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On Sunday 4 August, local Benetas Gisborne Oaks resident, Ellie Mann, celebrated her 100th birthday alongside four generations of family members, to mark the occasion. Reflecting on her life and what's important, Mrs Mann believes there's many things that we think we may want, but there are surprisingly few that we need.

"I've got everything I need right here. With my great grandchildren, I love them and they love me. And that's what matters most, at least to me.

"Whether you're a prince or pauper, we only have the day that we're in. I am lucky to have each day, and it's nice to look forward to the next, but I don't bank on it. I don't think any of us can."

From Benetas Media Contact Emma Lang

SOMETHING I DELIGHT IN is hearing someone who is passionate talk in an engaging way about something I know little about. John and I have been listening to a podcast about the AFL season for 1993. It's produced by a couple of guys who were only around 10 or 11 years old in 1993, but they've come to the conclusion that it was the greatest VFL/AFL season ever. That's a fairly major claim, but they have produced a fascinating series of stories focusing each week on a different team in that season, and interviewing some of the major players, coaches, media people and administrators each week for their podcast. For me, it is fascinating listening.

The other day we were listening to their discussion about Carlton, and they spoke at length to the coach at that time, David Parkin.

The conversation flowed around events, particular games during the year, and the personalities at Carlton at that time – players and officials. It struck me that every time Parkin spoke about a person, he would describe them in very positive terms: a tremendous person, a thoughtful footballer, an intelligent young man, and often saying that they were good friends. It put me in mind of a folk tale I'd heard told at a storytelling event a couple of years ago:

"A traveler came upon an old farmer hoeing in his field beside the road. Eager to rest his feet, the wanderer hailed the countryman, who seemed happy enough to straighten his back and talk for a moment.

"What sort of people live in the next town?" asked the stranger.

"What were the people like where you've come from?" replied the farmer, answering the question with another question.

"They were a bad lot. Troublemakers all, and lazy too. The most selfish people in the world, and not a one of them to be trusted. I'm happy to be leaving the scoundrels."

"Is that so?" replied the old farmer. "Well, I'm afraid that you'll find the same sort in the next town.

Disappointed, the traveler trudged on his way, and the farmer returned to his work.

Some time later another stranger, coming from the same direction, hailed the farmer, and they stopped to talk. "What sort of people live in the next town?" he asked.

"What were the people like where you've come from?" replied the farmer once again.

"They were the best people in the world.

Hardworking, honest, and friendly. I'm sorry to be leaving them."

"Fear not," said the farmer. "You'll find the same sort in the next town."

Now, I've never met David Parkin (Meg has!), but perhaps he finds good qualities in the people with whom he comes into contact because that's what he's hoping, even expecting to see. Like the travelers in the story, I wonder if our experience of other people is often as much about our attitude to others as it

is about the individuals themselves. Of course, we need to be careful at times in our interactions with others, but an attitude of suspicion or cynicism about others, particularly when it becomes prejudice about a whole group of people, is unlikely to lead to fruitful relationships.

More than that, an open-hearted, respectful, generous, forgiving attitude to others – even strangers – can lead to surprising

outcomes. I imagine you will all have stories about times when you've encountered someone's generous spirit and felt affirmed and renewed, or when you have been the one to set the tone for a positive encounter when the situation might have ended differently. Jesus' example of unrelenting love for everyone – from a woman taken in adultery, to a thief on a cross, to you and me - prompts us and challenges us to a response.

We are called to the kind of vulnerability that led Jesus to a cross, so this is not a suggestion that we just be 'nice' to everyone. It's also a way of life that recognises each and every person as a child of God, worthy of respect and a place at the table. Where do our communities most need that kind of compassionate, vulnerable, inclusive love? How do we grow our capacity as the people of God to live out that kind of faith? What is one step you can take in walking that road today?

Annette Buckley
September 2019

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VALE

Sandra Strack 19th March 1945-27th July 2019.

On Wednesday, 7th August the family and many friends gathered together to farewell and celebrate the life of Sandra Strack.

Sandra was a much loved dedicated member of the Romsey Uniting Church.

Sandra overcame her disabilities with courage and cheerfulness.

Her strong faith in God sustained her throughout her life.

*"I will lie down in peace and sleep, for though I am alone,
O Lord, You will keep me safe." (Psalm 4:8)*

THERE IS NO PLANET B. How, as Christians, do we respond to threats facing the natural environment?

Justice and International Mission Conference 2019

Saturday, September 7, 2019 at the Centre for Theology and Ministry, 29 College Crescent, Parkville.

