



# Newsletter

Ocean Grove,  
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Sunday May 2nd 2021

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## GARDEN DELIGHTS

"A celebration of the design and evolution of  
Cloudhill Garden,  
With a touch of Chelsea Flower Show from Willie Wildlife  
Sculptures and Botanica Tours"

Paintings by Jo Reitze  
Opening May 1st 2-4.00pm  
Exhibition April 30th—May 30th 2021  
Friday—Sunday 10.00am—4.00pm  
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## RETIRING OFFERING FOR APRIL and MAY UNITING "COFFEE CUP CHALLENGE"

If you have been putting aside the cost of a cup of coffee  
you can now bring along your donation up until the end  
of April and place it in the Retiring Offering Bowl.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday May 23rd  
Combined Pentecost Service 3.00pm  
**Now being held at the  
Western Heights Uniting Church**  
Great music, Inspirational input, Afternoon Tea  
and Fellowship.

## 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!

“Hi folks,

I have noted that one of the most viewed pages on the church website is “Photos”. It is probably not surprising, but this is also a page that gets the least attention from me. In fact, the last picture added to the collection of photos was taken on June 10th 2019, and the next to last was taken in December 2018.

Given that the visitors to the website seem to like to see photos, I encourage you to take pictures of church-related events of which you are a part and email me to me. (Email address on the front of this newsletter.)

I will do my best to get them on the website quickly.

The website has been averaging about 500 “hits” per day lately, so as Congregational websites go, we are getting a lot of attention.

Shalom

Bob.”

## WEEKLY LECTIONARY READINGS

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**

May 9th Easter 6

Acts 10: 44-48, Psalm 98  
1 John 5: 1-6, John 15: 9-17

**Bible Reader: Pat Reid**

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

May 16th Easter 7

Acts 1: 15– 17, 21-26 Psalm 1  
1 John 5: 9-13, John 17: 6-19

**Bible Reader: Dianne Sapwell**

**Prayers for the People: David Runia**

May 23rd Pentecost

Acts 2: 1-21, Ezekiel 37: 1-4, Psalm 104: 24-34, 35B,  
Romans 8:22-27, John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15

**Bible Reader: Margaret Hughes**

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

## KEY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

**“Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

**Psalm 23: 6**

## CHECK—IN NOW

Available for those people who would like to record their attendance at Church via their mobile phone. How to on the poster or there are some flyers you can take home and study.

Please note a manual record of attendees will still be taken.

- ❖ Recycled Treasure Sales will now be held Bi-monthly. This decision was made due to the fact that there seems to be less and less people able to help. Next sale will be on Saturday May the 15th and setting up will be on the Friday May the 14th from 12noon. There is also a need for someone to cook the sausages and onions. For the rest of the year the months for the sale will be July, September, and November, so please look at your calendars and make an effort to help whenever possible. Remember many hands make light work!

**NEXT RECYCLED TREASURE SALE  
SATURDAY MAY 15TH  
8.00AM—12NOON**

**Setting up on Friday May the 14th at 1.00pm**

**Need helpers desperately!**

**On Saturday need**

- **One cook for the BBQ**
  - **At least one person and if possible 2 to take the money.**
  - **Minimum of 4 people to help pack up unsold items.**
- ❖ People are asking if we are ever going to have a cuppa after church again. Well the answer is yes, but there are a couple of matters that need to be addressed, before we can all once again meet in the hall and enjoy some fellowship. We have been advised from Synod that it is recommended that disposable cups are used, there is one person to pour the tea, one to pour hot water, and biscuits must be served with tongs. We have not quite worked out what happens with the milk! With all this in mind are you prepared to be on a morning tea Roster? If so would you kindly put your name on the sheet on the table in the church foyer. Church Council will make a decision at the next meeting on whether morning tea resumes weekly or we are considering only having it once a month. That decision will depend on the number of volunteers.

**At this stage it is not looking good for resuming the practice of Morning Tea after worship.**

**If you are prepared to help then kindly write your name on the list on the table in the foyer.**