

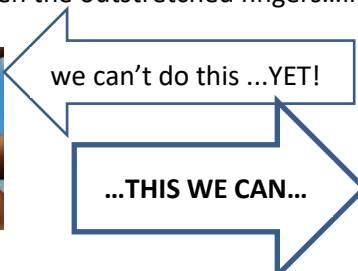


KEEPING in TOUCH

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Michelangelo's 'The Hand of God and the creation of Adam' from the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in Rome

The sense and sensation of touch is an amazing thing. Michelangelo attempted to show this...almost as if there is an electric current sparking between the outstretched fingers...life and energy!



DO YOU REMEMBER? What was your primary school like? How did you get there? I guess that some of you would have ridden a horse! What are some of your memories? Perhaps you might like to share some of them. Two responses so far...add yours for next week...post or email them to Des Parker.

My big brother, John, and I walked the ¼ mile, up the hill over the railway line, past the slobbering red setter which bared it's teeth and made a fearful noise as we walked on ... I was glad John was there - because I was tougher than him! The previous year when John went to kinder, I had absconded in secret and Mum found me just as I approached the kinder ... why, why couldn't I go too? John needed me and anything John could do, I could do also! John was just 14 months older than me, shy and quiet . . and he started school the year I started (officially) at kindergarten. My Mum cheated, just a little bit, by bringing my alleged birth date back 2 months ... just so I could go to school with John the next year... I was four.

My most vivid memory was in grade three when I had what I thought was a very good collection of swapcards. The teacher saw me looking at the cards in class and removed them until the end of term. I was devastated! That was over 70 years ago and I am still waiting for their return...talk about injustice!!!

More next week....

SOCKS, SOCKS, SOCKS....what a response to an urgent need! There have been so many socks donated that they fill a cardboard box and a shopping bag at this stage...and still they come... These will make such a difference to many isolated men in our region. It's living the Gospel in a practical way...'**Living God's Love without borders**'. Thank you!



WORSHIP BY ZOOM About 20 people took part in worship by zoom last Sunday at 10am. It was good to 'see' people and worship with them. As usual Jan MacLean arranged for some great music for the hymns and blessing. Thanks to all who participated, Mary M, Nick, Alan N, Faye, Graham and Wendy, Glenys...with David at the controls.

VANUATU...here is an update from Di Carson;

The Nivan men are fully employed at Flavorite and are going well - except for severe homesickness, since they have now been here for nearly 17 months. Flavorite has renewed their contracts to December but will release them from the contract when they are able to go home, or extend it if they are still trapped here.

The men are listed as a priority on repatriation flights and were offered seats for today's 10:00am flight - the Pacific Labour Scheme bureaucrats had arranged to pick them up in Brisbane, quarantine them overnight in a hotel and put them on the plane to Port Vila. Unfortunately on Friday, Flavorite were informed that Vanuatu is refusing to accept any workers from Victoria and so the places on the flights were cancelled.

We hope that Vanuatu will ease this restriction once Melbourne comes out of lockdown. The men will be required to quarantine for 14 days on arrival in Port Vila. At this stage we are hoping that they will be able to be reunited with their families by Christmas.

On a brighter note, the easing of the regional lockdown means that we can have them over for meals and take them out on weekends so hopefully that will help. Kind regards, Diane.

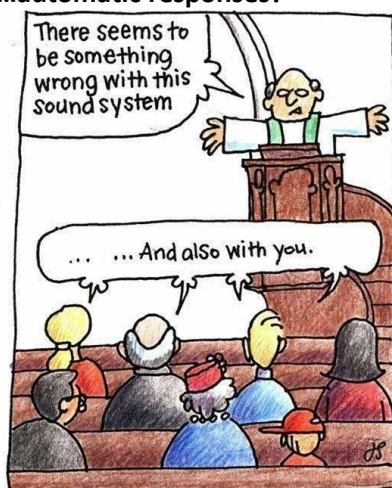
Phone A Friend



INDUCTION OF THE REV IAN BROWN: Warragul Church Council will meet on the Tuesday 22nd September via Zoom to discuss arrangements for this Service. This edition of KiT is written before the CC meeting so that any information about planning for the Induction will be part of next week's KiT.

CARTOONS ABOUT CHURCH LIFE...

...automatic responses?



...worth a try?



'If telemarketers call, invite them to church...'

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

Des Parker

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