



# Newsletter

Ocean Grove,  
Uniting Church in Australia  
Sunday May 18th 2025

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## UCAF NEWS

### Cottage by the Sea Project

The UCAF have decided to once again support Cottage by The Sea be collecting items for the take home bags the children receive when they are leaving the Cottage after a stay. Members of the Congregation are invited to contribute to the project . The following items can be left in the labelled yellow tub in the foyer over the next 3 to 4 weeks—hair ties, scrunchies, and hair brushes for the girls, sports socks for the boys. Sunscreen(approx. 175—200 mls), soft toothbrushes and small toothpaste (approx. 175g). Thank you in anticipation!

### Next Meeting

Monday May the 26th is the date of our next meeting and our Guest Speaker will be our Congregational Secretary Gonni Runia who will share something of her life story with us. Morning tea will be provided. There will a small Trading Table and don't forget any donations for our Cottage by the Sea Project.

## 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.

## 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

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

## PRAYERS FOR PEOPLE AFFECTED BY THE 7.7RICHTER SCALE EARTHQUAKE THAT RIPPED THROUGH CENTRAL MYANMAR

Please pray for:

Wisdom for our team as they see situations where they could provide assistance and  
witness to people as they do.

For aid that is given to arrive at its intended destination and for protection over those  
delivering it.

For the government of Myanmar as their cooperation and assistance in distributing aid is  
a key factor.

Protection from looters and danger from military action in the regions worse hit.

For medical supplies and healing for those who have been injured.

For those in Thailand as well. Many Thai and Myanmar migrant workers were affected  
in Bangkok.

Sarah Goss sent her grateful thanks to all the members of our Congregation that have  
continually prayed not only for her and her Mum Gillian, but also the people of  
Myanmar over the past years. May this practice continue.

**SHARE THE WARMTH OF WINTER**—it's that time of the year  
again when Uniting focuses on its Winter **Share Appeal**.

If you wish to give you can place a donation in an envelope  
marked **WINTER SHARE APPEAL** and place it in the Offering  
Bowl or make a Direct deposit to be banked as follows

BSB 083004

Account No. 861630143

Name Uniting Vic. Tas. Fundraising

Reference 463026

Self mailing donation envelopes will be included as inserts in the  
June 2025 Crosslight Magazine.

## **LECTIONARY READINGS MAY and JUNE**

### **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

### **June 1st Easter 7**

Acts: 16: 16-34, Psalm 97,  
Revelations: 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-21,  
John 17: 20-26

### **June 8th Pentecost**

Acts 2: 1-21 or Genesis 11: 1-9,  
Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b, Romans 8: 14-17, John 14: 8-17, (25-27)

### **Key Verse**

**“ By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you  
love one another.”**

**John 13: 35**

## **SOCIAL JUSTICES DATES**

May 15th—International Day of Families

May 16th– International Day of Living Together in Peace

May 19-25—National Volunteer Week

May 21st— World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and  
Development

May 22nd— International Day of Biodiversity

## ROSTERS FOR MAY 2025

### 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

### May 25th

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

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 Minister know.

**The June Roster is on the table in the foyer.**

**Kindly add your name to any duty you can help with over the  
coming month.**

**Thank you**

### 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 volun-  
teers 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.