



Newsletter

Ocean Grove,
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“Take heart...We have already found new ways to live, love and be happy under these rough conditions. A miracle and a marvel. This is hard proof that we have what it takes to keep going.”
Dr. Aisha Ahmad.

This quote from Dr. Aisha Ahmad landed in my inbox 4 days before Dan Andrews announced his latest and greatly anticipated, reduction in restrictions. Earlier that day, I had been reflecting on “restriction fatigue” and how I felt that both in my bones and in the sighs and restlessness of those around me.

During “lockdown” it has been incredible to witness how well we have all adjusted to our “new normal” and the innovative and creative ways teams and Congregations have come together to care for each other and the world. But this hard work, with all the upskilling, time management and juggling that it demands, has come with a cost.

Perhaps your response might be “I haven’t been working that hard?” but I wonder whether in trying to maintain “business as usual” we have set ourselves too high expectations in our longing to go about our normal lives during a global pandemic.

In these next weeks, I invite you to be kind to yourself, and to carry another quote from Dr. Aisha Ahmad with you.” Manage your expectations. Tackle less challenging projects. Now is not the time for perfectionism.” And may the peace and love and God be with you. The Reverend Fiona Bottcher (Deacon)

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

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.

NEW HOMES FOR PEOPLE

Meriel Derrick is now living at
Kensington Grange
1-13 Ferguson Road Leopold Vic. 3224
Phone 52502301

And
Nell Brethouwer has moved in
Seaview Manor
77-79 Tareeda Way Ocean Grove 3226
Phone 5256 2866

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.

**Watch this space for an exciting date.
Yes it is hoped that we will resume church services in our
building shortly!**

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NOVEMBER

November 8th Pentecost 23

Josiah 24: 1-3a, 14-25, Psalm 78: 1-7

1 Thessalonians 3: 13-18, Matthew 25: 1-13

November 15th Pentecost 24

Judges 4: 1-7, Psalm 123,

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11, Matthew 25: 14-30

November 22 Christ the King

Ez. 34: 11-16, 20-24, Psalm 100

Ephesians 1: 15-23, Matthew 25: 31-46

November 29 Advent 1

Isaiah 64: 1-9, Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19

1 Corinthians 1: 3-9, Mark 13: 24-37

KEY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

**"Therefore keep watch,
because you do not know the day or the hour"**

Matthew 25: 13

THE DOVE
has re-opened and is
Trading Monday—Saturday
10.00am—1.00pm.

New clothing available
at reasonable prices!
Covid-19 restrictions adhered to!
Cash only!

No Donations accepted at this time.

Spread the news amongst family and friends.

UNITING BARWON EMERGENCY RELIEF
CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

The staff, volunteers and clients of Uniting Barwon are most appreciative of the ongoing support of the local Uniting Churches for continuing to donate food and material aid during these challenging times.

The team of volunteers at both our Grovedale and Norlane offices have managed to navigate the complex working conditions due to Covid-19 and they are to be congratulated. This has meant that we have been available to help people facing crisis and disadvantage.

We are now organising the Christmas Hamper Program as well as working with the Geelong Advertiser and the Adopt a Family Program to assist families with gifts and food.

CAN YOU HELP WITH DONATIONS OF

- Staple foods such as pasta sauce, tinned fruit and vegetables, rice, tuna, long life milk and cereal.
- Christmas treats such as puddings and cakes, custard, tinned ham, sweets and chocolates, juices and drinks are bonus items we offer if available.
- Grocery gift cards for purchase of food which is in short stock.

Donations can be delivered to our Grovedale office at 272 Torquay Road by Monday December the 7th.

Thank you Eril Gliddon, Coordinator Emergency Relief Operations.