



"Perspectives, how we see things"

One morning when taking Bessie on one of her many morning walks, I noticed this tree which seemed to be growing on a peculiar angle and then for some reason I turned around and saw the same tree appearing to be growing quite upright (*see inserted pictures*).

Then this morning when out walking, the road ahead appeared to come to a dead end, but as we continued on our walk we discovered it was just a bend in the road and there was a beautiful vista of rolling plains with cattle grazing. These things set me thinking about how we see things and interpret them, from what perspective we view them.

One of the frequently asked questions recently is 'How are you coping with the lockdowns?' Well, David and I decided just ahead of the first lockdown that if or when the lockdowns occurred, we would be better off locking down together and Bunyip was our choice. However, when we are only able to travel 5 kms it means our choice of grocery stores were very limited. We only have a small IGA nearby, which does not stock a lot of gluten free items. So if we were to have a variety of healthy food, I would need to learn a whole new way of making do with what was available, as I have a gluten intolerance.

Fortunately, David gave me a food processor the previous Christmas which I was able to put to good use making bread, cakes, biscuits, hummus and sauces from basic ingredients. When I needed something for which I had no recipe, I looked it up on Google and usually found something suitable there.

Then as a result of my healthy cooking we both lost weight and our clothes no longer fitted, I needed to relearn how to wind and thread a bobbin on my sewing machine in order to remake various items (so that we didn't have to tie up our pants with string) and were fit to be seen outside the house.

So I have learned to be adaptable, to adapt my knowledge and skills to the current situation, which is not too bad for a person who failed Home Economics, both cooking and sewing, in year eight!



Straight or crooked?

Dead end or a corner?

It all depends on which way you look at it

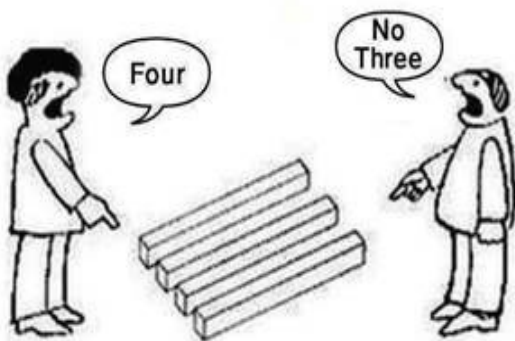


It is really confusing!!!

With the various lockdowns occurring around the country it hardly seems worthwhile to make plans, as what we have planned is often cancelled or postponed. We need to not have one plan but many alternative ones if we are to stay focused on possibilities, and not what can't be done.

We can't control the circumstances in which the pandemic has caused us to be in, however, we can control our reaction to these circumstances.

- Jo-ann Stenton



Your Weekly Offering

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: Thanks to everyone who have continued to make their weekly offering.

Envelopes: You may do this by putting your pledge in the envelopes and bring them to church.

Direct Debit: (include your envelope number if applicable)

Payee "Uniting Church in Australia Cheltenham Mentone Parish Council", BSB 06 3119, Account Number 1014 1206

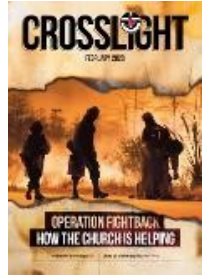


Bible Readings for August 15th Pentecost 12 (the readings used in our service may differ slightly)

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 Psalm 111 Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6:51-58

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Print copies of CROSSLIGHT usually available at the entrance of the Black Rock Uniting Church (NOT from the Manse verandah) latest CROSSLIGHT now available from David Vine, 4 Jemma Ct. Cheltenham 9583



Prayers of the People

We pray especially for -

Kai - 11 y/o grand grand nephew of Margaret Walker
Val and Peter
Meg Thompson's family
Robert (Joan Wright's brother)
Bruce & Valda (friends of Jo-ann & David)
Anita and Rod
Alan Millard for a successful hip operation

Stuart as he struggles with addiction
Andrew (Joan Lum's relative)
Jenny, Janine, Cec and June Bartholomeusz
Audrey Fewster
Margaret's neighbour Joan
Gloria Sampson & Family
Grace Fairbank
Barb Loosemore

Rebecca, Greg, Judy and family at the passing of Ken
Gemma and Teresa
Heather (daughter of close friend of Graeme & Joan)
Tina and her two teenage sons (also friends of Graeme & Joan)
Susan Bartell
Bronwyn



Church on the Internet - Sunday 10am (doors open 9:45 am)

If you don't have Zoom on your computer/laptop/iPad/Smartphone, click on <https://zoom.us/support/download>

Then click on this link below or the "Sunday Church" image to join our Service -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85247373230?pwd=WIM2UHJEemFWS3RScnNqM3puaGdZdz09>



Otherwise open Zoom and enter the following - **Meeting ID: 852 4737 3230 Passcode: 836844**
You can also join us on your phone by dialling **03 7018 2005** and entering the above meeting details.
The above link and meeting details apply for all our services until the **December 26th 2021**.



Videos on the Internet

NEW YouTube Channel; Follow this link or click on the YouTube logo https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCH-y4pZ_f_1ezegzNZi6nnQ to view selected sermons and service preludes



Social Collection Department

BayCISS - collection of goods by Graeme & Joan Wood has recommenced. Leave goods with them at 66 Bernard St. Cheltenham, or call them on 9555 0463
From BayCISS "Many thanks to all those who continue to drop off food parcels".

Emerge - Financial help is the best way to help - Cheques to - GPO Box 420 Melbourne VIC 3001 or donate via the website www.emergesupport.org.au Emerge welcomes vouchers for supermarkets or art materials which children could use at home - materials, pencils, colouring books etc. Margaret Bode is happy to take items to the Moorabbin office if you leave them at her home, 16 Monaco Street Parkdale.

**DUE TO MY
ISOLATION. I
FINISHED 3 BOOKS
YESTERDAY.
AND BELIEVE ME.
THAT'S A LOT OF
COLOURING.**



I'm bored.
Let's play *Guess the Animal*. To make it
harder, I've blanked the faces out.



As Jo-ann says, "it all depends on which way
you look at it". Limit your vision to the face
and you're lost. Step back a few paces and

