



Newsletter

Ocean Grove,
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NEW FORMAT FOR THE NEWSLETTER

For those who did not see last week's newsletter on the website, you may not be aware that it was the last one in that format.

Do not despair though. Ocean Grove will still be having a newsletter but not on a weekly basis.

This is the first one of a new era.

It is hoped that in the initial stages the Elders and members of the Pastoral Network Team will be able to make sure that those members of the Congregation who do not have access to a computer receive a copy. It will most likely just be put in your letter box at some time.

LENTEN STUDY GROUP

"As it is currently prudent to gather publicly as little as possible, the Wednesday afternoon Lenten Study has been postponed until further notice."

2020 PARISH LENTEN WALKS AND COFFEE

CANCELLED UNTIL LENT 2021

CHURCH CLOSED

Due to restrictions imposed by the government services of worship can longer happen in the Ocean Grove Uniting Church.

This does not mean that you have to miss out on worship though.

The Reverend Bob Thomas is posting his sermons and a liturgy for worship on the website. Please see the front of the newsletter for the address.

This will enable you and your family to worship in the comfort of your own home.

Just a reminder:

The weekly Lectionary Readings are printed on your UCA 2020 Calendar for your convenience.

Key verse for this week

"They brought the donkey and colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them."

Matthew 21:7

PRAYER CONTACT

If you would like our prayer team to pray for you or others (with their permission, then please call Robin Munro on 4202 0323

Call Robin also if you would like to be part of the Prayer Chain.

At this time, prayer is an important part of our Christian life.

A BIG THANK YOU

to everyone who helped with the Recycled Treasure Sale on Saturday March 21st. With pre sales before the Saturday of over \$400 the grand total for the day was approximately \$880.00.

Well done everyone!

Please in these challenging and changing times, it is important that we all reach out to each other by either making a friendly phone call or sending an email.

Stay safe, and if you need help or advice do not hesitate to email or ring the church office and someone will endeavour to answer your query as soon as possible.

Bob will still be working the Church Vestry on Thursdays, but please ring his mobile (number of the front page of this newsletter) to ensure that he is available.

COVID-19 OGBH NEIGHBOURHOOD HELP

During this virus crisis there are many in our community who are going without due to panic buying or who are self isolating to protect themselves and others.

To this end, a group has been created to connect those in our community who may need some assistance with those who want to help. The purpose is to ensure everyone is okay.

If someone is in need of basic essentials to get by, they can ask the group and members will endeavour to provide what they need, whether it's a few rolls of toilet paper, Ventolin, some fresh milk or a home cooked meal.

We have also been in contact with "Feed Me Bellarine" and are working to connect those who might need a free meal delivered.

We have people prepared to provide transport to and from shops or to do weekly shopping. You are welcome to request only members who have a current Working with Children Check and/or Police Check to assist with these things.

If you are on Facebook you can directly request assistance by joining our group COVID19 OGBH neighbourhood help

If you are not on Facebook or would prefer to remain anonymous, please contact me directly and I can post on your behalf

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Stay safe!

Lisa

Did you happen to have access to the Geelong Advertiser published on Tuesday March the 31st?

If so you would have already seen the article
"A Life Devoted to Helping Others"

Lyn Mulligan is one in a series of women the Geelong Advertiser has decided to feature as the Community is asked to nominate inspiring, influential and innovative women for the Women of the Year awards.

Each day the 88 year old sits down to fire off emails, make phone calls and write letters to those she knows are doing it tough. "Look after yourself and look after your neighbour" is Lyn's philosophy.