



MARCH 2023

PROFILE—JEAN KONINGS

Jean was born in Rushworth, near Shepparton. Her parents were dairy farmers and with five older brothers was responsible for some of the farming duties. She attended Stanhope State School and then Rushworth High School. Jean was a champion foot runner and very good swimmer—learning to swim in the irrigation channels. From school she got a job in the town as a telephonist and later continued at the Preston & Northcote Community Hospital (often referred to as PANCH) and then the Country Roads Board, for a total of 23 years.

Jean married and raised a boy and girl but then divorced and later remarried in 1983, meeting her husband at the CRB. She now has 6 grandchildren and one great grandchild, Jack. After her husband died she moved to the Gold Coast, as a place they had liked travelling to and a good place for the family to visit to. She later moved to Ocean Grove to be closer to her daughter and then to Clifton Springs in 2019.

Jean has attended Sunday School and church for most of her life—first at Stanhope Presbyterian Church, which alternated with the Methodist Church, then to Rosanna. In the Gold Coast it was Mudgeeraba Uniting Church where she almost completed training as a women's prison chaplain. She attended Ocean Grove UC and then Queenscliff UC (during the pandemic) before coming to Drysdale. Jean loves going to church, hearing the stories and messages of the Bible, and being part of the fellowship.

Jean has become the craft coordinator at the Bellarine Springs Retirement Village, where they make clothing for the homeless and for Geelong Mums. She enjoys walking and swimming each day.



The first time I sang in the church choir; two hundred people changed their religion.

Fred Allen (This does not apply to Jean.)



OPEN CHURCH

The church is open each Wednesday morning from 10.00 am—12.00 pm for anyone to come in for prayer or quiet meditation or just to have a look. We recently had someone come in who needed some time with God and then felt inclined to come to the Pancake Dinner. God is at work.



This months' services

5 Mar—10.30 am Rev Karen Eller
HC & Loose change
12 Mar—10.30 am Rev Karen Eller
19 Mar—10.30 am Jenni's Team
26 Mar —9.00 am—Café Church
10.30 am Rev Karen Eller



Not held since COVID, we will be holding a Café Church on Sunday 26

March at 9.00 am in the hall. This will be in addition to the 10.30 am service in the church. Come along to one or both services on that day—breakfast is provided at Café Church.

PILGRIMAGE

Our annual Pilgrimage is on Saturday 25 March. It will start at Quarry Park at 9.30 am and finish at the church for lunch at about 12.00 pm. The theme this year is Neighbours. All are welcome to take part in this walk of 3.9 km, or you can drive to each stopping point. Please register on the form in the foyer. Please let Wayne know if you need transport to the start.



HARVEST TABLE

My apologies for the error in last month's Grapevine—the harvest table is on 19 March. You are invited to bring along food items (fresh & packaged) that shows the goodness of God's earth. These will be given to Cottage by the Sea.

LOOSE CHANGE

We have raised \$288 so far for The Smith Family organisation. This will cover 5 months of support for a child. Our target by 30 June is \$1000 being 18 months support.



Happy birthday!

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Roger Lascelles
Corinna George
Carolyn Leidle
Audrey Shepherd
Simon Underwood
Jean Cooper
Jason Cunningham

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	MORNING TEA	WELCOME	VESTRY	READING	PRAYERS	COUNTING FLOWERS
MAR 5	Wayne's Team	Wilma	Ian	Margaret	Carol	Jenni
12	Marg & Dianne	Brenda	Claire	Susan	Pat	Ian
19	Susan & Pat	Melva	Lynda	Jenni's Team	Jonnie	Melva
26	Margo & Marie	Kelvin & Glenice	TBA	Sue	Margo	Brenda

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Our Vision—Reaching out with God's love and care

MOWING

MAR Peter & Claire