



ALKING POINT

KNOWING JESUS CHRIST AND MAKING HIM KNOWN

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Dear Friends,

Last week Sue Scarlett shared the current (2019-2022) Mission Plan with me. There was much in it that was encouraging, and I was reminded of what struck me in early conversations with your JNC: that was 'potential'. In those conversations 'potential' was named a number of times, by a number of different people, and I sensed hopefulness in the future of Traralgon District Uniting Church through this 'potential'.

The way I see it 'potential' is like a seed; within each one is all the possibility of fruitful harvests. All that is needed is wholesome soil, warmth, water, and healthy attention. The warmth and water will be provided by our Creating Life-Giving God, the healthy attention, I think mostly that's up to us. If the devoted gardeners in the congregation are a sign of 'healthy attention' that is alive in this community, then I can see the possibility of an abundance of fruit for us all to share. I have confidence that the wholesome soil is already here too; in your heritage, your mission, your connections, your leaders and in the future that is alive in the 'potential' among you. No matter what your age or your experience; your faith and your life inhabit the wholesome soil where potential for fruitful possibilities in Traralgon District can flourish.

Yours in Christ, Kerry

VALE Barry Clarke.

Barry was a loved member of our congregations for many years. Some of our memories of Barry are (others will have their memories) He was at Church every week when he was able, and always had a notebook handy ready to take notes of sermons or meetings.

Barry knew the Bible from start to the end. He was an Elder and taught Religious Education for many years. Barry joined in all activities and was a friend to all.

He lived on a farm with his mum and one time they survived a very dangerous bush fire.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family members. Farewell Barry and thank you for being a part of our Church family. Also for your witness to the Lord you loved so much.

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Traralgon District Uniting Church

Incorporating: Traralgon, Glengarry & Rosedale.



Traralgon, Glengarry, and Rosedale Uniting churches Worship at Home
ORDER OF SERVICE FOR SUNDAY 13th September 2020

Songs:

[This I Believe](#) (The Creed – Hillsong Worship)

[Dancing on the Waves](#) (Bethel Music. We the Kingdom)

Call to Worship: Based on Exodus 15: 1b-2, 7, 11, 20-21 (NRSV)

[The Exodus Song](#) – Pat Boone

Come, hear and Worship the LORD:

“I will sing to the LORD, for he has
triumphed gloriously;
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.

The LORD is my strength and my might,
and he has become my salvation;

This is my God, and I will praise him,
My father’s God, and I will exalt him.

In the greatness of your majesty
You overthrew your adversaries;
You sent out your fury, it consumed them like stubble.

“Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods?
Who is like you, majestic in holiness,
awesome in splendour, doing wonders?

Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron’s sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them:

“Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed
gloriously;
horse and ride he has thrown into the sea.

Let us sing with Moses and Miriam, our praises to the LORD; let us acknowledge all the saints who have carried sacred story and song down through the ages to us.

Let us acknowledge the First Peoples of the lands and waters in this place, the Gunaikurnai People and offer respect to the Elders, past, present and emerging.



Hymn: [Sing a New Song](#) (SuperSchoolMusic)

Everything else is worthless when compared with the
priceless gain of knowing Christ Jesus . . .

—*Philippians 3:8 (TLB)*



Prayers of Adoration & Invocation:

God of Love and Life

Our hearts sing with worship for You.

God of Peace and Presence

Our feet dance in worship of You.

God of Mystery and Mind

Our lives bow for worship in You.

Come to us, Eternal One,

Father, Son and Spirit

That we may magnify Your Holy Name as we worship and adore You.

Confessional Hymn: [Come as you are](#) (TiS 693) (Father Paul Gurr)

Prayer of Confession:

Lord God, we come to you in our brokenness,

Knowing full well that you see and know our deepest, murkiest reaches ...

(silent prayer)

Lord God, we come with open hearts, following you, we are willing to forgive and to be forgiven;
in Your great Faithfulness, we rest.

Declaration of Forgiveness

God forgives 'seventy times seven', inconceivably offering life in all its fullness.

Christ's word of grace is for all who faithfully forgive:

'We are forgiven and free.' Thanks be to God.

Doxology: [Praise The Lord](#)

(To God Be The Glory)

(VagelBrothers)

Praise God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen

May the Peace of Christ be with You all.

Scripture Reading:

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Matthew 18: 21-35; Romans 14:1-12.

We hear the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Read the [Sermon](#): Com-Unity

Offering Hymn: [We bring the Sacrifice of Praise](#)

(CRC Worship)

Lord Bless the Offerings we bring.

Amen



Prayers of Intercession: Peter Morris

Holy and mysterious God as we come to you in prayer

show us the strength of lamentation of being open and honest with you

Secure in your love we ask that we will prayer and live

will grow out of gratitude for your love and forgiveness

We humbly ask that you hear our prayers for all we care about

In Jesus' name we pray...

For those we love those who are closest those who need your help and healing

As we draw on your love

help us to be generous in supporting those around us in these difficult times (pause)

For those who lead us in our nation in our church our community and our voluntary organisations

For those in stressful leadership positions in government and the caring professions and police (pause)

We ask your blessing on those who annoy us those we have trouble loving those we don't feel drawn to. In stressful times help us to be civil and kind to not take offence and bring harmony to listen carefully to what is being said behind the words (pause)

We bring before you all who need your help those who struggle those we are concerned for

Before the coronavirus around the world there were wars, hunger, and injustice there are people struggling to rebuild after natural disasters struggling with mental health and domestic violence struggling to find meaningful work and worried about their future

As we remember them before you help us to long for your justice and mercy and a time when the world will be set right (pause)

We pray for ourselves because you love us

you know us so well and you care about our deepest needs (pause)

As we ask for your blessing on those love and care about show us what you would have us do to help in their situations

Comfort those weighed down with grief those who have been forgotten those whose troubles are known only to you

For those in isolation at home, in nursing homes and in prison

Dear Jesus

We thank you that you understand

We thank you that you care and we thank you that you hear our prayers . AMEN

Benediction & Word of mission:

As we go from this service, let us take with us the gift of Com-Unity, An expression of many 'I's' formed into One Life, in Christ.

May the Communion of God, Creating, Liberating and Resurrecting One, Be ever alive in new and novel ways on the roadmap of your life.

May Your Song be a sign of Christ' Life in Yours, May Your Dance fill You with the Spirit of Joy. Go in Peace, to Love and Serve, in the Name of Christ, Our LORD.

Hymn: [Let us Talents and Tongues employ](#) (TiS 537, First Plymouth Church Lincoln Nebraska)

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