



Newsletter

Ocean Grove,
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Sunday February 21st 2021

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY FEBRUARY THE 28TH Directly after the service.

One of the agenda items will be elections.
There are vacancies for Church Elders and Councillors.
We would love to receive nominations, so please consider this.
If you are interested in nominating someone for either of these
positions, please collect a nomination form from either
Diane Jones (Congregational Secretary)
or David Runia (Congregational Chairperson).
Nomination forms are to be returned by
Wednesday February the 24th.

If you have any items for the agenda, please email them to either
David or Diane by Wednesday February the 24th.

Your are warmly invited to the
Ordination of
Mrs. Yoo Mi Park
Sunday 14th March 2.00pm
Brunswick Uniting Church
Corner Sydney Road & Merri Street
Brunswick 3056
Live streamed on
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/
UCINmbFfS2NgryJmLcOw2XA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCINmbFfS2NgryJmLcOw2XA)

ANNUAL WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
FRIDAY MARCH 5TH 10.00AM

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA CATHOLIC CHURCH
68 JOHN DORY DRIVE
OCEAN GROVE

This service has been prepared by the women of Vanuatu.
All are welcome to attend and join with members of the
Combined Churches of Ocean Grove.

SAMMY STAMP

The UCAF is continuing to collect your used stamps. They may be left on envelopes, but if you are able to trim please leave a 3mm border all around the stamp.

N.B. Stamps that have been heavily franked are not acceptable.
Please leave your stamps in the marked box in the church foyer.
Thanks to all who have continued to support this ongoing project of the
Uniting Church.

UCAF (Uniting Church Adult Fellowship)
Will meet on
Monday the 22nd of February
In the church at the **new time of 10.30am.**

The program will be our
Annual Commitment Service.
New members will be very welcome!

CONGRATULATIONS TO
ROBERT AND BARBARA COX
WHO CELEBRATED 50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE
ON SATURDAY FEBRUARY THE 20TH.

WEEKLY LECTIONARY READINGS

February 21st Lent 1

Genesis 9: 8-17, Psalm 25: 1-10,
1 Peter 3: 18-22, Mark 1: 9-15

Bible Reader: Megan Smith

Prayers for the People: Jim Barry

February 28th Lent 2

Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16, Psalm 22: 23-31,
Romans 4: 13-25, Mark 8: 31-38, or Mark 9: 2-9

Bible Reader: Neil Derrick

Prayers for the People: The Reverend Bob Thomas

March 7th Lent 3

Exodus 20: 1-17, Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1: 18-25, John 2: 13-22

Bible Reader: Diane Prowse

Prayers for the People: Pat Reid

March 14th Lent 4

Numbers 21 4-9, Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22,
Ephesians 2: 1-10, John 3: 14-21

Bible Reader: Ben McKinley

Prayers for the People: The Reverend Bob Thomas

KEY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

“.....He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit.”

1 Peter 3: 18

Opportunity Shop “*the dove*”

We are pleased to announce that *the dove* Opportunity Shop which was briefly closed during the most recent lockdown, will reopen on Monday February the 22nd with the necessary covid-19 safe precautions in place.

Subject to Church Council approval, there will be a disbursement in March of all the recurring donations that *the dove* makes (except for Loaves and Fishes which will receive funding when required). In July there will be a new round of funding. On behalf of *the dove* Committee Gonni Runia Secretary.

Dear Ocean Grove Congregation,

*May the peace of our Lord be with you all.
We have been through a difficult and challenging time.
I hope you are doing well and please keep you safe and healthy.*

*It's been two years sine I moved to Bundoora.
It seems just like yesterday when I moved to Ocean Grove, but I can't believe I have already started my first placement at Eltham Montmorency UCA since the 1st of June in 2020.*

If it were before this pandemic, I would have shared news about the new journey with invitation to my Ordination service. Unfortunately, I was suddenly sick for 6 months last year and all processes for the new start had been delayed due to the Covid-19 situation.

Furthermore, I am sorry to have invited you to mu Ordination service with such a short period of notice, considering the uncertain times right now. Hopefully, your circumstances will allow you to come and share the joy of God's calling together. I hope that the live-streaming service will be available for the day. If I have further information regarding it, I will inform you as soon as possible.

Above all, please accept my sincerest appreciation. I thank everyone of Ocean Grove and Barwon Heads UCA. It was an honour for me to be selected as a candidate with your support. Your love and care for me will be a great strength and encouragement for my future ministry and life.

I will keep holing you all in my prayers.

Shalom

Yoo-Mi Park.