



Newsletter

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Sunday December 26th 2021

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THANKSGIVING SERVICE FOR THE LIFE OF MERIEL DERRICK

OCEAN GROVE UNITING CHURCH
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER THE 29TH
10.30AM

Bob has kindly agreed for
The Reverend Ivan Roberts (Retired)
to conduct the service.
Ivan is Meriel's brother
Light refreshments will be served in the hall
following the service.

SAMMY STAMP

Remember to save all your unwanted used stamps and place them in the marked box on the shelf under the clock in the church foyer. However there are a few instructions which will assist the Sammy Stamp volunteers in Melbourne with their sorting.

- ❖ Check that stamps are **not heavily franked**.
- ❖ If trimming stamps from envelopes they need to have a 3mm border around the **whole stamp**.
- ❖ If unsure about trimming leave on the envelope!
- ❖ If appropriate leave stamps on postcards.

The Christmas Bowl

Is an ecumenical appeal bringing together the 18 member churches of the National Council of Churches in Australia.

2021 Ecumenical message of support

In the Christmas story we see God choosing to become our neighbour by taking on human flesh. This is an act of love from God that draws us into the story of God's love for all creation and invites us to be witnesses to God's love through our loving action in the world.

The Christmas Bowl provides us with a practical way to show love for our neighbours most in need. Your gift to the Christmas Bowl will remind our neighbours around the world that they are not forgotten, that they are loved and that we are all part of God's love.

As we celebrate this special season, may our love for our neighbours grow.

The Reverend Sharon Hollis
President, Uniting Church in Australia.

There is a bowl on the table in the foyer for your offering to this special appeal.

Thank you for your generosity.

RESIGNATION

At the last meeting of the Church Council the resignation of Ben McKinley was received.

It was with regret that Ben's resignation (effective immediately) as Chairperson was accepted.

The Church Council would like to congratulate Ben and Jess on the news that they are expecting their second child in April.

WEEKLY LECTIONARY READINGS AND ROSTERS

December 26th Christmas 1

1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26, Psalm 148

Colossians 3: 12-17, Luke 2: 41-52

Please see back page for roster.

January 2nd Christmas 2

Jeremiah 31: 7-14, Psalm 147: 12-20,

Ephesians 1: 3-14, John 1: (1-9), 10-16

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January 9th Baptism of Jesus

Isaiah 43: 1-7, Psalm 29

Acts 8: 14-17, Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

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January 16th Epiphany 2

Isaiah 62: 1-5, Psalm 36: 5-10,

1 Corinthians 12: 1-11, John 2: 1-11

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January 23rd Epiphany 3

Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-56, 8-10, Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a, Luke 4: 14-21

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January 30th Epiphany 4

Jeremiah 1: 4-10, Psalm 21:1-6,

1 Corinthians 13: 1-13, Luke 4: 21-30

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KEY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

“And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and men.

Luke 2: 52

ROSTER FOR TODAY AND JANUARY 2022

December 26th

Bible Reader: Neil Derrick
Prayers for the People: The Reverend Bob Thomas
Morning Tea: Pat & David Reid
Bell Ringer: Diane Jones

January 2nd

Communion Steward: Pat Reid
Bible Reader: David Roach
Prayers for the People: Jim Barry
Bell Ringer: Geoff Naylor
Morning Tea: Dianne Sapwell & Wilma Andrews

January 9th

Bible Reader: Carol Naylor
Prayers for the People: The Reverend Bob Thomas
Bell Ringer: Neil Derrick
Morning Tea: Pat & David Reid

January 16th

Bible Reader: Jim Barry
Prayers for the People: Dianne Sapwell
Bell Ringer: Diane Jones
Morning Tea: Megan Smith

January 23rd

Bible Reader: Megan Smith
Prayers for the People: The Reverend Bob Thomas
Bell Ringer: Geoff Naylor
Morning Tea: Pat & David Reid.

January 30th

Bible Reader: Diane Prowse
Prayers for the People: The Reverend Bob Thomas
Bell Ringer: Peter Dickson
Morning Tea: Robin Munro

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.