



Newsletter

Ocean Grove,
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Sunday March 20th 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 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.

Vale Joan Billington by Carol Naylor

Joan's family asked me to inform a number of Congregation members, past and present, of the sad news of Joan's passing. Amongst the replies to emails and text messages were the following comments which attest to the great contribution she made to our church:

"A faithful Christian", "a supportive Congregation member "we will miss her confidence and strength", it was a privilege to have known Joan", "her loss is mourned", "what an amazing lady she was...the fact that she was active and on her own for so many years, is a testament to fortitude".

I will miss Joan greatly and I know many mourn her. Her strong spirit will I am sure, live on in our church community.

A Memorial Service to celebrate the Life of Joan Billington will be held at 11.30am at the Ocean Grove Uniting Church on Friday March the 25th. The service will also be available to watch live from a link on the King's

UCAF NEWS

The next meeting of the UCAF will be on **Monday the 28th of March at 10.30am in the church foyer**. We are going to have a fun morning sharing "**Wedding Memories**". Bring along some memorabilia from your own or someone else's wedding or share any funny or interesting experiences relating to a wedding. Morning tea will be provided. All are welcome—men too!

SAMMY STAMP SALES UPDATE—Despite the pandemic and due to ongoing support Sammy Stamp experienced a good annual sales result for 2021. Sales had reached \$43,587 by the 14th of December and by the 16th of December a total of \$58,000 had been approved in grants for the year.

Total sales since 1977 have now reached about \$1,058, 243.

Please save your used stamps, stamped postcards, stamp albums, First Day covers and any other philatelic material and leave in the labelled box in the foyer or give to any UCAF member.

Memorial Service

To celebrate the life of Ena Roach will be held at 2.00pm at the Ocean Grove Surf Lifesaving Club on Monday the 21st of March. If attending you are requested, by Ena, to wear bright clothing.

More details are available on the William Sheahan Funerals website.

**WEEKLY LECTIONARY READINGS
MARCH and APRIL 2022**

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

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April 24th Easter 2

Acts 5: 27-32, Psalm 118: 14-29 or Psalm 150
Revelations 1: 4-8, John 20: 19-31

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KEY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

**"If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down"
Luke 13: 9**

BIKES FOR HUMANITY

If you have any secondhand bikes that you would like to get rid of "Bikes for Humanity" would be grateful to receive them. They are trying to fill a container to send to Namibia and need 500 bikes to make the container fill. Further info needed ring Lyn Mulligan on 5255 2638

ROSTER FOR MARCH and APRIL 2022

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.

April 24th

Bible Reader: Megan Smith
Prayers for the People: The Reverend Bob Thomas
Bell Ringer: Peter Dickson
Morning Tea; Megan Smith and Joan Calcutt

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.