



# Newsletter

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Sunday November 14th 2021

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## **SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 28TH AT 4.00PM**

TOPIC: Update from the JNC and discussion of the way forward.

The Ocean Grove Joint Nominating Committee (JNC) representatives, Carol Naylor and David Runia, warmly invite you to attend this meeting to hear an update on progress to date on calling a new Minister, and to explore some new options.

The Reverend Will Nicholas, Presbytery Minister on the JNC, will present this update.  
He will share with us an exciting and different model for the way forward, taking a broader approach with more collaboration across our geographical area.

The Ocean Grove Church Council is supportive of this new direction and we now look forward to sharing these ideas with the Congregation.

Please write the date and time on your calendars after reading this notice as it is important that as many members of the Congregation attend as possible.

## **MANDATORY RECORDING OF WORKER VACCINATION STATUS.**

Under current Victorian Covid-19 Health directions, on and from Friday October the 15th, the church must collect, record and hold vaccination information for all gardeners, members of the Property Committee, musicians and this includes organists, people who do the Bible Reading and Prayers for the People, servers of morning tea, and all volunteers for Loaves and Fishes Pantry and The Dove Op Shop.

The Church must not permit a person who is unvaccinated to work for us. To protect the privacy of all individuals the information gathered will be stored securely and only Dianne Sapwell and Pat Reid will access to such.

You must supply to either Pat or Dianne a full vaccination certificate that is recorded on your mobile phone or a printed copy. This certificate must contain your vaccination certificate number, name of vaccine and vaccination dates. If you are unvaccinated and exempted you must supply your Medical Certificate stating such.

**It is important that this information is obtained as soon as possible.** You may email your certificate to the Church email address or have your details cited by either Pat or Dianne on a Sunday morning before Church.

## **UCAF MEETING**

Our next meeting will be on Monday November the 22nd  
10.30am in the church foyer.

This will be our last meeting for the year and our activity will reflect on Christmas.

Members please note that morning tea will be provided.

All welcome.

## WEEKLY LECTIONARY READINGS AND ROSTERS

November 14th Pentecost 25

1 Samuel 1: 4-20, 1 Samuel 2: 1-10,  
Hebrews 10: 11-14, (15-18), 19-25, Mark 13: 1-8

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November 21st Christ the King

2 Samuel 23: 1-7, Psalm 132: 1-12, (13-18)  
Revelations 1: 4b-8, John 18: 33-37

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November 28th Advent 1

Jeremiah 44: 14-16, Psalm 25: 1-10  
1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13, Luke 21: 25-36

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December 5th Advent 2

Malachi 3: 1-4, Luke 1: 68-79,  
Philemon 1: 3-11, Luke 3: 1-6

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### KEY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

**“Jesus said to them: “Watch out that no-one deceives you.”  
Mark 13: 5**

## OFFERING ENVELOPES.

For 2022 there will be envelopes offered to those who would like them, but the format will be different.

As the cost of printing each set of envelopes is over \$14 per set, for 2022 Church Council has decided that we will issue each person with one envelope for each month only.

We are able to do this with extra envelopes ordered for 2021.

Each set of 12 envelopes will be marked with a number and the month, so that your offering can be recorded as usual.

Please let Dianne know asap if you are interested in continuing or would like to begin this system.

Thank you

## **ROSTER FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER**

### **November 14th**

Bible Reader: Dianne Sapwell  
Prayers for the People: The Reverend Bob Thomas  
Morning Tea: Pat & David Reid

### **November 21st**

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

### **November 28th**

Bible Reader: Megan Smith  
Prayers for the People: The Reverend Bob Thomas  
Morning Tea: Pat & David Reid

### **December 5th**

Communion Steward: Dianne Sapwell  
Bible Reader: Diane Prowse  
Prayers for the People: David Runia  
Morning Tea: Rod & Judy Greer.

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.

On the 5th Sunday in October Bob lead us in worship. We would have been having Jean Murray with us and Bob should have had the day off. Jean is not very well as you can see by the message below.

Dear Dianne,

Thank you for your message. I am sorry my preaching days at Barwon Heads and Ocean Grove now appear to be over. I have really appreciated my time in those Congregations and the warm welcome and fellowship offered to me by the members.

Special love and blessings to everyone

Peace be with you

Jean Murray.

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