

MITCHELL RIVER UNITING PARISH

COMING TOGETHER IN CHRIST REACHING OUT IN FAITH

16 JULY 2006 — 6th Sunday after Pentecost

LECTIONARY READINGS TODAY

2 Samuel	6:1-5, 12b-19
Psalm	24
Ephesians	1:3-14
Mark	6:14-29

HELLO: Welcome to you today.
We invite you to stay after the service
and join us for a cuppa and a chat.

**MORNING TEA DUTY TODAY
MEN**

BAIRNSDALE MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Monday 17 July

7.30pm MONDAY NIGHT GROUP – Bible Study at Norma and Bob Robertson's – 5156 8835.

Tuesday 18 July

3.30pm AFTER SCHOOL CLUB.

7.00pm WATOTO CHILDRENS CHOIR LIVE IN CONCERT – at the Riviera Christian Centre, Pearson Street, Bairnsdale. Contact 5152 5933. Free admission.

Wednesday 19 July

2.00pm AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP – Elsie and Ron's Quiz.

7.30pm BAIRNSDALE CHURCH COUNCIL.

Thursday 20 July

7.30-8pm ECUMENICAL MEDITATION GROUP, held in our church chapel.

The Bairnsdale Church Council has accepted a proposal to build and operate a "Friendship Shed and Opportunity Shop" on the church property.

The concept has been operating very successfully at Paynesville. It has provided significant funds for church and community programs and a connection with the community. A sketch plan of the proposed building is located on the church noticeboard and for the concept to become a reality the Church Council will require \$35,000 and volunteer labour.

An explanatory brochure is available today and a congregational meeting is proposed for Sunday 30 July 2006.

Consider the postage stamp: Its value lies in sticking to one thing until it gets there.

NOTICES:

NAME BADGES: If you are interested in ordering a church name badge – see Norma Robertson today after church or ring her on 5156 8835. Cost \$5 and postage. *If you don't know Norma, someone will point her out for you.*

If there is anyone who would like some help to prune their roses or you may know of someone who is sick and their roses need pruning – just ask JOHN BEANLAND to help. See John at cuppa time or you can ring him on 5152 7827 to arrange a suitable time.

Elsie Jeeves will be collecting for the Leprosy Mission during July. Please give her your donations for this needy cause.

Meals On Wheels: Our church is responsible for MOW from July 31st to August 11th. We only have one name on the roster – *this is not good*. If you can help, please put your name on the roster on the church notice board.

MISSION SERVICE Robinvale: a church for the community
Around 8,000 people live in the Robinvale region, in Victoria's north-west – Samoans, Tongans, Vietnamese, Fijians, Koreans, and Anglo's. A high proportion are 15 to 25 year olds. Table grapes and carrots are the big industries – two double semi-trailers filled with carrots leave Robinvale every day!
The local Uniting Church reflects this diversity – it's a young, multi-cultural congregation – very active in the community. "The UC has led the way in developing an outstanding 23 piece brass band at the Secondary College," said Rev Brad Harris. They recently performed at the Sydney Opera House. "Our most urgent need and opportunity is for the congregation to lead the way in basic education around race relationships," said Brad.

Minister of the Word: Rev Andrew Donnelly – 5152 3901
 Lay Pastor: Ann Scull – 5156 6997
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NEWS'N BITS FROM PAYNESVILLE

ROSTERS FOR 23 JULY 2006

Reader J Mackey
Prayer L Wilson
Offering B Moore/L Hall
Door Attendants R Pearce/L Hall
Morning Tea L Payne/N Daymond

PRAYER CONCERNS

*The congregation is asked to continue to pray for the following people:
 Phyl Dyer, Alma Howlett, Anita Margetts, Shirley and Ken Hardy, Clarice Ahlers, Bill and Flo Wells, Julia and Marshall Walker, Alan and Gwen Moody, Mary Hoddinott (CRE Teacher), all people awaiting medical test results.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 30 July
6pm tea – 7pm Contemporary Service at Paynesville

REMINDER: Please put this date in your diary **Wednesday 20 September**. Our Friendship Shed Fashion Parade of pre-loved clothes will be held on this day. Times and further details will be given later.

FAITH in JUSTICE: There are many contemporary issues in our world and our communities that cause people to live with fear and insecurity. *Is greenhouse warming real and what effects will it have on our world? *For 700 million people in the Asia-Pacific region they need to worry about the basic necessities for life and how they will pay for them. *How serious is the threat of global terrorism and what threat do current anti-terrorism laws pose to our rights and freedoms? *Are the new workplace laws a reason to feel insecure about future employment? *Are the recent changes to the social security system in Australia a reason for fear for those dependent on this system?

This year's Synod Justice and International Mission Unit Convention will explore these issues and what is a faithful response from Christians to these issues. Can Christians be a community of hope in the face of these fears and insecurities and what is the tradition of Christians offering hope? The Convention will seek input from participants on Synod policy for the 2007 Synod.

When: Saturday 29 July 9.30am – 4.30pm at the Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School, Moonee Ponds.

Cost: \$25 for Metropolitan participants/\$15 concession and non-Metropolitan participants. Contact for registration 9251 5271.

BAIRNSDALE ROSTERS 23 JULY

9.00am Worship Team
Stewards J Nicholson/K Stephenson
 J Symes/T Taylor

Welcoming Visitors
 M King/J Merritt

CWV Transport
 D & J Dunn 5153 0351

Morning Tea Choir

Flowers J Morrissey

Sound System B Robertson — 5156 8835

6pm for 7pm Tea and Worship

Lectionary Readings for 23 July

2 Samuel 7:1-14a
 Psalm 89:20-37
 Ephesians 2:11-22
 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Mitchell River Uniting Parish Services 23 July

Bairnsdale 9.00am and 6pm for 7pm
 Paynesville 9.00am
 Mitchell Valley 11.00am

PLEASE TAKE TIME TO PRAY FOR:

*Rev Trevor Bassett, his family, and the people of the EGRAM congregations and area in his care in the Eastern Mission Area. (EMA).

*Those whose lives are touched by trial, tragedy and challenge.

*For people preparing worship for places where holders of high public office (like premiers, prime ministers, members of parliament) will be present, that the gospel may be proclaimed with integrity and compassion.

*For people approaching marriage and for those whose love for each other has faded. Pray also for marriage counsellors.

*Rev John White and his wife Marion.

*For those who are mourning the death of a partner, parent, child or friend.

*Those who are unwell and their partners, John and Fran Barclay, Vida Gidley, Eddie and Joan Cooke, the Tucker family – Ross, Miriam and Georgina. and all other people who are in need of prayer and support at this time.

*People in nursing homes, particularly our friends at Maddock's Gardens and the Bairnsdale Private Nursing Home.

*Our ministry team and their families.

Open us, O God, to give voice and body to our joy in you. Free us to praise you, in solitude and in community. With little ones and with elders, may we sing and dance and play in your holy presence. Amen.