

Kirsty Bennett's story



Lighting a candle for worship, 27th July 2020

Let us call on the Spirit to be present as we gather to worship the God who is for us, Jesus who speaks to us through story, and the Spirit of new beginnings.'

Photo and candle lighting words from 27th July

This is the candle that I have been using every Sunday in lock down. It is special to me because it was given to me last Christmas by Wes and Bev Campbell when they we caught up at my house. It has one of Wes' paintings on it and a greeting which Bev organised.

I have known Wes and Bev for many years now. Wes was the first minister I met as me – not as 'Jean and Bruce's daughter' - when I moved out of home to North Melbourne having finished by architecture degree. When I left the North Melbourne congregation in the 90's to go travelling we kept in touch, and when I moved to Brunswick in the 90's we became firm friends, seeing each other often when Wes and Bev lived in Essendon and then Carlton.

Now Wes and Bev live in Castlemaine and we still see each other when we can. We have been through a lot over the last 30 years and have shared more coffees and meals than we could count.

Wes and Bev have been worshipping with BUC regularly during the lockdown and when I light this candle I think of them, and know that they are present too, pilgrims on a journey that we still share.