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## Community Team

### Connecting - to God, to place, to others

Our first ever virtual camp was a wonderful success. Thank you to Courtney Rohde (coordinator) who was ably assisted by Shawn Whelan and Amelia Ware. The big day (**Saturday 23rd May**) began with an invitation to go on a bush walk/scavenger hunt, a few of the photos are with this story ([see all the photos here](#)), create a contribution to the [Household of God project](#) or prepare your best iso-fashion outfit. The rain did not deter a determined group of people resulting in lovely photos being shared to our Facebook Group.



Jessica Kvensakul

Courtney welcomed us to the Connecting Zoom session at 3pm and Kate Scull, Congregation Chair, joyfully welcomed Ian back to Brunswick after his three months in East Gippsland. Ian responded expressing gratitude to us for having freeing him to the supply ministry saying that it was a remarkable time and that he loved being there. He then invited us into a time of connecting through worship, of music, prayer and reflection. Kate read from John 17:20-26, Jesus' prayer for his disciples then and us now.

We sang 'Gather us O God' and 'Community'. We spent time as a whole group, many faces on Zoom, and time in breakout rooms where we talked about object that we had selected from our physical spaces to symbolise a word that we had heard or connected with from the reading.



Richard Arnold

After this session there were four opportunities to continue to connect in addition to staying in the main Zoom room to chat. Options were a beautiful hour of Taize led by Courtney, Craft-a-long with Olive Pesto led by Joanne van Ravenswaaij, Fun & Games for the P-2 group with Catherine Drimmel and Joel Hallinan and the Tim Tam Challenge for Years 3-7 led by Dave Hall.

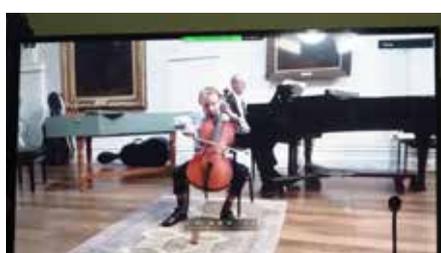


And then it was time to prepare our camp dinners - pasta bake and sticky date pudding. Finally it was time for the most anticipated part of the camp program - the concert. Courtney received all our widely varied contributions and wove them together in a wonderfully creative fun filled program ably compered by Alistair Hunter. Some of us ate gelato from [The Icicle Tricycle](#) during or after the event.



It was wonderful to have people connecting in from their own homes, even as far away as Darwin (Emily) and many who are not regular campers.

Thank you again to Courtney, Shawn and Amelia for taking us all on the journey; to Ian for the opening session, to Courtney (again), Joanne, Catherine, Joel and Dave for the workshops and to all the concert contributors.



After concert chat ...

Saide Cameron