



Newsletter

Ocean Grove,
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BEWARE!

The Grumpy Old Men are resuming meetings!

10.30am on Tuesdays
at the
Groove, Wallington Road.

At the present, we are outdoors, so of course the weather,
and attire are factors.
You may attend, or steer clear, as appropriate.

KEY REGISTER

Do you have any keys to any door or cupboard at
the church?

If so would you kindly let Lesley Pope know so that
an up to date key register can be compiled.
Call Lesley on 5255 2201 and leave a message if
Lesley is not available.

Queens Birthday Honours Order of Australia Medal

Neville Burrows has a devotion for bringing out the best in all. It was announced that he has received an Order of Australia Medal in the recent Queens Birthday Honours.

The 93-year-old was a founder of Rowville Uniting Church, worked as a youth leader for Ashburton Methodist Church and has a long history of involvement with the Scouts, where he rose to the rank of Assistant Area Commissioner for east Melbourne. Neville said when he began working as a project officer on the Rowville Uniting Church in 1982, the Congregation was meeting in the tennis pavilion.

"The making of the Rowville Uniting Church was really a highlight for me, just working with people, they were like pioneers of something," he says.

"It was wonderful to work with them and that church grew quite rapidly out there. It was passed onto good hands."

At Ashburton he led a team of 15 in youth ministry, which he said was a tremendous time in his life. "The thing that I really come back to is my love for youth, young people," Neville said. I have loved church life and all the people I have met, especially the people who have been working behind the scenes. I say that you're a leader, you've always got to have people behind you that are helping you achieve the goals you want to set."

In his retirement years, Neville and his wife Joyce were invited by the Ocean Grove Uniting Church Minister to move to the Surf Coats and he was a member of that church for 20 years, during which time he preached as a lay person on the local circuit.

Neville, who lives alone following his wife's death from Alzheimer's disease a decade ago, is still committed to helping others.

"Over the last 10 years I have done quite a bit of mentoring, all ages, from business directors to school students, trainee pastors," Neville said.

"I've really enjoyed that, I am still pretty keen even at 93, I am not out to grass at the moment."

Neville said a persistent neighbour nominated him for the OAM, and he was surprised but very honoured to receive the award.

"I am just grateful for the opportunities I had in the Uniting Church because I learnt a lot in the Uniting Church, how God works and how important it is to be faithful in his service," he said

JUNE EDITION OF CROSSLIGHT

Sadly due to government restrictions the June edition of Crosslight will not be published as a hard copy.

You are able to read the current edition as a flip-book or download the PDF edition and print out a hard copy.

TODAY

Sunday June the 21st is the
43rd Birthday of the Uniting Church

And we will be participating in a joint worship service,
via zoom with Uniting Churches in Geelong.

Please gather as usual at 10.00am and use the following
log-in details

<https://zoom.us/j/98472365575>

Meeting ID: 984 7236 5575

SHARING TIME

Congratulations to Robert and Barbara Cox who celebrated
the birth of their 5th grandchildren in late May.

Their youngest daughter had a baby girl that has been
named Daisy.

Thank you to "The Gardener"
In appreciation

Many thanks for all your hard work making our world a more
beautiful place"

This short anonymous note was attached to a new kneeling
pad with the final words being
"Something to help with the Knees"

CHURCH CLOSED

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

The Reverend Bob Thomas is posting the complete service on the **website** which includes You Tube clips of the hymns, and there is a hard copy of the service that you can download if you would prefer to read the litany for worship.

And do not forget that each week you can join in worship through **zoom**.

If you would like to use zoom but are not sure of what it is or how it works please contact **Geoff Naylor** via email **drgeoffnaylor@gmail.com** for **help**.

Key verse for this week

"Bring joy to your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul"
Psalm 86: 4

SURVEY FORMS

At the Church Council meeting held last night, the matter of reopening the church was discussed. At this stage there has been no definite date made, but it is hoped that by the end of June we should have a better idea on what the future holds.

By now you all should have received a short survey form prepared by Bob.

It would be most helpful if you have not returned it to do so within the next week.

Your answers will help us to make informed decisions in regards to being able to worship in a safe environment when the church is finally re-opened.

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.