



# Newsletter

Ocean Grove,  
Uniting Church in Australia  
Sunday July 23rd 2023

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## REDUCING YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT AT HOME INFORMATION SESSION TUESDAY AUGUST THE 8TH

Geelong Sustainability is holding a free information session to help the community switch from gas to all-electric powered by solar. They have hand picked the best products (solar and batteries, hot water systems, reverse cycle cooling/heating etc.) and local suppliers making it easy to go all electric with confidence.

See Geoff Naylor for more info.

## UCAF NEWS

Our next meeting will be held on

**Monday 24th of July at 10.30am in the church foyer**

This will be a **“Birthday Party meeting,**

**As we will be celebrating 75 years of ongoing**

**Fellowship/Guild Groups in our Congregation.**

Feel free to call in and join us in some party games and a special birthday morning tea! Members are asked to bring a small plate of party

food, any goods for the

trading table and children’s socks for our

Cottage by the Sea project.

MANSE OPEN FOR INSPECTION

SUNDAY AUGUST THE 6TH

2.00—4.00PM

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ALL WELCOME

**Until the end of July we will be having a Retiring Offering to support the Winter Share Appeal. Please give as you are able. There is a Retiring Offering on the table in the foyer.  
Thank you**

### **UCAF PROJECT: COTTAGE BY THE SEA**

At our recent meeting we decided to run a number of special collections to assist the work of Cottage by the Sea. For this month members of the UCAF are collecting **new pairs of children's socks** which will be used in packing bags of items for the children are given as they complete their week's stay at the Cottage. If you would like contribute some socks they can be left in the marked box in the church foyer until Sunday July the 30th. The children attending the Cottage are from early primary to later teens.  
**Please leave any socks in their packaging.**

### **EXCITING NEWS**

On Sunday the 13th of August there will be a special service at the OGUC.  
Guests: Samoan visitors from Essendon  
Sausage Sizzle lunch after the service.  
If attending a plate of sweet finger food to have with a cuppa would be appreciated.

### **JUST A GENTLE REMINDER**

The cleaner works on Saturday afternoon between the hours of 2.00 and 5.00pm.  
It would be appreciated if you do not use the church and hall between these hours, so that the cleaner do his work. If it is absolutely necessary for you to be in the church or the hall between 2.00 and 5.00pm please let Lesley Pope know well in advance so that the cleaner can be notified.

## **LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JULY and AUGUST 2023**

### **July 23rd Pentecost 8**

Genesis 28: 10-19a, Psalm 139: 1-12, 23-24  
Romans 8: 12-25, Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

### **July 30th Pentecost 9**

Genesis 29: 15-28, Psalm 105: 1-11, 45b or Psalm 128  
Romans 8: 26-39, Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

### **August 6th Pentecost 10**

Genesis 32: 22-31, Psalm 17: 1-7, 15  
Romans 9: 1-5, Matthew 14: 13-21

### **August 13th Pentecost 11**

Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28, Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b  
Romans 10: 50-55, Matthew 14: 22-33

### **August 20th Pentecost 12**

Genesis 45: 1-15, Psalm 133  
Romans 11: 1-2a, Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

### **August 27th Pentecost 13**

Exodus 1: 8-2:10, Psalm 124  
Romans 12: 1-8, Matthew 16: 13-20

### **Key Verse**

**“O Lord you have searched me and know me”  
Psalm 139: 1**

## **NEXT SUNDAY Sunday July the 30th**

Combined service with St. Peter's Anglican Congregation  
**4.30pm** at Ocean Grove Uniting Church.  
with The Reverend Peter Gador-Whyte.

**The early start is so that there can be a time of fellowship  
before the service at 5.00pm**

## **ROSTERS FOR JULY and AUGUST 2023**

### **July 23rd**

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

### **July 30th**

Bible Reader: Peter Dickson  
Prayers for the People: The Minister  
Bell Ringer: Diane Jones  
Counting: Lesley Pope  
Morning Tea: Rod & Judy Greer

### **August 6th**

Communion Steward: Joan Calcutt  
Bible Reader: Ben McKinley  
Prayers for the People: Judy Greer  
Bell Ringer: Peter Dickson  
Counting: Robin Munro  
Morning Tea: Pat & David Reid

### **August 13th**

Bible Reader: Margery Scott  
Prayers for the People: The Minister  
Bell Ringer: Geoff Naylor  
Counting: Pat Reid  
Morning Tea: Dianne Sapwell

### **August 20th**

Bible Reader: David Roach  
Prayers for the People: Doug Gorwell  
Bell Ringer: Diane Jones  
Counting: Diane Prowse  
Morning Tea: Pat & David Reid

**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.**