

Keeping in Touch



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Queue for help



Restricted access



Warragul Food bank

ANTI POVERTY WEEK...OCT 12th- 18th. *Poverty is deepening through the Covid19 times and really, it has been an epidemic all on its own, all over the world and for many years. Perhaps we can think of one thing we can do this week to stand up for those who need us to do so. Can we make a stand in some small way, for those who are rejected and stand with Jesus in making them our priority? Many of you are active in the 'Food Bank', others make donations, visit people whose poverty is a poverty of the spirit and soul, are diligent in prayer and some are active in bringing the prayer to reality. Thank you!*

INDUCTION of Rev Ian Brown was covered in last week's KiT and in the Special Edition of 'News First'. If you receive KiT by email we will automatically register your email address with the Presbytery so that you will receive an invitation via email to view the Zoom Induction. If you do not want to view this, simply ignore the invitation. Further details will be made known when we are clearer about the level of restrictions that will apply on the date of the Induction. So, we are planning for the possibility that the current restrictions will apply, also that the restrictions will be eased to allow 20 (or more) to attend the service inside the church.

HYMNS OF PRAISE on Sunday 4th October featured the Hymn 'Christ is made the sure foundation', and I thought that it was one that assured us of our faith and God's faithfulness and blessing...all so important as we battle the virus and sometimes have a love/hate relationship with the restrictions.

Here are the words of three verses...you might like to find a quiet time to read them through slowly and think what they might mean for you, family and friends. (It is 'Together in Song' 432.)

Verse 2 in particular speaks to our need for comfort and assurance as individuals and as a nation.

*Christ is made the sure foundation
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.*

*Here among us, where we call you,
come, O Lord our God, today;
with your gentle loving-kindness
hear your people as they pray,
and your fullest benediction
pour upon us here today.*

*Praise and honour to the Father,
praise and honour to the Son,
praise and honour to the Spirit,
ever three, and ever one,
one in might and one in glory,
while unending ages run.*

From the UCAF Magazine: Faith in a time of virus - prayer

Sometimes we wake up to a difficult day...

We are spirited people, Lord.

Give us courage to stay the course in new lockdowns,

resilient in the face of difficulties, enfolded in your living presence even as the days unfold.

We feel buffeted by the events around a virus that is un-stitching the seams of our society.

We are being undone as the things we take for granted, no longer holding firm.

We are discovering our powerlessness: you cannot argue with a pandemic!

So we learn to go with the flow.

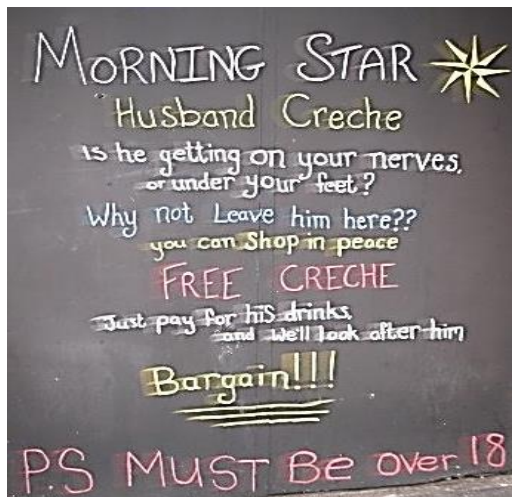
On this hard road, Lord, may we remain spirited in you finding ways to blossom, to sway,

to be alive and resilient in the flow of these moments - travelling with each other - in you - as a spirited community of difficult days.

This will be our beauty. **Amen**

by Rev Kim Cain, St Leonard's Uniting Church, Brighton

FINDING IT HARD: There are some members of our congregation who are struggling with health issues. People being taken to hospital in an ambulance, about to undergo surgery, recovering from surgery, waiting for test results, needing to confront what failing health might mean for remaining at home or moving into some sort of care. This is a struggle for the person and their family, and can be a source of anguish. As we remember these people in our prayers, let's also remember the people and families who support and care for them; the families of those who have died; medical and hospital staff; people in refugee camps; those in detention on Manus and Christmas Islands; those who live very close to others in high rise buildings; disadvantaged people who do not have the resources they need and live in overcrowded slum conditions. We have an active Prayer Chain and many people find this helpful. Prayer requests about a medical, health, relationship, wellbeing, loneliness, faith, or other matter for yourself or another person or family and would like to use the Prayer Chain, or join the Prayer Chain please contact Olwyn and John Currie 5623 1762.



Joy and I found this blackboard with its message in chalk outside a hotel in Belfast as we were touring Ireland many years ago. A different way of trying to attract business. A bit of fun and bought a smile to our face. Sometimes the people we love and care for need a bit of space, and we do too.



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

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