



# Newsletter

Ocean Grove,  
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Sunday August 29th 2021

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## RETIRING OFFERING FOR THE MONTHS OF AUGUST, SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

will be for the  
**SHARE WINTER APPEAL.**  
“Together we can transform lives”  
Last year your compassion supported 35,000 food parcels  
and vouchers for people in crisis.

Please give as you are able.  
All donations are gratefully received.

## **DIRECT OFFERING NO LONGER AVAILABLE.**

Anyone who has been making their offering through the direct offering system overseen by Synod will have received a letter from them stating that this service is no longer available.

You will now need to make your own arrangements to make a direct payment to the church on a weekly or monthly basis.

You can do this via internet banking or personally setting up arrangements with your bank.

**The Church banking details are:**

**Bank—Commonwealth**

**BSB— 063 834**

**Account number—1005 1143**

**Please notarise your deposit DIRECT OFFERING**

RECYCLED TREASURE SALE  
SATURDAY AUGUST 21ST  
8.00am—12noon.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH THIS FUND-  
RAISER.

THE AMOUNT RAISED WAS \$563.55

ZOOM LOGIN DETAILS

The link is

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

Or if using your Zoom app, enter the following:  
Meeting ID: 297 852 1634  
Passcode 988040

Prayer from The Reverend Sharon Hollis  
UCA President

God of mercy and compassion

We pray for the world as across the globe we face the challenges  
of Covid.

We give thanks for those who care for the sick, for those who work  
on limiting the spread of the disease and those who develop and  
administer vaccines.

We remember before you all those affected by Covid.

Comfort those who mourn the death of a loved one.

Heal those who have Covid-19 or suffer the long-term effects of  
having had Covid.

Sustain those who work in health care, testing and vaccination.

Encourage those who are supporting education remotely.

Console those who must stay at home,

And bless and protect those whose work is essential for our  
wellbeing.

We long for a world where access to health care and vaccines are  
shared equitably.

Strengthen the efforts of those who work to end Covid for all.

And fill us with a desire to work for justice and care for all.

Amen.

## WEEKLY LECTIONARY READINGS AND ROSTERS

August 29th Pentecost 14

Song of Solomon 2: 8-13, Psalm 45: 1-2, 6-9

Jas. 1: 17-27, Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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September 5th Pentecost 15

Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23, Psalm 125

Jas. 2: 1-10, (11-13), 14-17, Mark 7: 24-37

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September 12th Pentecost 16

Proverbs 1: 20-33, Psalm 19

Jas. 3: 1-12, Mark 8: 27-38

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September 19th Pentecost 17

Proverbs 31: 10:31, Psalm 1

Jas. 3: 13-4:3, 7-8a, Mark 9: 30-37

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September 26th Pentecost 18

Ester 7: 1-6, 9-10, 20-22, Psalm 124

Jas. 5: 13-20, Mark 9: 38-50

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### KEY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

**“See the winter is past; the rains are over and gone.”**

**Song of Solomon 2: 11**

In February 2021, the VicTas Synod met online and recommitted to the covenant with the First and Second People.

This guide can be found on the Synod website;

Covenanting-Guide-2021.pdf([uca.org.au](http://uca.org.au))

This document has been endorsed by Rev. William Pickett with these words:

“I greatly appreciated the journey of being a part of a group that conversed about Covenanting which is an important and necessary part of First People and Second People journeying together in the Uniting Church”

The 4 priorities of this document are:

Listen deeply, Develop relationships; take responsibility for justice and truth telling; and keep the covenant at the heart of the churches' everyday life.

## **ROSTER FOR AUGUST & SEPTEMBER**

### **August 29th**

Bible Reader: Rod Greer  
Prayers for the People: Judy Greer  
Morning Tea: Joan Calcutt & Megan Smith

### **September 5th**

Communion Steward: Dianne Sapwell  
Bible Reader: Ben McKinley  
Prayers for the People: Jim Barry  
Morning Tea: Pat & David Reid

### **September 12th**

Bible Reader: David Roach  
Prayers for the People: The Reverend Bob Thomas  
Morning Tea: Rod & Judy Greer

### **September 19th**

Bible Reader: Margery Scott  
Prayers for the People: Judy Greer  
Morning Tea: Pat & David Reid

### **September 26th**

Bible Reader: Wilma Andrews  
Prayers for the People: The Reverend Bob Thomas  
Morning Tea: Dianne Sapwell & Wilma Andrews

If you are on morning tea please remember to bring milk, and if you are not able to do your rostered shift endeavour to swap with someone before contacting Dianne. Thank you.

Dear Dianne,

Thank you for the emails regarding worship for Sunday. Please pass on my thanks to Rev. Bob for looking after the Zoom service. If possible, please pass on my best wishes and blessings to the Congregation via any announcements in the Zoom service.

Unfortunately my very old and limited computer doesn't cope with Zoom. I do have a new computer on my shopping list whenever I am able to get out for non-essential shopping!

Hopefully the future will be kinder and I will get to Barwon Heads and Ocean Grove some time! Thanks again Dianne.

Take care and stay well.

Regards and blessings

Jean Murray.