



Newsletter

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ACT FOR PEACE RATION CHALLENGE 2020

The covid-19 has impacted on many people in our world and help is desperately needed for AFP as well as partner charities trying to support refugees in the crowded camps to have a chance to stay safe and receive food and hygiene kits medical support.

AFP are again asking for people to spread the word by taking part in the 2020 Ration Challenge in September.

Joan Calcutt has offered to participate in this challenge with encouragement from Lyn Mulligan.

This involves one week only eating rations that are provided for Syrian refugees in camps in Jordan. Hopefully participants, like Joan will be sponsored by family, friends and people who would be happy to help this worthy cause to show that we care.

If anyone would like to join Joan and take the challenge too, she would be delighted to have a mate.

If you feel you would like to sponsor Joan, this can be done through Joan's page on the AFP Ration Challenge website.

Thank you all. We pray for your good health, that of your families and hope that this crisis will be over soon.

actforpeace.rationchallenge.org.au/joan-calcutt

A Property Update for the Ocean Grove Congregation
"covid -19 times"

Garden:

Thanks to the tireless efforts of Barry Calcutt and his "staff" (Peter Dickson, David Reid and Norm Elliott) the gardens around the church are looking terrific. The work done around the new carpark is going to present our place of worship and outreach as welcoming and restful. Spring growth should be exciting to see. Well done team!

Maintenance:

The continuous hot water system in the kitchen has been replaced (it lasted 3 months beyond its warranty!). The new unit is currently switched off as there is very little use at present. If needed, it will take about 20 minutes to heat up, but please remember to turn it off after use. If only making one or two cups there is an electric jug in the kitchen that can be used.

Heaters in the hall and the dove have been cleaned and serviced and the heater in the church foyer has had the fan replaced as well as being serviced.

Painting of the lych-gate and power washing of the south wall was completed earlier in the year. Other painting will be on the agenda in 2021/2022.

Tree trimming and down pipe repairs:

Overhanging branches along the south side of the church and the east end have been taken back to be clear of the spouts. Some minor repairs of the spouting and external roof near the east vestry were completed earlier in covid-19 times.

Carpark entry and street parking:

Neil Derrick is working with Council (and they have been!) to provide a solution to identifying clearly parking and carpark entry.

Works to be tackled shortly (when we can see our way clear financially) includes repairs to barge boards and repairs to the south and bell towers.

Meanwhile we continue to meet via zoom for worship and a chat. Bob and Dianne are doing a great job at keeping us connected.

Thank you

In-between the Sun and Moon
By Padraig O Tuama

In-between the sun and moon,
I sit and watch
And make some room
For letting light and twilight mingle,
Shaping hope
And making single glances last eternity,
A little more,
Extending love beyond the doors of welcoming,
While wedding all the parted people,
Even sons to violent mothers,
And searching all the others finding light
Where twilight lingers,
In-between the sun and moon.

Let us pray:

Lord, encourage us out the doors to exercise,
to treat our body—your temple with respect.

Lord, encourage us to rely on your wisdom,
to guide us during the hard times.

Lord, comfort us in our emotional distress,
that we may rely on your deep abiding hope.

Lord, help us to understand what we need,
and learn to reach out for support of family and friends.

Lord, fill us with your Spirit, as we meditate on your Holy
Word for strength in our daily living.

NEEDED KNITTING WOOL.

Donations of wool are needed to help refugee women remain positive in these lockdown conditions.

If you have any wool of any sort and would like to see it being used then please call Lyn Mulligan (5255 2638).

The wool will be distributed by Cathie Bond who is still in contact with these ladies.

SAD NEWS

We join in thanking God for the life and Ministry of The Reverend Dorothy Harris-Gordon, who passed away in Lismore in northern NSW late on Friday 7th of August 2020.

“Aunty Dorrie” as she was known, was the first Aboriginal woman ordained in the Uniting Church in Australia Synod of NSW and the ACR, and was one of several women who forged the path to ministry for their sisters in the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (UAICC).

Dorothy Jessis Ruth Roberts was a Bundjalung woman who grew up on a reserve near Lismore in the 1940s and 1950s speaking the language of her ancestors, a practice she maintained all her life.

Her grace and deep faithfulness to God’s mission over many years has been a blessing to those who have known her.

SYNOD HAS MOVED!

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