



The Westerly



PPW & PWV Newsletter No.1

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Welcome Western Vic!



Views from Baroka lookout towards Lake Fyans and Stawell.

Sharing Across Presbyteries

By Rev. Linley Liersch (PPW Mission Development Strategist and eLM Liaison)

Our PWV & PPW presbytery leaders have met and talked about what resources we can share across the city and the country. It became clear by the end of 2020 what we both needed was to be able to share our education and training resources and share a newsletter too!

This newsletter is titled 'The Westerly' because both presbytery names have 'West' in common. The 'westerly' is predominant wind in VicTas. ***May the Holy Spirit be the predominant wind that sweeps through our joint presbyteries renewing us as we work side by side. May we have the courage to build a church for tomorrow. May we give generously always thinking of the other because we belong to a prodigious God. May we breathe deeply of the Holy Spirit and become a people of hope. Amen.***

Congratulations to Karen Eller (PPW Candidate for Ministry) who won our name the newsletter competition on Regenerating the Church FaceBook page!

A People of Hope

Newsletter
theme here!

Our hopes for 2021...

Trevor Bassett



*PWV PLE
Pastoral Leadership
and Education*

After a really challenging 2020 where for the first time in my life time we experienced our churches with closed doors, we can only hope for better in 2021.

I hope that in 2021 we might look for the possibilities that could enhance the way we are church in the new normal. We discovered things in the way we offered worship during 2020 that we ought to hang on to.

We discovered other ways we can meet for the administration of our church. I hope we spend time reflecting on what new thing is possible.

I hope that in 2021 we will see a growing cooperation between different arms of the church. I hope that we will have a greater sense

of the whole church, not just our little corner of it. I hope this will be evident in this shared newsletter of our two Presbyteries, that we will continue to ask what we can do that will be better together than on our own.

I hope that we can begin to seriously address the things that weigh us down as church. Where property is a millstone that we might reimagine how we can be church without it. Where regulation and administration are too heavy, that we can take seriously the imperative for lighter and simpler.

Finally I hope that there might be a Spirit of freshness blow in our church. A Spirit that blows out our doors and into our communities.
A Spirit of love and life, a Spirit of generosity and compassion.

Narelle Collas



*PPW PM
Presbytery Minister*

As for most of us 2020 was an unusual year. I started in the PM role in Feb and worked for 6 weeks before

lockdown. Zoom dominated my life and while very use ful it was also quite draining especially at the beginning when we often scheduled back-to-back meetings.

There were some advantages to last year as well. I was able to join in multiple worship sessions online which allowed me to get a feel of most of the congregations within the Presbytery. I was so proud of our ministry agents and the ways that they took up the challenge to worship online and look for creative ways to support their communities.

My hopes for 2021 are that we will all embrace the opportunities to meet face to face again. For me there is nothing better than being with people. There is such a special feeling when we gather physically together in worship and work together in God's mission to our communities.

Through necessity most of us have gained new skills during 2020 and my hope for 2021 is that we will continue to embrace new ways of being church and **continue to be lifelong learners and incorporate new technologies into our faith, mission and worship life.**

Mental Health Matters

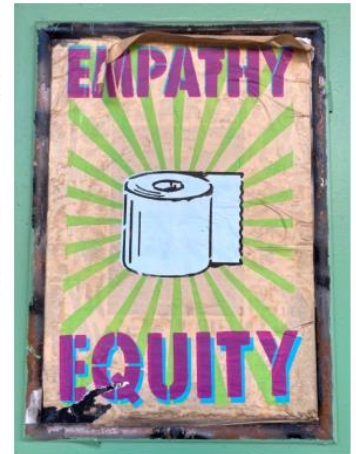
REV. FI BOTTCHER (SUNSHINE MENTAL HEALTH)

It can be hard to find signs of hope when we are confronted daily by news of death and destruction. I have found myself needing to avert my eyes from the temptation of "doom scrolling" in order to allow myself to be open to the mere possibility of hope.

On the day before Australia Day, Common Grace CEO Brooke Prentis called on fellow Christians to hear the voices and stories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. This was not a new call from Common Grace, but what struck me this year was the generous invitation into further conversation. A hopeful, authentic invitation to "speak with us".

