



Newsletter

Ocean Grove,
Uniting Church in Australia

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SOCIAL JUSTICE DATES

August 12th

International Youth Day

August 19th

World Humanitarian Day

August 22nd

International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of
Violence Based on Religion or Belief

August 23rd

International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade
and its Abolition

“To Chase the Stars”

A thought can learn to fly if you give it wings

Music at the Basilica invites you to this unique concert featuring
the Australian Boys Choir and the Kelly Gang.

Saturday 3.00pm September the 14th

Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels Geelong.

Tickets from

www.trybooking.com/CPDRD

Children and school students free

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 for
AUGUST and SEPTEMBER**

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

September 1st Pentecost 15

Song of Songs 2: 8-13, Psalm 45: 1-2, 6-9
Jas 1: 17-27, Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Key Verse

**“I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting
life.”**

John 6: 47

CAN AND BOTTLE COLLECTION

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this appeal so far.

Please keep up the good work.

A couple of weeks ago Dianne was dropping off the bag, and had the pleasure of not only meeting Freddie, but also his parents. They are all most thankful for what we have been doing, and that since the beginning Freddie has saved just on \$200. Yes saved \$200, his father told Dianne that all the money goes into his bank account!

The collection bag is located under the switchboard in the hall foyer.

ROSTERS FOR AUGUST 2024

August 11th

Welcome and Notices: Rod Greer

Bible Reader: Rod Greer

Bell Ringer: Neil Derrick

Sound: ?????

Prayers for the People: Judy Greer

Offering and counting: ?????

Morning Tea: Dianne Sapwell

August 18th

Welcome and Notices: ?????

Bible Reader: Margery Scott

Bell Ringer: Neil Derrick

Sound: ?????

Prayers for the People: Jim Barry

Offering and counting: ?????

Morning Tea: Rod and Judy Greer

August 25th

Welcome and Notices: ?????

Bible Reader: Margery Scott

Bell Ringer: Neil Derrick

Sound: ?????

Prayers for the People: Doug Gorwell

Offering and Counting: Diane Prowse

Morning Tea: Joan Calcutt

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.

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.