Registration forms and more information available online at: <https://victas.uca.org.au/event/jim-conference-2019/>

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7 PM Saturday 31 August 2019

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FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

We are very fortunate to be able to welcome the President of the Uniting Church Assembly, Dr Deirdre Palmer, to worship on **Sunday 20th October** at **Gisborne Uniting Church** at 10.00 am. This will be a **Partnership service**, to give all members of the Partnership the opportunity to meet Deirdre. Worship will be followed by lunch. There may be the opportunity to have an event on Saturday 19th, but further details will be provided closer to the date.

This month, Dr. Palmer is inviting UCA members, and all who share in our hope for the healing of the Earth, to take part in the **Global Climate Action** on **September 20**. She says "We are passionately committed to contributing our voice and action toward a world in which all people, creatures and the Earth can flourish".

In further support of our Aussie farmers who are experiencing terrible hardship due to the prolonged drought, Tylden's service on 22nd September and Gisborne's service on October 6th are to be in aid of Frontier Services.

2019 Frontier Services Great Outback BBQ, Family Fun Day & Caber and Gumboot Tossing Championships



Marj lets fly with the gumboot as Meg watches on in amazement!

Welcome to the Great Outback Bar-B-Que season of September, where, around Australia a great many BBQs will be held to raise funds to continue the work of Rev' John Flynn to provide Ministry to those in outback and remote Australia.

Our BBQ this year saw around 40 people from our and indeed the wider community gather to enjoy feasting, storytelling and sporting endeavours as it once happened many years ago before our Church was built. We were privileged to enjoy the feasting provided in abundance by Cherry and her team. We were privileged to hear the stories from Rev Deacon Meg Evans of her travels around Australia providing Chaplaincy and Ministry to those Families and communities living in isolation. We were privileged to be led on the day by Pastor Annette Buckley, by John who acted as Chief constable of the Tolbooth, Michael as Keeper of the Caber, Campbell as Chief Championship Judge, Daryl & Jenn who's Castlemaine Taxi's donated the Trophies, and of course all those who participated in the Day and donated their monies to our mission.



Brian's alternative gumboot throwing style

The BBQ's around Australia continue through September as does our fundraising, our target this year is \$200,000 and if you feel moved to donate please go to greatoutbackbbq.com.au

God Bless (and thanks God for holding back the storms),

Brian.



Brian readying to toss the caber in Lauder clan tartan

REPORT OF COCO MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY 3RD AUGUST 2019 IN GISBORNE

Paul Gilbertson presented the reflection and opening prayer.

It was asked that our prayers and thoughts were directed toward the families of Brian Charter, Sandra Strack and Rob Wilkie.

The minutes of the Coco Meeting held in July were confirmed.

Joan Mills gave a short presentation in regard to the upcoming information forum being organised by the MMKCC as mentioned in the previous minutes. The session is planned for mid-week in early October.

The upcoming survey questions are still being organised.

The Interview for the supply minister position has not yet taken place. One candidate has withdrawn so there is now only one.

The property for Mission handbook for the Woodend Missional Centre has been rewritten in accordance with the 7 Visions and Mission Principles. It will now be submitted to Presbytery.

Deidre Palmer – President of the UCA will be visiting the Macedon Ranges Partnership on the weekend of the 19/20 October. A

Partnership service will be held on the 20th at Gisborne.

The Woodend Op Shop needs volunteers. There has been no feedback in regard to the Matchworx program. Bronwyn Hewitt has written an article for inclusion in PIP and the local paper.

There are plans to rent out the Woodend Manse.

Church Camp at DOXA has been booked for the 28th/29th March 2020

The Ministry Team Report was written by Annette Buckley.

She also informed the meeting of Wendy Elson's motorbike accident the night previous to the meeting. Wendy has a broken leg and clavicle.

The congregations all gave a brief account of events since the previous Coco meeting and any upcoming events.

The next meeting will be at Tylden on 7th September



People across the Macedon Ranges woke to gently falling snow on Sunday 11 August, the first time at such a low elevation since 2008. Only a few of the Mount Macedon Uniting Church congregation reached the church, with most turned back by the police road block at Honour Avenue due to the snow and slippery roads on the mount. Our worship leader, Janet Wood, was one of those turned back, so the sturdy few present shared a time of quiet reflection and fellowship.

The Gisborne service was cancelled due to the dangerously icy roads.

