transport):

Barbara Ashley
0410 439 724

Jill Gray
0400 236 122 or

Marg Huggins
0490 753 843

Please let Barb, Jill or
Marg know if you and/or
a friend plan to attend.

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An Interesting Smelly Situation

On Sunday 29th December after the Partnership service and BBQ, Annette went to collect items she had left in the church after the service and discovered that there was a terrible smell and smoke originating from the organ. This generated much concern and the CFA was called.

The CFA arrived armed with extinguishers which were thankfully not required as the smoke was no longer being generated. The power cord was cut so it could not be inadvertently powered again and cause more serious problems.

A big thank you to the crew who then carried the offending object outside. The organ is now wrapped up in a tarp on the hall veranda awaiting further usefulness. We are exploring options for its future.

Advance Notice: Pancake Tea at Romsey

All are welcome to join the Romsey members for Pancake Tea on Tuesday 4th March from 6pm. Please bring a small quantity of either a savoury or sweet topping to share. Batter supplied (gluten free as well). Donation to 'Uniting'

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EVERY WEDNESDAY, 9.30am - 1.00pm

From Wendy's collection of 'things that might go into PiP' that she gave to me last year. (I am no longer able to ask if she wrote or simply collected... - Robyn)

My daily bread (with a note: "Just after the Garage Sale")

Dear Lord,

I don't think that I have ever really worried about my daily bread. You have given me an abundance of bread and everything else I need. When I go to the grocery store, I get lost in the variety, colour and sheer numbers.

I have given away boxes, a room full of things, to charity. They are things that I do not need or no longer want. Still, I have more than enough.

You have allowed me to have things far in excess of daily bread – of what I truly need to live. Yet, I am still hungry. Sometimes, I fear the things that I own. They steal my best time and energy by crying for my attention – "Buy me! Eat me! Wear me! Upgrade me!"

So, I am hungry, because I am feeding my greed and not my soul. How much is enough, Lord? How much is too much? What can I live without?

I do not want too little, for fear of becoming bitter and anxious. Nor do I need too much, lest I turn complacent and blind to the needs of others.

Give us this day our daily bread... I need bread to stay alive, but without the Bread of Life, I will never truly live.

Teach me contentment, Jesus. Show me a way of true delight in the things of this earth, without mad cravings to own or control. Increase my hunger for you and for the things of your Spirit.

May I never desire anything – a tasty meal, a beautiful dress, even a cosy home – unless You are in the desire, helping me to be grateful and generous.

A BOOKMARK AND A PAIR OF POEMS BY
Ken Rookes

The membrane was thin that day
The membrane between things human
and heavenly was thin, that day
on the mountain, with the divine
pressing in glowingly
upon rock, tree, grass and lizard;
and three sons of dust.
The fourth, who had invited these three
to make the climb,
was one whose every heartbeat
broke through the boundary
between that which may be seen by eye
and touched by hand,
and that which is felt and known
without seeing. They watch, perplexed,
as he confers with luminaries
from ancient stories.
For a moment
he shines with mystery's light:
disturbing and confounding the lizards,
causing them to dart towards the rocks
and the men, who stand transfixed.
A cloud, a voice,
further bewilderment,
and then nothing;
except the fourth man
and his words that reach deep inside
to reassure,
even if they are not yet understood.



(reproduced with Ken's
permission)

The emptiness of certainty
Certainty is over-rated;
doubt, on the other hand
suffers from under-appreciation.
Doubt is a doorway,
its impossible questions
joining to mark a path to truth.
Doubt is not faith's enemy,
that part is taken by the certainty
that denies others their own path
and that flees, fearful,
from the possibility of life.
Mystery, divine and strange,
is always to be given preference
over the emptiness of certainty.
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I had two delightful responses to my questions from the last edition of PiP... thankyou to those who responded. In answer, I don't really have a favourite colour although it seems to be something one ought to have (in which case I tend to say 'blue'), and my favourite age is probably now...ish... I feel like I'm growing up at last... (if you don't know what I'm talking about, you'll have to look back to PiP #104!)

Please send me any information or stories or events planned in your section of the Partnership, for the next edition of PiP by **15th February** (it's a short month!) and continue to remember we are all part of the same body. Blessings to all for the coming month,
 Robyn (ed)

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