



# Newsletter

Ocean Grove,  
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Sunday April 11th 2021

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## THE DOVE

At the commencement of our service on Sunday March the 28th, Dianne gave a lovely report on the previous weeks celebrations of *the dove*'s 10th birthday and on how much had been achieved in that time.

Following on from Dianne's comments, a brief mention needs to be made of the 2 years prior to our opening 10 years ago.

The proposal to build an Outreach Centre—Op Shop was first mooted in 2008 and amid some opposition from within, our Church Council gave their unanimous support and blessing.

A Committee was formed and the planning and hard work began. Weekly and monthly meetings took place under the direction and leadership of The Reverend James Douglas.

In seeking a catchy name for our Outreach Centre, we invited our church family to put forward possible names. 21 names were received.

The Committee reduced this number down to 5 and after church one Sunday a final vote took place and *the dove* was a clear winner.

This is a little background for our new family members of how *the dove* evolved.

The original committee comprised of The Reverend James Douglas, Carol Naylor, Lyn Mulligan, Diane Prowse, Dianne Sapwell, Jean Konings, David Reid and Neil Derrick.

### 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!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday May 23rd  
Combined Pentecost Service 3.00pm  
Geelong College

Would you like to be part of the combined choir or band?

Then register through these links

Choir: <https://www.trybooking.com/BPVSP>

Band: phone Bruce on 0491 663 514

Rehearsals for the choir and band will last 6 weeks.

### Mental Health

Does religion/spirituality support or hinder?

Zoom Forum Event with John Swinton

Friday June 4, 7-9.00pm

Register before May 28th at <https://>

[www.eventbrite.com.au/e/mental-health-tickets-144297231905](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/mental-health-tickets-144297231905)

### CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY APRIL 12TH

4.30PM

IN THE CHURCH FOYER

WEEKLY LECTIONARY READINGS

April 11th Easter 2

Acts 4: 32-35, Psalm 133,  
1 John 1: 1-2: 2, John 20: 19-31

**Bible Reader: Rod Greer**

**Prayers for the People The Reverend Bob Thomas**

April 18th Easter 3

Acts 3: 12-19, Psalm 4  
1 John 3: 1-2, Luke 24: 36b-48

**Bible Reader: David Roach**

**Prayers for the People: Pat Reid**

April 25th Easter 4

Acts 4: 5-12, Psalm 23,  
1 John 3: 16-24, John 10:11-18

**Bible Reader: Carol Naylor**

**Prayers for the People: The Reverend Bob Thomas**

May 2nd Easter 5

Acts 8: 26-40, Psalm 22: 25-31,  
1 John 4: 7-21, John 15: 1-8

**Bible Reader: Marjorie Barry**

**Prayers for the People: Jim Barry**

**Communion Steward and Server: Marjorie Barry**

**KEY VERSE FOR THE WEEK**

**“Thomas said to him “My Lord and my God”**

**John 20: 28**

**FREE CUMQUATS**

available for marmalade or cumquat cake.

Phone Robyn Grossman on 0439 571 943

## \$250 Power Savings Bonus Program

Are you the named Energy Consumer  
on your energy bill?

Do you receive one of the following payments?

Jobseeker

Youth Allowance

Pension

Including age, disability support, carer payment  
and single parent payment.

If the answer is yes, then you may apply for the  
\$250 Power Savings Bonus.

Applications can be submitted through the Victorian  
Government Compare website.

(Please be aware of other energy compare websites)

<https://compare.energy.vic.gov.au>

You can access this website from computer, tablet  
or smartphone. If you don't have access to any of  
these—ask a family member or friend who does to  
help you.

## AUSTRALIAN CARE COLLABORATION.

Join UnitingCare—Australia and add your voice to the campaign  
calling for the transformation of our Aged Care System.

Go online and sign the petition at  
[www.careaboutagedcare.org.au](http://www.careaboutagedcare.org.au)