



Newsletter

Ocean Grove,
Uniting Church in Australia
Sunday April 27th 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

**The office phone is now working but please note that the office will
not be attended on the Wednesday April the 30th and May 7th.**

**It is hoped that Dianne will be able to be back in the office on
Wednesday May the 14th after having shoulder replacement surgery.**

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 Tor-
quay Presbytery Rep. for many years.

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

UCAF NEXT MEETING

Monday April 28th 10.30am in the church hall.

Please note the change of area.

Activity—Chair Exercises with our exercise guru Marg McLean.

Come and join in the fun.

All welcome

Morning Tea will be provided.

Please bring any items for the Trading Table.

BANKING DETAILS

Bank: Bendigo Bank BSB: 633-000

Account Name : Ocean Grove Uniting Church

Account number 214 410 425

LECTIONARY READINGS APRIL and MAY

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

May 18th Easter 5

Acts 11: 1-18, Psalm 148,
Revelations 21: 1-6, John 13: 31-35

May 25th Easter 6

Acts 16: 9-15, Psalm 67,
Revelations 21: 10, 22 –22:5, John 14: 23-29 or John 5: 1-9

Key Verse

**“Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”
John 20: 29**

SOCIAL JUSTICES DATES

May 1st—International Workers Day (May Day)

May 3rd—World Press Freedom Day

May—World Fair Trade Day

ROSTERS FOR APRIL and MAY 2025

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: Diane Prowse
Morning Tea:

May 11th

Welcome and notices:
Bible Reader: Diane Prowse
Prayers for the People:
Offering and counting:
Morning Tea:

May 18th

Welcome and notices: Rod Greer
Bible Reader: Rod Greer
Bell Ringer: Rod Greer
Prayers for the People: Judy Greer
Offering and Counting:
Morning Tea: Rod & Judy Greer

If you are unable to do your rostered task please
endeavour to make your own swap before contacting
Judy Greer.

If you do make a swap it would be appreciated if you let
Judy Greer 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.**