



Newsletter

Ocean Grove,
Uniting Church in Australia
Sunday March 7th 2021

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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)

UCAF MEETING
Monday 22nd March at 10.30 am
In the church foyer.
Our Guest Speaker
Ena Roach
Will share with us her
"Interest in and love of Poetry"
All welcome.

Members are reminded to please bring along any Fellowship
of the Least Coin donations

2021 Parish Lenten Walks and Coffee

The "Parish Lenten Walks and Coffee are back for another year—a time of contemplation, meditation, sharing and walking in the wonderful environment that surrounds us.

Leading up to Easter, the series of gentle walks during Lent will be on consecutive Wednesday mornings starting at 9.30am for about 20-30 minutes followed by coffee (or just join the group for coffee)

Wednesday 17th March: Meet at "The Garage" Restaurant on the corner of LeLean Street and Wallington Road, and walk along the river, returning to "The Garage" for coffee.

Wednesday 23rd March: Meet at "The Dunes" café at Ocean Grove Beach, and walk along the beach or on a track, returning to "The Dunes" for coffee.

Contacts: Geoff Naylor 0409 740 539
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RECYCLED TREASURE SALE SATURDAY MARCH 20TH 8.00AM—12NOON

Setting up from 12noon on Friday March 19th
and thanks to Fred Andrews
who has said he will be the BBQ chef on the day.

Helpers needed at 12noon on the Saturday for packing up.

SAMMY STAMP

Remember to save all your unwanted used stamps and place them in the marked box on the shelf under the clock in the church foyer. However there are a few instructions which will assist the Sammy Stamp volunteers in Melbourne with their sorting.

- ❖ Check that stamps are **not heavily franked**.
- ❖ If trimming stamps from envelopes they need to have a 3mm border around the **whole stamp**.
- ❖ If unsure about trimming leave on the envelope!
- ❖ If appropriate leave stamps on postcards.

Up to the 4th of February Sammy Stamp sales had raised about \$5,850 this year!

WEEKLY LECTIONARY READINGS

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

March 21st Lent 5

Jeremiah 31: 31-34, Psalm 51: 1-12, or
Psalm 119: 9-16, Hebrews 10: 4-10, John 12:20-33

Bible Reader: Margery Scott

Prayers for the People: Judy Greer

March 28th Passion/Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31: 9-16 or 118:1-2, 19-29
Philemon 2: 5-11, Mark 14: 1-15:47 or Mark 15: 1-39, (40-47)
Or Mark 11:1-11 or John 12: 1-11

Bible Reader: Wilma Andrews

Prayers for the People The Reverend Bob Thomas

April 3rd Easter Sunday

Job 14: 1-4, or Lamentations 3: 1-9, 19-24
Psalm 31: 1-4, 15-16, 1 Peter 4: 1-8, Matthew 27: 57-66 or John 19: 38-42

Bible Reader: Jim Barry

Prayers for the People: David Runia

KEY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

**“For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,
but to save the world through him”**

John 3: 17

ZOOM LOGIN DETAILS

The link is

[https://zoom.us/j/2978521634?
pwd=K01NDZnTUxiYzYwRFIVL0tsQW5oZz09](https://zoom.us/j/2978521634?pwd=K01NDZnTUxiYzYwRFIVL0tsQW5oZz09)

Or if using your Zoom app, enter the following:

Meeting ID: 297 852 1634

Passcode 988040

As we enter into this season of Lent, we follow Jesus to Jerusalem, travelling with him in his suffering, and to his death.

This year we are mindful of the suffering experienced by so many in our world right now.

In this time of preparation and discipline, may we journey toward the transforming hope and joy of his resurrection, mindful of Jesus' steadfast and enduring love in the midst of danger, fear and grief.

As followers of Jesus, God reminds us again of God's deep and healing love for us and for all people.

Compassionate Christ,

You speak to our deepest longings for love, hope and meaning.

You call us into communion with you.

Draw close to us, as we take time in this season, to pray, to reflect, and to open our lives to the transforming presence of your Holy Spirit.

As we journey with you to Jerusalem and remember your suffering, we pray you will open our hearts to the suffering of the world.

Open our eyes and ears to see the needs of our neighbours and hear the voices of those who are grieving and wounded.

Strengthen our resolve to journey with you into justice, and into solidarity with all those who long for liberation.

As we journey with you to Easter, may you renew us in following your Way and empower us to be bearers of God's good news of love,

Compassion and hope to the world.

Amen.

*Written by the
Uniting Church in Australia President
Doctor Deidre Palmer.*