

## KEEPING in TOUCH No.11

Written Tuesday 21st July 2020

# Worship including the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August

### Two options:

1. **In the Church building...** there is a maximum of 20 people allowed for each service because of Government and DHHS restrictions. You can register through the church office and join Des in the church for either a 9.30-10.15am (approx.) or 11.15am – noon (approx.) service of worship. **You will need to phone the church office (5644 3384) on Tuesday (28<sup>th</sup>) or Thursday (30<sup>th</sup>) morning so that your name can be added to the list of those wishing to attend.** People who phone after the 20 limit is reached can have their name placed on a list for a possible service on 6th September. Some people may not wish to join with others at this stage because of health concerns. Seating will be arranged for social distancing requirements. Members of the same family are able to sit together.

As you enter the church building there will be a sign-in sheet and hand sanitizer. Any offerings can be placed in the container on the seat where you enter the church, as offering plates cannot be passed from one person to another. During Communion, the elements will be distributed so that there is no contact between people. Please bring the printed service for Worship@Home Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August with you.

### OR

2. **By Zoom...**register through email with David Morison (by replying to his email address that sends you the Worship@Home service next week).

We will begin at 10am, so please log in to Zoom from 9.50 and before 10am. David will be handling the technical side of things which is why you register with David (reply to the email from David containing the Church Service notes and KiT), Eric will conduct this service using the Worship@Home service for 2 August. It will help if you have printed out the Order of Service so that you can join in the responses.

If you choose to participate in the Sacrament you will need to provide your own elements, i.e. a slice of bread or a small bread roll and a small drink of grape juice/red wine (or if all else fails blackcurrant or other juice). You are most welcome to participate in the Zoom service but not partake of the elements until such time as we are able to all join together as one group in the church, if that is your belief.

**Printed services for Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> will be available as usual**, whether you join in Communion or not. Government and DHHS restrictions re COVID 19 (at the time of issuing this information) allow us to conduct services of worship for up to 20 people. If regional Victoria has increased restrictions by 2 August, the Zoom service will still proceed, even if the services in the church may need to be cancelled. Please continue to meet in your groups and use the printed worship material. Offering worship in the church is an addition to worship in the home as singles, couples, families and/or groups.

**Arrangements for future services in the church building** will depend on the level of Government and DHHS restrictions that maybe in force at that time.

**GARDEN WORKING BEE...**from Tilly...there's always more to do but we made a good start. We had a good afternoon and the weather was kind. We had a few apologies but ended up with about ten I suppose.



Well-earned rest time!

**Supply Ministry:** At a meeting of the Church Council held on Monday 13th July it was decided with some regret that because of the continuing uncertainties concerning the possibility of ongoing Covid 19 and DHHS restrictions and lockdowns, plans for the proposed Supply Ministry be cancelled. This is because of these uncertainties we are unable to commit to a period of time where Supply Ministry is likely to be effective and efficient. The Council has appreciated the Rev Chris Meneilly's graciousness, openness and pastoral concern related to what seemed to be ever changing proposals for Supply Ministry.

**Church Council and its Extended Executive** have been very busy attempting to keep up with changes in Government and DHHS requirements about conducting Services of Worship and the use of Church Buildings by church and other groups. There are many health and safety requirements for the use of Church buildings that need to be met, such as records of attendance and cleaning, and devising check lists that need to be followed by all groups.

The Council is aware of some churches that live-stream services and place them on web sites. We do not have the capacity to do this successfully. Rather than attempting to replicate what others have made available (for example, Bairnsdale Uniting Church, Glen Waverley Uniting Church) we have given our attention to:

- providing everyone with printed orders of service, encouraging people to use these as individuals, couples, families or small groups.
- provide a 'Keeping in Touch' newsletter each week.
- to keep an excellent web page up to date.

The Council is planning to reintroduce some Services of Worship as allowed by the restrictions.

**Remember when we were encouraged to place our coins in jars and bring them to the church or the office as a donation to Frontier Services?** I know that some have been continuing to do this regularly. If this idea is new to you it's a great way to support the work of the Church in meeting some of the needs of people in the high country of East Gippsland. The coins are transformed from what is 'change' to us, become welcome support for people doing it tough.

**Kinder 'pies'...**Orders need to be collected on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July between 2.00pm and 4.30pm, these are to be collected from the south entrance near the kitchen where a kinder representative will take your name and bring the order out to you as entry into the church building by multiple persons is still not permitted under present regulations.



**Zoom each Sunday at 11am.**  
Last Sundays' participants,  
lots of sharing and fun!  
Want to join in?  
*Contact David Morison.*

Peace and blessing,  
*Des Parker*  
Written on 21st July 2020

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