

# NEWSLETTER

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## UPCOMING LECTIONARY READINGS - MARCH

### March 1st

Genesis: 12 1-4a, Psalm 121, Romans: 4 1-5, 13-17 John: 3 1-17

### March 8th

Exodus: 17 1-7, Psalm 95, Romans: 5 1-11, John: 4 5-42

### March 15th

1 Samuel 16: 1-13, Psalm 23, Ephesians 5: 8-14, John: 9: 9-41

### March 22nd

Ezekiel 37: 1-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8: 6-11 , John 11: 1-45

## NEWS AND UPDATES

### **AGM**

The Annual General Meeting of the Congregation will be held in the Church after the Sunday morning service on 1 March 2026.

### **Church Council Meeting**

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 13th March at 10am

### **Sound Desk Update**

As you all know, post COVID we have continued to offer access to our Sunday morning service via zoom. Unfortunately we will shortly be unable to continue offering this. Our last zoom service will be Easter Sunday 5th April.

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the sound desk operation over recent years.

This change will significantly simplify the operation of the sound desk, and we will still need volunteers to help in this area. Please see Geoff Naylor or Diane Jones for more details.

Geoff NAYLOR

### **Collection**

Peter Gador-Whyte is seeking to support a church primary school in Vanuatu at Wintua Village.

A box of books is going to be sent to assist with their education. We are seeking donations for new, or as new picture books for these children who are aged 5-12 years old. It would be lovely to help this school by providing them with a diverse range of quality books they may otherwise not have access to. There will be a basket underneath the clock signed as 'Wintua Village school' for the collection point. Please have them donated by Sunday 29th.

### **GRUMPIES'**

meets every Tuesday morning at 10.30am in the church foyer for coffee, an informal chat to sort out the world and sometimes a 'show and tell' session! Talk to Rod Greer if you are interested.

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### **Friendship Group**

Will be held on Monday 23rd March (fourth Monday of the month) at 10.30am in the Church foyer. Come and join us for a coffee/tea, a chat and a laugh or two! All are welcome!

**Sammy Stamp** - The Friendship Group has made a decision to continue to collect stamps for Sammy Stamp. A group of faithful stamp sorters under the leadership of Allan Clark meet regularly in Melbourne to sort and trim used stamps and prepare them for sale to traders and collectors. Up to the end of October 2026 stamp sales for the year amounted to \$31,120 and approvals for grant applications for the year had reached \$25,000. Please put any new or used stamps and stamped postcards in the marked box under the foyer clock. See Judy Greer if you have any Stamp albums you no longer require.

### **Dove Update**

Friday morning openings are beginning 6<sup>th</sup> March, with a view to some Saturday hours in coming months.

To retain and add more trading days and have reliable and flexible rostering, more volunteers are needed to accommodate holidays and absences in our weekly roster.

So share this with your community contacts.

Current activities include progressing in establishing the Dove committee and completing and updating compliance and process documentation for the shop.

### **Newsletters**

Monthly newsletters are now being added to our Website

**Please check the March roster on the table in the foyer for roles needing filling.  
Please add your name as soon as possible, don't leave it up to the same volunteers!**

**March 8th - Volunteers urgently needed**

Welcome and Notices: PLEASE VOLUNTEER  
Bible Reader: Megan Smith  
Bell Ringer: PLEASE VOLUNTEER  
Sound: PLEASE VOLUNTEER  
Prayers for the People: PLEASE VOLUNTEER  
Offering and Counting: Lesley Pope  
Morning Tea: PLEASE VOLUNTEER

**March 15th - Volunteers urgently needed**

Welcome and Notices: PLEASE VOLUNTEER  
Bible Reader: PLEASE VOLUNTEER  
Bell Ringer: PLEASE VOLUNTEER  
Sound: PLEASE VOLUNTEER  
Prayers for the People: Jeannie Poole  
Offering and Counting: Lesly Pope  
Morning Tea: Jeannie & Pat

**March 22nd**

Welcome and Notices: PLEASE VOLUNTEER  
Bible Reader: Marjery Scott  
Bell Ringer: PLEASE VOLUNTEER  
Sound: Dianne Jones  
Prayers for the People: Doug Gorwell  
Offering and Counting: Lesley Pope  
Morning Tea: PLEASE VOLUNTEER

**March 29th**

Welcome and Notices: PLEASE VOLUNTEER  
Bible Reader: PLEASE VOLUNTEER  
Bell Ringer: PLEASE VOLUNTEER  
Sound: PLEASE VOLUNTEER  
Prayers for the People: PLEASE VOLUNTEER  
Offering and Counting: Diane Prowse  
Morning Tea: PLEASE VOLUNTEER

*If you are unable to do your rostered task please make the effort to swap with another or find a replacement.*