



Newsletter

Ocean Grove,
Uniting Church in Australia
Sunday August 4th 2024

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SOCIAL JUSTICE DATES

August 4th

National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day

August 6th

1945: Destruction of Hiroshima by Atomic Bomb.

August 9th

International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples.

1945: Destruction of Nagasaki by Atomic Bomb.

August 12th

International Youth Day

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 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

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

**“Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in
the one he has sent.”**

John 6: 29

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 AUGUST 2024

August 4th

Communion Prep.: Dianne Sapwell
Communion Steward: Doug Gorwell
Welcome and Notices: Dianne Sapwell
Bible Reader: Peter Burnham
Bell Ringer: Neil Derrick
Sound:
Prayers for the People: Peter Burnham
Offering and counting:
Morning Tea: Pat Reid and Jeannie Poole

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.