



Newsletter

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PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

Loving and compassionate God we pray for:
Our government leaders; that they will make wise decisions which affect us all and our economy.

Our church leaders; give them wisdom and insight as they lead our church through these troubled times.

Our ministry agents; may you sustain them and encourage them in their ministries.

Our church council: agency boards and school councils; we give thanks for people willing to be leaders within our communities. Help them as they oversee decisions and directions for our ministry contexts.

Ourselves that we would truly be followers who reflect your ways within our community. Jesus our Lord. Make us more fully into your people, sharing your love and grace here and now so that this world can be transformed.

And to end we offer special prayers for the Greater Melbourne and Mitchell Shire areas as they once again face the difficulties of lockdown. May we all be aware of what we should all be doing so that this virus can be contained as much as possible.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

You can make your contribution to the income of the church in a variety of ways

You may like to send a cheque to PO Box 393 Ocean Grove

Make a deposit in our bank account at the Commonwealth Bank:

Account Name Ocean Grove Uniting Church Council

BSB number 063 834

Account number 1005 1143

Notarisation: your surname and/or envelope number

If you would like to help with boosting the income for the church, please call Lesley Pope (Treasurer) on 0419 384 192.

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.

CAN YOU HELP?

Bikes for Humanity are needing bikes to fill another container of 500 bikes to be sent to Namibia.

Blankets are urgently required by the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre in Melbourne. One load of blankets and doonas have already been delivered to the centre thanks to Barry Calcutt's help with transport. Thanks also to those who have already donated blankets recently. These are gratefully received.

To donate to either organisation
please contact Lyn Mulligan on 5255 2638

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Can you help the editor fill the pages of the weekly newsletter with interesting articles?

It would be great to have people send in their special weekly events or even short articles they have read in newspapers or seen on television.

The newsletter is compiled on a Thursday morning, so if you have something suitable please have it to the office by 8.30am every Thursday.

THANK YOU

To all those people who took the time to complete and return the recently distributed survey form.

At the last Elders meeting all the answers were discussed and clear decisions were made on ensuring that when the church re-opens we will all enter a safe environment.

Please watch this newsletter for that all important date on when we can worship in our church again.

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

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path"
Psalm 119: 105

TIME OUT

Because we can't see Him
Face to face,
Other things in our lives
Seem to take first place.

Sure, we know He's there,
All day in everything we do.
When do we find the time
To pray and read our Bibles too?

Kids, meals, dishes, washing,
So many things about.
As we work for ourselves,
Who's there to say "Time Out"

"Time out", should come in our lives,
At least once a day.
Just a little word with God.
We need the time to Pray.

M. Hanson