



# Newsletter

Ocean Grove,  
Uniting Church in Australia

Sunday February 19th 2023

## CONTACT DETAILS FOR OUR SUPPLY MINISTER

Name: The Reverend Peter Gador-Whyte

Phone: 0417 425 188

Email: [petergw@netspace.net.au](mailto:petergw@netspace.net.au)

Office phone 5256 2477

Email: [oguc107@gmail.com](mailto:oguc107@gmail.com)

Postal Address: PO Box 393 Ocean Vic. 3226

Website: [www.oceangrove.unitingchurch.org.au](http://www.oceangrove.unitingchurch.org.au)

Office open Thursday morning 9.00am—12noon

## **NEXT CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

At our Annual General Meeting on Sunday March the 5th 2023 we will be electing a new Church Council. Because the present Church Council is an interim body, elected for one year, all will be vacant.

Church members are earnestly requested to consider putting their names forward at this critical time for the future of our church.

Please get in touch with Doug Gorwell (Chairperson of Church Council) or David Runia (Congregational Chairperson).

Nomination forms can be obtained from them or the Office Administrator Dianne Sapwell.

David Runia  
Congregational Chairperson.

*"the dove"* Annual General Meeting  
has been postponed until March.  
The new date is now Tuesday March 7th at  
2.30pm in the church hall  
Gonni Runia (Secretary)  
The dove Committee

All welcome to attend

UCAF NEXT MEETING  
MONDAY FEBRUARY THE 27TH  
10.30AM in the Church Foyer

Our program for the meeting will be our

**Annual Commitment Service**

Followed by Morning Tea (Provided) and a general meeting  
outlining the program for the year.

All are welcome to our Fellowship Group meetings  
throughout the year.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Prepared by the women of Taiwan

Friday March 3rd 10.00am

St Peter's Anglican Church

Draper Street Ocean Grove

Morning Tea will follow the service

All are welcome to attend. It is always a great time  
to meet up with members of the other churches of  
Ocean Grove.

RETIRING OFFERING

OUR JIM GROUP IS ASKING US TO SUPPORT THE  
ACT FOR PEACE  
TURKEY AND SYRIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL.

Two massive earthquakes have struck Turkey and northern Syria. The disaster has already claimed thousands of lives, caused widespread destruction of homes and has left survivors in freezing conditions in urgent need of humanitarian aid and support.

Many people in northern Syria were already displaced by the war and struggling to survive through economic collapse. Now the earthquake has killed loved ones and left them homeless in the middle of a brutal winter. They are in urgent need of blankets, shelter, food and medical care. More than 3,000 people are reported to be without shelter in the Syrian city of Aleppo alone.

We all can and must help. Please give what you are able to provide urgently needed food, medicine and supplies.

**LECTIONARY READINGS FOR  
FEBRUARY and MARCH 2023**

**February 19th Transfiguration of Jesus**

Exodus 24: 12-18, Psalm 2 or Psalm 99

2 Peter 1: 16-21, Matthew 17: 1-9

**February 26th Lent 1**

Genesis 2: 15—17, 3: 1-7, Psalm 32

Romans 5: 12-19, Matthew 4: 1-11

**March 5th Lent 2**

Genesis 12: 1-4a, Psalm 121

Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17, John 3: 1-17 or Matthew 17: 1-9

**March 12th Lent 3**

Exodus 17: 1-7, Psalm 95

Romans 5: 1-11, John 4: 5-42

**March 19th Lent 4**

1 Samuel 16: 1-13, Psalm 23

Ephesians 5: 8-14, John 9: 1-41

**Key Verse**

**“ But Jesus came and touched them, “Get up,”  
he said, “Don’t be afraid”**

**Matthew 17: 7**

RECYCLED TREASURE SALE

SATURDAY 18TH FEBRUARY

**A BIG THANK YOU**

To everyone who helped on both the Friday and Saturday to  
make this fundraiser a success.

The result will be published next week.

## **ROSTERS FOR FEBRUARY and MARCH 2023**

### **February 19th**

Bible Reader: Megan Smith  
Prayers for the People: Judy Greer  
Bell Ringer: Diane Jones  
Counting: Diane Prowse  
Morning Tea: Rod & Judy Greer

### **February 26th**

Bible Reader: Neil Derrick  
Prayers for the People: The Minister  
Bell Ringer: Peter Dickson  
Counting: Lesley Pope  
Morning Tea: Pat & David Reid

### **March 5th**

Communion Steward: Doug Gorwell  
Bible Reader: Peter Dickson  
Prayers for the People: Doug Gorwell  
Bell Ringer: Neil Derrick  
Counting: Robin Munro  
Morning Tea: Megan Smith & Joan Calcutt

### **March 12th**

Bible Reader: Carl Naylor  
Prayers for the People: The Minister  
Bell Ringer: Geoff Naylor  
Counting: Diane Prowse  
Morning Tea; Pat & David Reid

### **March 19th**

Bible Reader: Marjorie Scott  
Prayers for the People: David Runia  
Bell Ringer: Diane Jones  
Counting: Pat Reid  
Morning Tea: Rod & Judy Greer

**If you are unable to do your rostered task please endeavour to make your own swap before contacting Dianne Sapwell. If you do make a swap it would be appreciated if you let Dianne and the Minster know.**