



# Newsletter

Ocean Grove,  
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Sunday September 26th 2021

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## **Direct Offering payments previously made to Synod no longer available.**

Thank you to all those people who have changed their direct offering to instead of being paid to Synod and then quarterly transferred to our bank account, being paid directly into the Ocean Grove Uniting Church's bank account.

If anyone else would like to make their offering to the work of the church via internet banking or personally setting up arrangements with your bank, you can do so using the details printed below.

**The Church banking details are:**

**Bank—Commonwealth**

**BSB— 063 834**

**Account number—1005 1143**

**Please notarise your deposit DIRECT OFFERING**

**This is a very convenient way to ensure that your offering is received as often as you would like it to.**

## ZOOM LOGIN DETAILS

The link is

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Passcode 988040

The two men had never met before.....

One man was young, the other twice his age.

The older man had seen many ups and downs in his life, and at the beginning of a cold winter in Geelong, found himself without a home.

The young man, from a country on the other side of the world, had come to live in Geelong after enduring 8 years in an immigration detention centre.

He was also without friends or a home.

As fate would have it, some emergency accommodation became available, and the two men found themselves sharing a small unit in Geelong. It was sparsely furnished, and the old TV in the living area was broken.

I met the two flat-mates when I went to deliver food and blankets to the young man who had come to us to seek safety and refuge.

I had been told of his arrival in Geelong and his need of community support.

Happily, the two men, from such different backgrounds, had quickly become friends.

The older man was teaching his new friend English.

They had tried to fix the TV together, but it was beyond repair.

Enter the Ocean Grove Uniting Church community!

Word got around that a TV was needed. Phones rang, people conferred, offers were made, and within days a splendid, large and beautiful TV was loaded into my car and delivered to its new home.

Cables were plugged in, magical images appeared on the screen.

Coffee was poured, biscuits were shared, and so I left Rocky and his friend from another place and culture...sitting and enjoying watching an early episode of "Doc Martin" together!

Thank you Pauline, Lyn and our Ocean Grove Uniting Church network, for helping to create this magic memory!

Cathie Bond—QRAR and "The Welcome Place"

## WEEKLY LECTIONARY READINGS AND ROSTERS

September 26th Pentecost 18  
Ester 7: 1-6, 9-10, 9: 20-22, Psalm 124  
Jas. 5: 13-20, Mark 9: 38-50  
**Please see back page for roster.**

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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October 17th Pentecost 21  
Job 38: 1-7, (34-41), Psalm 104: 1-9, 24, 35c  
Hebrews 5: 1-10, Mark 10: 35-45  
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### KEY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

**“Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other  
so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is  
powerful and effective.  
James 5: 16**

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## **ROSTER FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER**

### **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

### **October 17th**

Bible Reader: Ralph Scott  
Prayers for the People: Pat Reid  
Morning Tea: Pat & David Reid

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.

## **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.