



Newsletter

Ocean Grove,
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Sunday March 13th 2022

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Follow up Ocean Grove Congregational Meeting and Election of Interim Church Council: Date to be confirmed

- This meeting will be held in the hall straight after morning worship; chaired by David Runia.
- We will be updating and seeking feedback regarding the necessary changes for the congregation in order to meet the requirements outlined in the letter (read out by David Runia during the Church service on February 20. 2022), particularly regarding the calling a minister and considering alternatives for the manse
- Nominations will be received for the Interim Church Council whereby we are asking people to join for a period of six months.
- Positions will be considered to be both Church Elders and Church Councillors.
- Diane Jones, Carol Naylor and Pat Reid will be responsible for giving out nomination forms as David Runia will be unavailable for a couple of weeks prior to the meeting.

Nominations must be received by Wednesday March 30.2022.
We require two people seconding nominations and then an election will be held by consensus on April 3.

A heartfelt appeal from Act for Peace

"I'm sure you've seen the devastating reports all over the news . Since February 24th the world has been in shock at the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

I can't stop thinking of the children filled with horror at the sound of missiles, the mothers trying desperately to reassure their children , and the fathers whose worst fears are coming to life.

Your gifts to the Act for Peace Partners on the Ground Program will provide both the practical and emotional support for those impacted by this crisis so desperately need.

In hope

Pia

Head of Partnerships and Programs
Act for Peace.

If you would like to donate to this appeal you may do so through the Act for Peace website info@actforpeace.org.au or via the Retiring Offering Bowl on the table in the Church foyer.

UCAF PROJECTS FOR 2022

Sammy Stamp: please leave used stamps in the box in the foyer. Remember to leave a 3mm border around the trimmed stamps. If trimming is difficult please leave stamps on the envelopes. Old albums, postcards and first day covers with stamps attached are also welcome.

Fellowship of the Least Coin: please save your small change—5 and 10 cent pieces when added together can make a difference to someone's life and can help them experience God's love. This Fellowship which is an ecumenical prayer movement for peace and reconciliation was begun in India in 1956 by Shanti Solomon. With the funds raised grants are made by an international Committee for special projects of evangelism, service, awareness building among women and relief. Collected coins can be handed to Robin Munro or Judy Greer anytime throughout the year.

John Wesley famously said:
"Prayer is where the action is".

For some, having someone offer an open heart to their suffering, a shoulder for their burden and their Selves in prayer feels nothing short of a miracle. God's love in action

**WEEKLY LECTIONARY READINGS
MARCH and APRIL 2022**

March 13th Lent 2

Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18, Psalm 27

Philemon 3: 17-4:1, Luke 13: 31-35

Please see back page for roster.

March 20th Lent 3

Isaiah 55: 1-0, Psalm 63: 1-8,

1 Corinthians 10: 1-13, Luke 13: 1-9

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March 27th Lent 4

Joshua 5: 9-12, Psalm 32

2 Corinthians 5: 16-21, Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32

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April 3rd Lent 5

Isaiah 43: 16-21, Psalm 126

Philemon 3: 4b-14, John 12: 1-8

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April 10th Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50: 4-9a, Psalm 118: 1-2,

Philemon 2: 5-11, Luke 19: 28-40

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April 17th Easter Day

Acts 10: 34-41 or Isaiah 65: 17-25, Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15: 19-26, John 20: 1-18 or Luke 24: 1-12

KEY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

“Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.”

Luke 13: 35

Another magazine full of interesting reading.

On the table in the foyer there are a number of magazines, Pamphlets etc. that you are most welcome to take and read.

Latest edition

“Just Act magazine”

News & resources from the Justice and International Mission Cluster

ROSTER FOR MARCH and APRIL 2022

March 13th

Bible Reader: Margery Scott
Prayers for the People The Reverend Bob Thomas
Bell Ringer: Geoff Naylor
Morning Tea: Megan Smith and Joan Calcutt

March 20th

Bible Reader: Peter Dickson
Prayers for the People: Dianne Sapwell
Bell Ringer: Diane Jones
Morning Tea: Pat & David Reid

March 27th

Bible Reader: Lorna Dickson
Prayers for the people: The Reverend Bob Thomas
Bell Ringer: Peter Dickson
Morning Tea: Rod & Judy Greer

April 3rd

Communion Steward: Pat Reid
Bible Reader: David Roach
Prayers for the People: Jim Barry
Bell Ringer: Neil Derrick
Morning Tea: Pat & David Reid.

April 10th

Bible Reader: Carol Naylor
Prayers for the People: The Reverend Bob Thomas
Bell Ringer: Geoff Naylor
Morning Tea: Dianne Sapwell & Wilma Andrews

April 17th

Bible Reader: Jim Barry
Prayers for the People: Judy Greer
Bell Ringer: Diane Jones
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 Sapwell.
Dianne. Thank you.