



'Do you hear what I hear?' This is the title of a popular Christmas Carol. Here are the words:

Said the night wind to the little lamb,
"Do you see what I see?
Way up in the sky, little lamb,
Do you see what I see?
A star, a star, dancing in the night
With a tail as big as a kite,
With a tail as big as a kite."

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king,
"Do you know what I know?
In your palace warm, mighty king,
Do you know what I know?
A Child, a Child shivers in the cold--
Let us bring him silver and gold,
Let us bring him silver and gold."

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy,
"Do you hear what I hear?
Ringing through the sky, shepherd boy,
Do you hear what I hear?
A song, a song high above the trees
With a voice as big as the sea,
With a voice as big as the sea."

Said the king to the people everywhere,
"Listen to what I say!
Pray for peace, people, everywhere,
Listen to what I say!
The Child, the Child sleeping in the night
He will bring us goodness and light,
He will bring us goodness and light."

Great words for Christmas and anytime. There are many ways of understanding. What do you 'hear', 'see', 'know', 'say', and do? It's realistic to acknowledge that we struggle at times; with or without the pandemic...sometimes it is helpful to look at things differently.

What did you 'see' in the image at the top of last week's KIT? It is repeated at the top of this week's KIT. It was made up of a number of parts.



Did you notice that the 'I' is a cross? And this is what holds the image together.
Figures in red are 'celebration'.

So as we work out ways to keep in touch with each other, it is important that we keep in touch with Jesus and his message of love, hope and peace. What are ways that you might think about love, hope and peace? What do they mean for you? How might you bring these to others?

VISITORS??? We can now have one person visiting us in our homes so that adds to our list of things that we can do. Each day there are a number of people who are walking with a safely distanced person...a good time for exercise and a chat...and to 'see' the neighbourhood, appreciate the new life of spring and enjoy the beauties of nature. Like many of you, Joy and I have been texting, phoning, emailing and Zooming...as well as saying 'hello' to friends when shopping!

It is good that we can remember each other through our thoughts and prayers. It can also be helpful to see a bigger picture that shows the whole world. To remember the devastating fires in the USA, floods and typhoons in other places. Do we see just the fires, or expand our vision to see the trauma of losing everything...lives, homes, family history and ties, in some cases livelihood, and the sacrifice of volunteers. The carers who work to help people 'pick up the pieces', physically and mentally and the need for this support to be available for years in some cases.

I receive a number of phone calls and emails from people to say thanks to everyone for their keeping in touch through such things as the printed services, casual contact in the street, a note in the letterbox, a phone call. All of this is about building and maintaining a sense of community.

NEW MINISTER: I am pleased to let you know that the Rev Moira Dodsworth has accepted a 'Call' to Drouin, Yarragon, Trafalgar, Yallourn North and Moe/Newborough.

URGENT NEED...from Di Carson to David Morison...*We just dropped the donated toiletries from the church to Longwarry Food relief. Debbie Brown tells me that they have an urgent need for new thick socks for men. She is seeing a lot of men who are destitute, some are living in the bush! Do you think we could give a call out in Keeping in Touch to see if anyone can help? People could drop them up at the church and I will deliver them to Longwarry. Thanks, Diane.*

David has added: So if you can help here, the church office is open Tues and Thurs mornings.

Debbie Brown is the Director of 'Foodbank'. This could be part of our response to: 'Do you hear, see, what I see and hear?'

INDUCTIONS...recently there was an induction of a new Minister, the Rev Dr Kerry Pierce at Traralgon. This was a Zoom Service with 5 people participating in leadership and over 50 people participating on mobile or computer. The planned induction of the Rev Rosalie Raymond-Hewitt at Bairnsdale will be pre-recorded with a maximum of 5 people at any one stage in the recording and it will be telecast on the 19th September. Rev Ian Brown will be inducted at Warragul during November. Date has yet to be decided and the form of the service will depend on the restrictions in place at the time.

ALL FOUR PLACEMENTS IN THE WATTLEBIRD MINISTRY TEAM ARE NOW FILLED

...so we will soon have a functioning Ministry Team...leading into 2021. Positions are either full time or FTE = fulltime equivalent.

Bunyip, Garfield, Longwarry: 0.25 FTE supply, Rev Paul Bauer.

Drouin, Trafalgar, Yarragon, Moe/ Newborough: Full time: Rev Moira Dodsworth.

Neerim South: 0.8 FTE: Rev John Batt (Anglican) UCA/Ang co-op.

Warragul: Full time: Rev Ian Brown.

YOU ARE INVITED to be part of a **Zoom Service of Worship on Sunday 20th September at 10am**. The invitation will be distributed with the email which includes this KiT. If you are interested in joining but unsure about the process, please contact David Morison, Eric Smith or Des Parker for assistance.

DO YOU REMEMBER? Children at school this year will have lots of stories to tell about home schooling, lessons on zoom, handing in assignments on-line etc. Students are learning to manage time for school work, play, relaxation, digital devices, helping in the home and so on. This means that there are many chances to learn more about time management. What was your primary school like? How did you get there? I guess that some would have ridden a horse! What are some of your memories? Perhaps you might like to share some of them. Have a go at writing some of them either by hand or on the computer and posting, emailing them to me...or drop a copy into the church office. I think that others would love to hear the stories. I remember the time that we moved from using slates and slate pencils to steel nibs and ink in inks wells...actually using paper to write on! Some people tried harder than others to avoid ink-stained fingers and blots on the paper. I think that I was in grade two at the time. When fountain pens were available we were not allowed to use them because our teachers said that they would destroy the art of writing!



On behalf of the Extended Executive of the Church Council:
Peace and blessing,

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