



Newsletter

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ACT FOR PEACE RATION CHALLENGE 2020

UPDATE

Dear Friends,

I am so grateful for your kind support in sponsoring me for the Act for Peace Ration Challenge to support the refugees in the camps.

With your help we have already raised \$2436.

New sponsors welcome so if you feel you would like to sponsor me this can be done through my page on the AFP Ration Challenge website.

actforpeace.rationchallenge.org.au/joan-calcutt.

The actual diet has finished, and so I am glad to be able to enjoy my regular food.

There are thousands of participants with many sponsors showing concern for refugees.

I will be able to give you a final figure for my sponsorship in the coming weeks.

Thank you
Joan Calcutt.

Who is on the sick list?

The Editor does not know of anyone who is on the sick list for this week, so here's hoping that it stays that way!.

Geoff Naylor had a fall of his bike and has a broken pelvis as well as multiple grazes on his hands., but is back on the Zoom chat on Thursday afternoons. Well done Geoff.

Peter Dickson is back gardening on a Thursday morning, so more good news.

Please keep all the members of the Congregation in your prayers so that we may find comfort in these stressful times.

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.**

SYNOD HAS MOVED!

Their new physical and mailing address is

Uniting Church in Australia Synod of Victoria and Tasmania
Level 2, Wesley Place
130 Lonsdale Street
Melbourne Victoria 3000

Reception—9116 1400
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Let us pray for:

Those still in lockdown in Greater Melbourne. May God sustain you and give you peace and hope that there will be an end to this situation.

Those people who have lost loved ones and had to navigate covid-19 restrictions and border closures. May the Spirit and the body of Christ bring you comfort and support at this time.

Those people in regional places who now that restrictions have been relaxed, are still very fearful of going out and about. May you know that as 2 Timothy 1: 7 says "God has not given us the spirit of fear but of power and love and self-control." May you have courage to step out in safe and secure ways.

Those people who are on jobseeker who are having their payments cut this week. May you be able to cope with this reduction and to have the resilience and energy to keep trying to find work within this difficult time.

Those Congregations across the Presbytery who are undertaking mission studies to discern their future with property, Ministry and Mission.

All of us as we continue to seek to live lives which reflect the extravagant grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 at 10.00am**

Key verse for this week

"So the last will be first and the first will be last"

ROAD TRAUMA MEMORIAL OPENS IN GEELONG

A memorial honouring those who have lost their lives or been injured on Victorian roads has been unveiled in Geelong.

The memorial, which sits on the Geelong waterfront, provides people a space for quiet reflection.

Synod's Disability Inclusion Advocate Andy Calder, who served as project manager, had a personal connection to the cause, having been hit by a truck in 1986. Fortunately, Andy made a full recovery and later joined the Road Trauma Support Services Victoria Board.

Andy was part of the selection committee that chose Ocean Grove artist Don Walter's sculpture, titled "Solace", as the winning design. Don says the sculpture uses the moon as a metaphor "for the constantly changing range of emotions that all who experience loss through road trauma progress through.

The memorial project is also supported by the Transport Accident Commission, City of Greater Geelong and Road Trauma Support Services Victoria.