



# Newsletter

Ocean Grove,  
Uniting Church in Australia  
Sunday April 20th 2025

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This statement was prepared with Annie and Kylie's input and has been forwarded by the Reverend Narelle Collas from the PPW and will give members of the Congregation some understanding of why Annie and Kylie are concluding their placement in Ocean Grove/Barwon Heads.

*Annie and Kylie after several weeks of conversations with their professional supervisors and Ministry colleagues have discerned that they are not the right Ministers for this Community at this time.*

*They feel that the placement needs a more experienced Minister with a background in conflict resolution or an IIM with the authority to equip members in the governance roles and help church staff and volunteers comply with UCA regulations and the law.*

*Their principal concern is that the Placement Profile does not seem to match the reality of Ministry in this context. They feel that their vitality of call has been compromised by governance and conflict issues (details of which are not included for privacy reasons).*

*Following several attempts to help reconcile the parties involved, they have found that these conflicts were escalating. The disputes were having a significant impact on their core responsibilities as Ministers as well as their commitments to the wider church and studies at the University of Divinity.*

*PRC approved the early release for Kyle and Annie from this placement on April the 1st 2025 and the Presbytery Minister will continue to support both Congregations and Kyle and Annie through this difficult time.*

*The Reverend Narelle Collas Presbytery Minister.*

## LIKE SOMETHING PUBLISHED IN THE NEWSLETTER?

Then please have it to the office by **8.30am Wednesday mornings.**

There is a folder on the shelf under the clock in the foyer that you can leave a notice in or if able email your notice via [oguc107@gmail.com](mailto:oguc107@gmail.com)

Also there is great news

The office phone is now working.

You can call Dianne on 5256 2477 anytime on Wednesday morning between 8.30 and 11.30am.

## CAN AND BOTTLE COLLECTION

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

Please keep up the good work.

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

## SAD NEWS

The Presbytery has been notified of the death of Robert Packett, a retired Lay Preacher from Torquay Uniting Church.

Robert was an active Member of the Barwon and PPW Presbyteries, holding the position of Presbytery Secretary and Torquay Presbytery Rep. for many years.

There will be a Thanksgiving Service on Friday May the 2nd at 1.00pm at the Torquay Uniting Church.

## CONCLUSION OF PLACEMENT SERVICE FOR THE REVERENDS ANNIE BROPHY AND KYLIE MOFFITT.

Please note this combined service with Barwon Heads Uniting Church will be held on **Sunday the 27th of April commencing at 10.00am at the Ocean Grove Uniting Church.**

At the conclusion of the service morning tea will be served in the Church Hall. Members of the two Congregations are invited to bring a plate of finger food to be shared and enjoyed together.

## **LECTIONARY READINGS APRIL and MAY**

### **April 20th Easter Day**

Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65: 17-25, Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24,  
1 Corinthians 15: 19-26 or Acts 10: 34-43, John 20: 1-18, or Luke  
24: 1-12

### **April 27th Easter 2**

Acts 5: 27-32, Psalm 118: 14-29, or Psalm 150  
Revelations 1: 4-18, John 20: 19-31

### **May 4th Easter 3**

Acts 9: 1-6, (7-20), Psalm 30  
Revelations: 5: 11-14, John 21: 1-19

### **May 11th Easter 4**

Acts 9: 36-43, Psalm 23  
Revelations 7: 9-17, John 10: 22-30

### **Key Verse**

**“He is not here: he has risen! Remember how he told you,  
while he was still with you in Galilee.”**

**Luke 23: 6**

### **SOCIAL JUSTICES DATES**

April 22nd—Earth Day

May 1st—International Workers Day (May Day)

May 3rd—World Press Freedom Day

## **ROSTERS FOR APRIL and MAY 2025**

### **April 20th**

Welcome and Notices: Dianne Sapwell  
Bible Reader:  
Prayers for the People: David Runia  
Offering and Counting:  
Morning Tea: David and Gonni Runia

### **April 27th**

Welcome and Notices:  
Bible Reader: Margery Scott  
Prayers for the People: Jim Barry  
Morning Tea: Pat Reid and Jeannie Poole

### **May 4th**

Communion Preparation:  
Communion Steward:  
Welcome and Notices:  
Bible Reader:  
Prayers for the People:  
Offering and Counting:  
Morning Tea:

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 Roster sheet for May is on the table in the foyer.  
It would be appreciated if you could write your name on the duties  
you would like to help with as soon as possible.**

**Thank you**