

CONNECTIONS



Steigy's Snippets.

John: What a blessing! Out of lock-down again and being able to meet in person. Just praising the Lord! Hi brothers and sisters, it good to be out and about again!! But, being cooped us wasn't that bad. I'm able to potter about in the garden and doing some chores inside. (He's a whizz at washing dishes **and so very pedantic** at cleaning up after). Phoning and keeping in contact with friends and family. Life

still has its daily struggles, health wise not too bad, but "old Arthrititis" is ever a reminder of getting old. But, like Paul in Philippians 3:13-14 — I focus on this one thing; forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, and to press on and reach the end of the race. Amen. God Bless.
John Steigy.

Lois: John has just about said it all!! Being in lock-down hasn't really upset me much, although not being able to see family from Melbourne has been a bit hard. There's plenty to occupy myself with - letter writing, making cards - the usual chores a wife does in the home. Some knitting etc. Getting older and with some health problems isn't easy but asking for our dear Lord's strength and enabling each day I'm sure gets us through. Blessings to you all and much love. Lois Steigy. (Thank you for the verse below, too John and Lois)

*"We can be young in heart and mind,
To others we can yet be kind.
Sing songs of praise to God through our tears,
And grow in grace though all our years. (Zimmerman)*

WANTING A CHAT

Please feel free to call any of the numbers below. We are more than happy for you to call and say G'day.

- Robyn Keath 0437 084 729, Ev. Cunningham 0408 053 457,
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CARRY YOUR BOOKS?

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

- 1 PETER 5:7 NIV

A grateful heart is a beginning of greatness. It is an expression of humility. It is a foundation for the development of such virtues as prayer, faith, courage, contentment, happiness, love, and well-being. James E Faust

Parish of St Andrews Anglican Church – Kyabram

Service times: 9am in the Church. 11am, family service in the Hall 3 October 2021

Welcome Rev Graham Snell

A blessing to have you with us this week.

“¹⁴ But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it”. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” Mark 10:15-16



That's easy for Jesus to say, he was never a Mum! Matt 19:14

Prayer of the day

O God, your Son has taught us that we must receive your sovereign rule like a little child: help us to turn to you in faith and simplicity of heart, so that we may receive your blessing and enter the kingdom your Son has promised; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen

Readings today:

Job 1:1; 2:1–10, Psalm 26, Hebrews 1:1–4; 2:5–12, Mark 10:2–16

READINGS NEXT WEEK: Job 23:1–9, 16–17, Psalm 22:1–15, Hebrews 4:12–16, Mark 10:17–31

A Snippet from Bp Matt's Diocesan Update.

Many thrive off the energy that comes from relating to other people. But even the most self-contained of introverts need others. One of the most difficult things about the COVID lockdowns is the social isolation which has flowed from the physical distance we have had to endure. As the days in which contact with others has been made very tricky, if not impossible, lengthen the effects of isolation can mount. This is especially so in a nation like ours which is vast and navigates the different rules put in place by our federation of states.

We can readily understand how not being able to see loved ones, perhaps a child or parent or beloved niece or nephew, hurts. As the days between time with them lengthen so the effect on our soul drags. However, I have been fascinated as to the effect of coincidental contact with others is also missing. That conversation leading to a shared smile with a shop attendant; the chance meeting with an acquaintance at the school gate; the noise of a happy school yard at play. Our social world has shrunk as we have sought to be safe and keep each other safe.

I am reminded though through all of this that one benefit of being called as one of God's own is that I am placed with you. St Paul's uses a number of ways to describe this: We are *in Christ*, we are co-workers, we are a building and a body ... and we are a family. In feeling the loss of obvious connection with our usual circles, or missing the coincidental contact with the general community, we can forget those nearby who have been gifted to us by God.

**Set out to have one phone call a day with someone from church who you think might need to be encouraged. Once you've done that share the love with someone who does not yet come to church ...but needs encouragement too.*