

Newsletter

Ocean Grove, Uniting Church in Australia Sunday March 6th 2022

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FUNDRAISING EFFORT IN FEBRUARY

Recycled Treasure Sale

Thank you to everyone who helped with the setting up, selling and packing up of all those "treasures"

The result was \$460.20

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.

A heartfelt appeal from Act for Peace

"I'm sure you've seen the devastating reports all over the news . Since last Thursday, 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.

Please also pray for

- 1. A peaceful resolution to this crisis that prevents further human suffering.
- Safety for the children, women and men who have been forced to flee their homes and country, and for those still in danger in Ukraine.
- The Russian citizens who have bravely declared their opposition to these attacks, and for all those who will bear the cost of a senseless war.

At times like this, I am reminded of the responsibility of each of us to search for things that unite us, rather than divide us. I am inspired by the great acts of kindness being made by communities and our partners in the region in solidarity with their neighbours uprooted by conflict and disaster. And I humbly ask that each of us redouble our commitment to work for peace in the world."

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

WEEKLY LECTIONARY READINGS MARCH and APRIL 2022

March 6th Lent 1
Deuteronomy 26: 1-11, Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16
Romans 10: 8b-13, Luke 4: 1-13
Please see back page for roster.

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 Corinthians10: 1-13, Luke 13: 1-9 Please see back page for roster

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 Please see back page for roster

April 10th Palm Sunday Isaiah 50: 4-9a, Psalm 118: 1-2, Philemon 2: 5-11, Luke 19: 28-40 Please see back page for roster.

KEY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

"Jesus full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert"

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 6th

Communion Steward: Dianne Sapwell Bible Reader: Ralph Scott Prayers for the People: Dianne Sapwell Bell Ringer: Neil Derrick Morning Tea: Pat & David Reid.

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

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.