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## Warragul Uniting Church



Kit 16, written on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Has it been **COLD!!!** I even found a typeface called 'Chiller'! We are so fortunate to have heating, blankets, homes to give us shelter, plentiful supplies of food, able to talk with others by phone, Zoom or other forms of information technology. Many of us use the computer. Some arrange to go for a walk with another person. Keeping contact with each other. Put yourself in the place of some people who do not have many of these things that we take for granted.

### *Call to worship...*

Every week we are blessed to have printed orders of service that we can use as individuals, households or share with others on Zoom. Some people are connecting with services on the Web and some familiar Uniting Church ones are Bairnsdale, Cowes, Glen Waverley. Many churches are using Zoom which we do every Sunday at 11am with services twice a month on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 10am.

***Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September...Zoom worship including Holy Communion at 10am.***

This service will be led by Des and will follow the printed service that is distributed to everyone for that day. If you would like to read a Bible passage set for the day, or a prayer, please contact Des by phone or email. Permission has been given by the Uniting Church Assembly Standing Committee for a minister to preside at Holy Communion when the service is conducted via Zoom. If you need help with setting up Zoom contact David Morison. It's not that hard.....



Although it can be mesmerizing



...or even lead to sleepiness!!!



### *Thoughts and prayers...*

There are a number of our people who are to have or recently have undergone surgery. Some are receiving regular treatment for medical problems that need intensive care. Some are celebrating that they are recovering well from medical challenges whilst others are struggling and finding the treatment a challenge.

I am unable to name these people without their permission due to privacy requirements. As you continue to keep them in your thoughts and prayers please think of the many people that you do not know who are experiencing similar struggles and celebrations, Those displaced from their homes due to civil unrest and have nowhere to go and struggle to find food and shelter. Each week our worship service includes the names of people that we are able to publish within our church community.

## Celebrations

Norma Wilson celebrated her 94th birthday last week...I understand that there have been lots of Zoom celebrations with family. Well done Norma!

For a long time there has been a shortage of Uniting Church Minister Ministers in Gippsland.

Earlier this year we inducted The **Rev Deacon Wendy Elson** into the Presbytery of Gippsland, Shearwater Ministry Team with pastoral responsibilities for the congregations of Wonthaggi, Inverloch and Tarwin Lower.

Yesterday the **Rev Kerry Pierce** was inducted into the Presbytery of Gippsland, Lyrebird Ministry Team with pastoral responsibilities for the Traralgon congregation which meets at Traralgon, Rosedale and Glengarry. The service was conducted using Zoom.

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September the **Rev Rosalie Raymont-Hunt** will be inducted into the Presbytery of Gippsland, Pelican Ministry Team with pastoral responsibility for the congregations of Bairnsdale and Paynesville. The service will be a 'virtual service' (to use the info tech jargon) using Zoom and/or live streaming.

During November, the **Rev Ian Brown** will be inducted into the Presbytery of Gippsland, Wattlebird Ministry Team with particular pastoral responsibility for the Warragul Congregation...the date and time have not been agreed to as yet. The form of the service will depend on the Covid 19 restrictions at the time.

At a time to be decided the **Rev Joedy Mears** will be inducted into the Presbytery of Gippsland, Pelican ministry team with particular responsibility for the Lakes Entrance and Lake Tyers Beach congregation.

### ***Still searching....***

In our area we have vacancies for the congregations of Drouin, Bunyip, Garfield, Longwarry, Darnum, Yarragon, Trafalgar, Moe/Newborough, Morwell and Yallourn North. There have been some conversations with ministers but, as yet, no matches.

### **ANSWER TO THE 'TYPOS' from last week... they are shown in bold print...**

'No **prioz**e...just a bit of fun. Joy and I have been enjoying **watchg** further **empisodes** of 'The Repair **Schop' om** Channel 2 at 5.10pm Mon to Fri. People bring loved **familly** treasures that are in drastic need of **repoi** and the results are amazing. Send me an email with the **trotal** number of 'typos' **that you can find that you can find.**

Thanks to those who sent me an email or text message with their calculation ...most 'got it right' ...9.



Peace and blessing,

*Des Parker*

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