

# KEEPING IN TOUCH (KiT) No. 9

Written on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Smiles all around!!! Some of us are still celebrating that the Rev Ian Brown is going to be our Minister.



**MEETING TOGETHER...**a number of people have been meeting in small groups each week to read through the weekly Worship Service and keep in touch with each other. Others are meeting for a 'cuppa'. These are important ways to connect, maintaining and building up a sense of community. Here are some photos from one group...please note the social distancing!!!



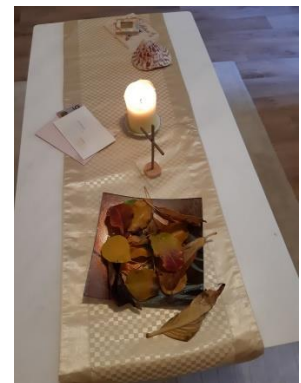
...plus a very friendly and 'interested' dog...



A table with autumn leaves  
candle and offerings  
...setting the theme for  
one of the readings.



Thanks to Marilyn Mawman  
for these photos.



**Brrr!!!** When Joy and I first came to Warragul we were told that *'it rains for nine months of the year and the water drops from the trees for the other three months'*. Thankfully we have not experienced this, although we did have a number of years where the water pipes were frozen many times. The drizzle of past days has reminded me of this. I hope that you are keeping warm in this patch of very cold weather. Our wood pile is disappearing fast! Thanks for the people who donate to, and volunteer for work at, 'Food Relief'. This is an important support and encouragement for people doing it tough and for those who volunteer. Each builds the other up.

**Paddle, paddle...**it seems that there has been a spate of water leaks in houses recently. I have heard of three members of the congregation who are battling with this and the aftermath. It's not just the inconvenience of the leak but the work that is needed to stop the leak and repair the damage. Sometimes this is a minor irritation. Sometimes, it is walls being rebuilt, carpet replaced and so on. The task of cleaning out all of the 'stuff' so that the builders can get at the damage is a task in itself!

**Thanks...**there have been a number of people doing all sorts of 'jobs' in and around the Church building, and for members of the congregation. All of these things build a sense of community. This includes cleaning floors, delivering orders of service, gardening, etc. All done quietly and so well. Your contribution to the work of the Church is noticed and appreciated. Thank you.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO ZOOM!!! JOIN IN!!!** Each week a number of people meet together to share what has been happening during the week. It is a great time of connecting with each other, with laughter, some serious times, and generally sharing information...there are questions too...lots of smiles and good banter! All you need is to have Zoom on your computer. David Morison organizes this 'virtual' meeting. We can see each other on our screens and have a conversation. Connecting to this meeting is very simple...David emails an invitation to you for the meeting to be held on the coming Sunday at 11am and at about 5 minutes to 11am you 'click' on the invitation and that takes you straight to the meeting. INTERESTED?? TALK TO DAVID!!!

**Using the church buildings...**different groups are making enquiries about recommencing their meetings on the church property. There are a number of guidelines set by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) that must be met. If a group that you are involved with wants to meet at the church once more a time can be arranged to explain the requirements. Please phone Des or the church office if you have any queries.

**Church Council** will meet on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July commencing at 4pm.

**Train Shed** will recommence on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July from 2 to 4pm.

**Garden working bee...**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2pm till 4pm.

The garden working bee will be to do some weeding, planting and erecting some '**chicken wire**' on beds to **protect them from the RABBITS!!!**

**FRENCH OR ITALIAN RABBITS???** At the Zoom meeting last Sunday, we wondered if the '*pesky waskly wabbits*' (apologies to Elmer Fud) were French or Italian in nationality. Or, maybe just loved Italian and/or French food because they have **decimated the Garlic crop!!!**

**Friends from VANUATU** It has been a very difficult time for the workers with the Covid 19 pandemic following the fires. Work for them has been uncertain and irregular. There have been many times when there has not been any work. My understanding is that because of the particular visa they had, none of them were eligible for financial support through 'Job Keeper', 'Job Seeker' or any other category offering support. Without work they had to fend for themselves with very little assistance. Di Carson has been working very closely with them offering support, and encouragement, and attempting to find a way through the maze of rules and regulations.

**PIE DRIVE FUND RAISER FOR ST ANDREW'S KINDERGARTEN...** Reminder that orders and money must be at the Church Office on the 14<sup>th</sup> July or at the Kinder by 17<sup>th</sup> July. This is a great way to help the 'kinders'!

**Offerings...**I know that many of you are collecting an offering when you meet as a group, others are using direct debit, some are bringing their offering to the church office. Thank you for responding to God's mission as the church to provide the financial resources that we need to be the Warragul Uniting Church and part of the wider church. The resources will be needed to support our new Minister.

**GARDEN WORKING BEE...SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2PM TILL 4PM...general clean up plus some specific tasks like the 'rabbit proof fence'.** Tilly will bring biscuits and needs to know how many are coming so that she can make sure that she has enough. Please phone her on 5623 5959 if you are coming and bring your own 'thermos' or other drink so that the kitchen does not need to be used.

**Please remember in your prayers** members of the congregation, friends and neighbours who are not well, recovering from surgery, struggling with the COVID 19 restrictions or any other difficulty. Remember also people everywhere who experience life as a struggle. Through our giving we support those who offer hope to those who feel hopeless, encouragement to those who feel discouraged, food and shelter for the homeless in our community and the wider community and on an international basis.

Peace and blessing,  
Des Parker

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