



# DU Grape Vine



MAY 2023



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### KEN HANDLEY

Ken did not seek re-election as an Elder and member of Church Council at the annual meeting in February. He had filled that role for about 30 years. He had also been a member of the Growing and Learning Team, that had responsibility for organising Bible studies and was happy to be at Pat's home for them. Ken has also stepped down from being a volunteer at the Op Shop having been a foundation member of the Uniting shop before our shop commenced—that was a total of 27 years. Well done good and faithful servant.

### REV BOB STEVENSON

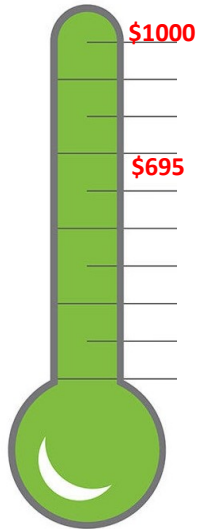
On Sunday Bob celebrates 50 years since he was ordained to ministry in the Methodist church—a wonderful achievement for which we offer our congratulations and our praise to God for Bob's devoted service to bringing the Good News to the various congregations in which he has worked. Bob's first placement was at Rainbow Methodist, then Belmont, Surrey Hills, in England for 5 years and then and at South Melbourne. Bob retired in 2000, taking on the Presbytery Minister role for Barwon for 18 years. He continued leading occasional services for many years. Well done good and faithful servant.

### OP SHOP

The hours have been changed, for the winter months, and with lots of volunteers away, to be closed on Thursday afternoons. The plant sale is now the first Saturday of each month. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please speak to Marg Cheale or Wayne Myers.— all help is appreciated for one shift or many.



**LOOSE CHANGE**



We have raised \$695 so far for The Smith Family organisation. This will cover 12 months of support for a child. Our target by 30 June is \$1000. Apart from financial assistance to help families meet the cost of school essentials like uniforms, books and excursions, there is also support from a *Learning for Life* Program Coordinator and access to The Smith Family out-of-school mentoring.

**ROSTERS**

If you are interested in joining a roster please speak to Wayne; it's always great to more people helping for service rosters below, the Op Shop, or other tasks.

**10 things God didn't ask you:**

- 1-God will not ask you what model car you used; he will ask you how many people you have taken.
- 2-God will not ask you square meter size of your house; he will ask you how many people you got in it.
- 3-God won't ask you for a clothing brand in your closet; he will ask you how many you helped dress up.
- 4-God won't ask you how high your salary was; he'll asked if you earned it clean.
- 5-God won't ask you what your title was; he will ask you if you did your job with the best of your ability.
- 6-God won't ask you how many friends you had; he will ask you how many people considered you as his friend.
- 7-God will not ask you which area you lived in; he'll ask you how you treated your neighbours.
- 8-God will not ask you about the colour of your skin; he will ask you about the purity of your interior.
- 9-God will not ask you why it took so long to seek salvation; he will take you with love to his home in heaven, not to the gates of hell.
- 10-God won't ask you how many people you have shared this message; he will simply ask you if you were embarrassed to do so.....



*This months' services*

- 7 May—10.30 am Rev Karen Eller  
HC & Loose change
- 14 May—10.30 am Jenni's Team
- 21 May—10.30am Rev Karen Eller
- 28 May—10.30am Rev Karen Eller

**SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS**

Congratulations for special birthdays this month to Sue Polley (70), Gordon Hanley (90) and Val Lestrangle (70). God's blessings for the years ahead. We will celebrate with lunch at The Springs on Sunday 28 May.



Happy birthday!

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 John Macgillivray  
 Margaret Freemantle  
 Jeanne Beale  
 Margaret Jeffrey  
 Norm Cheale  
 Peter Wood  
 Sue Polley  
 Gordon Hanley  
 Karen Eller  
 Val Lestrangle

Happy birthday!

	MORNING TEA	WELCOME	VESTRY	READING	PRAYERS	COUNTING	FLOWERS
MAY 7	Andrea & Rhonda	Wilma	Ian	Andrea	Pat	Marg	
14	Susan & Pat	Brenda	Claire	Jenni's Team		Colleen	Wayne
21	Margo & Marie	Melva	Rhonda	Rhonda	Margo	Lynda	Denise
28	Glenice & Kelvin	Kelvin & Glenice	Lynda	Kelvin	Jean	Ian	Jonnie

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**MOWING**  
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