



# Newsletter

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**RETIRING OFFERING  
FOR THE MONTHS OF 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.

**SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST  
IN REGARDS TO THE  
AFGHANI REFUGEES IN GEELONG and  
CATHY BOND (RAR)**

We have all heard of the situation in Afghanistan and we  
have been asked to prayer not only for that situation but  
also for the Afghanis living in Geelong who have relatives in  
Kabul.

Cathy Bond has been endeavouring to do as much as  
possible for these refugees at The Welcome Centre, but  
their concerns and worries are taking a toll on Cathy herself.

Please keep Cathy, the Afghanistan crisis and the Geelong  
refugees in your prayers.

## UCAF

Members please note our **next meeting** will be on  
**Monday 27th September,**  
**10.30am in the church foyer**—we hope!

We ask you to search your photo albums for a school photo of yourself. It can be a class photo but you need to be in it!

Morning tea will be provided and masks are still required.

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

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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October 3rd Pentecost 19

Job 1: 1,2:10, Psalm 26

Hebrews 1: 1-4,, 2: 5-12, Mark 10: 2-16

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October 10th Pentecost 20

Job 23: 1-9, 16-17, Psalm 22: 1-15

Hebrews 4: 12-16, Mark 10: 17-31

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### KEY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

**“For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it.**

**Mark 8: 35**

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)

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 SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER**

### **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

### **October 3rd**

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

### **October 10th**

Bible Reader: Marjorie Barry  
Prayers for the People: The Reverend Bob Thomas  
Morning Tea: Joan Calcutt & Megan Smith

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.

Have you ever thought of visiting Narana?  
When we are able why not make the effort to visit the Centre.

“Narana: means a deep listening and understanding.  
The UCA Narana vision is to promote reconciliation between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people by developing a better understanding of culture through community connections.  
On the roof of Narana Café is a powerful series of historical story-telling in artwork.  
Narana is a place where everyone is welcome to join in, heal and walk