However, the intrepid Tylden people were not daunted by up to 6 inches of snow to hold their service. (Tylden didn't have 6 inches – some of those travelling to Tylden from further afield came with 6 inches on their cars! Editor)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
*	11am Prayers for Peace at Woodend 12pm Woodend lunch 2pm Cuppa at Romsey	10am UCAF Tylden 10am Mount Macedon Mens Group 2pm Prayer Gisborne	9am Meditation Riddell 9.30-1.30 The White Goose 1pm Stitches in Rhyme 7.30pm Romsey Church Council	2pm Mount Macedon Discussion Group	10am Prayer Gisborne 12.30pm Friend's Lunch Gisborne 6.30pm Meal & HC at Kyneton	9.30am CoCo at Tylden Justice and International Mission Conference
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
* 9am-4pm Op-Shop Sale Kyneton	11am Prayers for Peace at Woodend 12pm Woodend lunch 2pm Cuppa at Romsey	2pm Prayer Gisborne	9am Meditation Riddell 9.30-1.30 The White Goose 1pm Stitches in Rhyme 1.30pm Romsey UCAF	6pm Delightful Diners	10am Prayer Gisborne 6.30pm Meal & HC at Kyneton Global Climate Action	PIP items due tomorrow!
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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29	30	<h1>September 2019</h1> <p>*See Preaching plan for Sunday worship details</p>				
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Kyneton Uniting Church Op Shop
22 Market St.

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MEETINGS

Wednesday 4th Sept. **Romsey Church Council** meeting in Meeting Room at 7.30pm

Saturday 7th September **CoCo** The Partnership Co-ordinating Council will be at Tylden at 9.30am

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Prayers for Peace Every Monday at St Andrew's Woodend at 11am.

Prayer Meetings Every week in the Gisborne Uniting Church on Tuesdays at 2pm and Fridays at 10am.

Meditation Every Wednesday at Riddell's Creek at 9am

Other Worship/Prayer times: see Preaching Plan

CLUBS AND GROUPS

Each Monday **Lunch** at Woodend UC all welcome at 12pm
Coffee Get-together at Romsey Uniting Church. This is in the church meeting room at 2pm.

Wednesdays **The White Goose** – 9.30am til 1.30pm at Riddells Creek UC
Stitches in Rhyme at 1pm

Tuesday 3rd September **Tylden UCAF** 10am

Thursday 5th September **Discussion Group** at Mount Macedon is at 2pm. Peter will be leading a discussion about Roman Catholicism, hopefully with an RC priest. All welcome.

Friday 6th September **Friend's Lunch**, Gisborne, keep an eye out for more details in Gisborne pew sheet or perhaps Peter's email missive?!

Tuesday 10th September **Muffin Day** at the Gisborne Uniting Church 10am til 12pm

Sunday 15th September **Super Sunday Saving Sale** at Kyneton Op Shop 9am to 4pm

Thursday 19th Sept. **Delightful Diners** at 6pm at Sizzler Restobar, High St Woodend

Tuesday 24th Sept. Tylden UCAF Luncheon - \$8 for soup and sandwich lunch and afternoon tea. \$2 trading table.

A Mosque in the Backyard

Gisborne Uniting Church has embarked on a bi-annual series of presentations on issues that we perceive to be relevant to the community. Our first was focused on Voluntary Assisted Dying, as the legislation to legalise this was enacted in July this year. Our next is on interfaith, entitled 'The Mosque in the Backyard'. We are working towards an evening on exploring the serious issue of bullying next year.

The driving force behind this is to connect the Church to the community. It appears that overtly religious contact is counter-productive, but these sessions are designed to make contact, in faith, with the broader community. Thus while the topic is secular, we intentionally include a Christian voice in the presentation. This is not surreptitious religion, for while some of our presenters may have no commitment to the Christian faith, a Christian perspective will be deliberately and up-front presented. This may start some to think of faith issues, but it will certainly show that the Christian community has a voice in the issues that are of community significance. The social time before and after at the *Three Little Pigs* provide an opportunity for people of faith to mingle on a personal basis with those who may have had little contact with faith. In short, it puts the church where the people are.

The next presentation at the *Three Little Pigs* is scheduled for Thursday 10 October at 7.00p.m. Dr. Julie Rudner is the sociologist from Latrobe University who managed the deeply divisive matters arising from the planning of the Bendigo Islamic community to build a mosque in Bendigo. She will talk of the issues she faced and the solutions that were necessary, and they are germane to issues faced by many communities, as unfamiliar religions establish their presence in communities such as Gisborne. Ms. April Kailah will represent the voice of the Uniting Church, as she is the Interfaith Community Development officer for our church.

Our last presentation attracted over 40 people, a significant number who were not from the churches. We hope more will attend. Our theme is not that of tolerance, for that assumes judgment, but of contact and of mutual understanding. From personal contact, conversation and witness find fertile ground perhaps for evangelism, certainly for human mutual enrichment.