It made me wonder about the connections beyond church walls that we have made during this pandemic, and how we might nurture those relationships and invite new, diverse voices to join us at the table. Not just to sit with us, but to tell their own stories.

It takes courage to step aside and let others speak for themselves and it is likely to make us feel uncomfortable at times. But it is through these voices that I hear the Spirit whispering promises of hope, inviting us to transform and grow - together.



Pastoral Care Seminars

Rev. Jeanne Beale & Rev. Narelle Collas are running Pastoral care Seminars in Semester 1. These are valuable for anyone interested in caring for others, running Nursing Home worship, for church councils, and anyone in leadership within the church. The seminars cover some basic listening skills as well as what are the life commandments that drive our behaviour, why do we tell the stories that we do, how do we deal with unmet expectations and much more. Each session will be run in the morning and the evening. Please promote this in your congregation.

Pastoral Care Seminar Dates 2021

Seminar 1 10 Feb - Wednesday 9:30am-12:30pm
18 Feb - Thursday 6:30pm - 9:30pm

Seminar 2 24 Feb - Wednesday 9:30am-12:30pm
4 Mar - Thursday 6:30pm - 9:30pm

Seminar 3 11 Mar - Thursday 6:30pm - 9:30pm
19 Mar - Friday 9:30am-12:30pm

Seminar 4 16 Apr - Friday 9:30am-12:30pm
22 Apr - Thursday 6:30pm - 9:30pm



DISCIPLESHIP LEARNING COMMUNITY 2021 (DLC)



So you are wanting to
train as a lay preacher?

Or just wanting to know more
about Jesus and the Bible?

Join Western Vic DLC.

Tuesday 16th Feb 5:30—7:30pm
running fortnightly. First Semester
study Christology and Second
semester Old Testament. Course
this year is free.

Brochure OUT NOW!

*Want to ask in person about it
first? Or ready to enrol?*

Email Geoff Barker on
gbarker333@hotmail.com
or phone on 0407 349 578

WARNING: Reading
wrong presbytery date
you could be
1 week and 250 km off!

Our Activities



ACTIVITY FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Sunday 7th 2 pm

Induction Rev. Peter Jewel (Grovedale UCA)



Wednesday 10th 9:30 am

Pastoral Care (Seminar 1 Daytime)



Saturday 13th 9:30 am

PPW Presbytery at Hoppers Crossing UCA



Rev. Mark Lawrence Here for Good & Synod briefing.

Tuesday 16th 5:30pm

PWV Discipleship Learning Community Starts!



Tuesday 16th 7:30 pm

How 2020 Shapes the Church Conversation



Thursday 18th 6:30 pm

Pastoral Care (Seminar 1 Evening)



Saturday 20th 9:30 am

PWV Presbytery AGM at Dunkeld Community Centre



New Chairperson Installed Rev David Carter. Gippsland fires support.

Saturday 20th 3:30 pm

Messy Church National Conference



Wednesday 24th 9:30 am

Pastoral Care (Seminar 2 Daytime)



Trevor & Linley presenting

LIVE EVENT
TUESDAY 16TH
FEBRUARY
7:30PM

2020
HOW 2020
SHAPES THE
CHURCH CONVERSATION
Zoom Presentation and Conversation

Hosted by eLM Presbytery Ministers covering some of the things we have learned during 2020; online; collaboration; space; and how we can take those learnings into 2021.

Video Recording will be made available later.

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81646557849?pwd=cEVMS-FVRenNWZms4RnILR2dING5sZz09>
Meeting ID: 816 4655 7849 | **Passcode:** 322290

Messy Church **REFRESH THE MESS NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

PROGRAM
SAT, 20 FEB 2021
BASED ON AEST

ONLINE!
\$15 pp

3.30pm
Opening session: Vision and values

4.45pm
Workshop options:

Workshop A
RE engage RE consider RE connect
Presented by Stacey Wilson

Workshop B
Mission Beyond Messy Church
Presented by Beth Nicholls

6.00pm
Optional: join a breakout room to connect with other Messy Church people

6.15pm
Messy stories session:

Watch stories from
Messy Churches around Australia

Discussions and reflections
in breakout rooms

7.10pm
Closing session with Lucy Moore

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