



Newsletter

Ocean Grove,
Uniting Church in Australia
Sunday July 28th 2024

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SOCIAL JUSTICE DATES

July 28th
National Tree Day

July 30th
World Day against Trafficking in Persons

August 4th
National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day

August 6th
1945: Destruction of Hiroshima by Atomic Bomb.

OUR PRAYER CHAIN HAS GONE DIGITAL

All prayer requests can be directed to Robin Munro at
wdarby5311@hotmail.com

Special Prayer requests for this week:

Please pray for Margery and Ralph Scott's their grandson Zac, and
his mother Rosie also for his mum Rosie, and
Pat and David Reid

Do you remember Rowan Story? That marvellous doctor who was helping people in South East Asia with facial surgery. Well he has now gone further abroad and here is an update of what he has been doing in the past few months.

I travelled to Warsaw in mid May and was able to spend a day and a night in Lviv. I would have had more time but for a Qantas breakdown in Singapore! I personally delivered some specialist neurosurgical supplies to Dr. Serhii Ivanov in the Military Hospital in Lviv. I can also confirm that the sea and land based delivery pathway works. He was very grateful and send his sincere thanks to all those in Australian who have not forgotten Ukraine. He is clearly a good surgeon and leader. He is a Cristian.

He described how the casualties come by special hospital trains from the eastern front, how often the trains arrive and how many casualties there are. He showed me images of some of the wounds he and his team are dealing with. They are, as you might imagine very confronting.

He took me to the Garrison Church of Saints Peter and Paul where the military funerals are held. All along the wall of one of the side galleries are boards with postcard size colour photographs of fallen Ukrainian service men and women. There are a lot of photographs.

The sense I go from talking to Serhii and others is of grim determination to resist the Russian aggressors. The Ukrainian people are fighting and dying to be able to manage their own affairs and vote in elections—one day. This is something that the somewhat jaded West seems to take for granted, or even mock.

It was humbling to see their determination.

Rowan closed this letter with thanks to *the dove* for their generous donation.

The Geelong Chorale choir presents

“Requiem by Sir Karl Jenkins”
in its original version with full orchestral accompaniment.

Sunday August the 18th 2.30pm
Wesley Uniting Church
100 Yarra Street Geelong

Admission \$40 /\$35

For bookings go to trybookings.com/CTSFK

Tickets will be available at the door
with cash or card payments accepted.

**LECTIONARY READINGS
JULY and AUGUST**

July 28th Pentecost 10

2 Samuel 11: 1-15, Psalm 14
Ephesians 3: 14-21, John 6: 1-21

August 4th Pentecost 11

2 Samuel 18: 5-9, 15, 41-43, Psalm 51: 1-12
Ephesians 4: 1-16, John 6: 24-35

August 11th Pentecost 12

2 Samuel 18: 5-9, 15, 31-33, Psalm 130
Ephesians 4: 25-5: 2, John 6: 35, 41-51

August 18th Pentecost 13

1 Kings 2: 10-12, 3: 3-14, Psalm 111
Ephesians 5: 15-20, John 6:51-58

August 25th Pentecost 14

1 Kings 8: 91,6, 10-11), 22-30, 41-43, Psalm 84
Ephesians 6: 10-20, John 6: 56-69

Key Verse

**“But he said to them, “It is I, don’t be afraid.”
John 6: 20**

Let’s do lunch

**Friday August 9th
12noon**

Ocean Grove Bowling Club.

**For bookings please write your name on the list on the
table in the foyer.**

**This is a great chance to participate in good food, good
fellowship, and the possibility of meeting new friends.**

Please have your name down by Tuesday August 7th

ROSTERS FOR JULY 2024

July 28th

Welcome and Notices: Peter Burnham

Bible Reader: Peter Burnham

Bell Ringer: Neil Derrick

Sound: ????

Prayers for the People: Peter Burnham

Offering and Counting Robin Munro and ????

Morning Tea; Dianne Sapwell

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 Ministers know.

The August Roster is now available on the table in the foyer for you to add your name to the various duties.

It would be appreciated if this could be done as soon as you have checked your calendars for availability.

Thank you to everyone who helped fill in the July Roster.

SAMMY STAMP

Remember to save all your unwanted used stamps and place them in the marked box on the shelf under the clock in the church foyer. However there are a few instructions which will assist the Sammy Stamp volunteers in Melbourne with their sorting.

- ❖ Check that stamps are **not heavily franked**.
- ❖ If trimming stamps from envelopes they need to have a 3mm border around the **whole stamp**.
- ❖ If unsure about trimming leave on the envelope!
- ❖ If appropriate leave stamps on postcards.