Keith Hallet

LECTIONARY: 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
Sunday 1 September	Ord Sun 22	G	Jeremiah 2:4-13	81:1, 10-16	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	Luke 14:1, 7-14
8 September	Ord Sun 23		Jeremiah 18:1-11	139:1-6, 13-18	Philemon 1-21	Luke 14:25-33
15 September	Ord Sun 24		Jeremiah 4:11-12,22-28	14	1 Timothy 1:12-17	Luke 15:1-10
22 September	Ord Sun 25		Jeremiah 8:18 to 9:1	79:1-9	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Luke 16:1-13
29 September	Ord Sun 26		Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15	91:1-6, 14-16	1 Timothy 6:6-19	Luke 16:19-31

Season of Creation (alternative readings below)

Series C: Wisdom 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? And where did this season begin?

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). <http://seasonofcreation.com>

Date	Day/Season	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
1st Sept: Creation Day	1st Sunday in Creation Ocean Sunday	Job 38.1-18 'The Mysteries of Creation'	Ps. 104.24-26 'A World Created by Wisdom'	Ephesians 1.3-10 'The Cosmic Christ'	Luke 5.1-11 'Facing the Deep'
8 th Sept	2nd Sunday in Creation Flora and Fauna Sunday	Job 39.1-12, 26-30 'The Kingdom of the Wild'	Psalm 104.14-23, 31 'Survival and Celebration in the Wild'	1 Corinthians 1.10-23 'The Wisdom of the Gospel'	Luke 12.22-31 'The Kingdom of God'
15 th Sept	3rd Sunday in Creation Storm Sunday	Job 28.20-27 'God Discovers Wisdom'	Ps. 29 'God in the Storm'	1 Corinthians 1.21-31 'Christ, the Wisdom of God'	Luke 8.22-25 'Jesus knows the Way of the Storm'
22 nd Sept	4th Sunday in Creation Cosmos Sunday	Proverbs 8.22-31 'The Wisdom Behind the World'	Ps. 104.24-26 'A World Created by Wisdom'	Colossians 1.15-20 'Christ, the Cosmic Power'	John 6.41-51 'Living Bread from Heaven'
29 th Sept	St Francis of Assisi Day		Blessing of the Animals		

PREACHING PLAN FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

Sundays in September 2019	Sunday minister led services details	Other Partnership services	Notes	Other congregational services
September 1st	Tylden 9am Holy Communion Peter Cannon Mt Macedon 10:30am Holy Communion Meg Evans	2 nd Woodend 11am Paul Gilbertson 4 th Riddell 9am	Father's Day	Northern (Barfold) Gisborne 9:30am Kyneton 9:30am Romsey 9am - Jeni Clampit Lancefield 10:45am – Jeni Clampit
September 6th (Friday)	Kyneton 6.30pm Holy Communion Peter Cannon		Fish 'n Chips Note: for September Kyneton services will be on 1st and 3rd Sundays and Fridays	
September 8th	Gisborne 9:30am Holy Communion (supply) Lancefield 10:45am Holy Communion Annette Buckley	9 th Woodend 11am Annette Buckley 11 th Riddell 9am		Tylden 9am Janet Cole Romsey will join with Lancefield at 10:45am Northern (Metcalfe) 10am Mt Macedon 10:30am – Rev Deac Jeanne Beale
September 15th	Northern (Mia Mia) 10am Holy Communion Meg Evans Kyneton 9:30am Holy Communion Peter Cannon Riddell 4pm Holy Communion Annette Buckley	16 th Woodend 11am Meg Evans 18 th Riddell 9am		Tylden 9am Romsey 9am – Jay Brooks with Barbara Davis, Chaplain at Gisborne Secondary College Gisborne 9:30am Mt Macedon 10:30am – D'Arcy Wood Lancefield 10:45am – Jay Brooks with Chaplain
September 20th (Friday)	Kyneton 6.30pm Holy Communion Annette Buckley		Fish 'n Chips Note: for September that Kyneton services will be on 1st and 3rd Sundays and Fridays	
September 22nd	Romsey 9am Holy Communion Peter Cannon	23 rd Woodend 11am Annette Buckley 23 rd RM Begg 3.30pm Peter Cannon 25 th Riddell 9am		Tylden 9am – Bronwyn: Frontier Service Fundraiser. Gisborne 9:30am Northern (Sutton Grange) 10am Mt Macedon 10:30am – Neil Tweddle Lancefield 10:45am
September 29th	Kyneton 9:30am Holy Communion Annette Buckley	30 th Woodend 11am Annette Buckley 2 nd October Riddell 9am		Tylden 9am Romsey 9am – Trevor Turnham Gisborne 9:30am Northern (Mia Mia) 10am Mt Macedon 10:30am Lancefield 10:45am – Trevor Turnham

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