



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.

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

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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October 3rd Pentecost 19
Job 1: 1,2:10, Psalm 26
Hebrews 1: 1-4,, 2: 5-12, Mark 10: 2-16

KEY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

“A good name is more desirable than great riches: to be esteemed is better than silver or gold.

Proverbs 22:1

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 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

October 3rd

Communion Steward: Dianne Sapwell
Bible Reader: Jim Barry
Prayers for the People: Dianne Sapwell
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

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