



Newsletter

Ocean Grove,
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THANK YOU

Thank you to all the people who have given me a monetary donation for plants for the new garden and thank you also to those who contributed actual plants.

The planting is almost complete and we have not needed to use any of the budget that the Property Committee allocated.

Thanks also to the many people who gave us encouragement during the process.

A personal thank you from myself to the thoughtful person who left a wonderful kneeling pad together with a beautiful note at the doors of the church. The kneeler has already had much use.

Once again many thanks,
Barry Calcutt and his team of gardeners.

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.

As we begin to surface from lockdown we pray for:

Guidance: enable us to step out of isolation with renewed compassion and a spirit of wisdom.

Diligence: as we complete and maintain checklists designed to keep us all safe.

Generosity: that we continue the wonderful expressions of love and care for neighbour and for our planet that have emerged during this crisis.

Openness: that we can find ways to continue to maintain connections with those who have joined us during on-line worship.

Community: for families (and church families) that can now reconnect.

Courage: that we can continue to make choices based on love and not fear.

Humility: to accept our shortcomings and to listen and learn from You in each other.

Amen.

The Reverend Jeanne Beale

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

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

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11: 29

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.

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.