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PROFILE—JOYCE BRANAGH

Joyce is a Drysdale person through and through; she was born in Drysdale. Her father worked at the Geelong Harbour Trust and her mother looked after the home and family. Joyce attended Drysdale State School and then Matthew Flinders Girls Secondary School, where her interest in community started by being the social service monitor.

After school Joyce went to work at Myer Geelong in the office with Claude Stanley where she stayed for nine years until marrying and starting a family. Joyce is married to Eric and has five children and eleven grandchildren. In addition to looking after the children and being involved in their activities she took responsibility to care for her mother who suffered from Multiple Sclerosis.

Once the family grew Joyce took on an Environmental Services Assistant role at the Grace Mackellar Centre and stayed for 23 years. She also took on a cleaning role for the local medical clinic and was there for 31 years. As Joyce said "I retired late in life".

In married life, Joyce's family home was in Collins Street and is now the site of the Retirement Village. They moved to their current house on Clifton Springs in 1988. Joyce enjoys gardening and the family and has recently become a volunteer with the Op Shop.

Joyce attended Sunday School in the days when it was in the hall across the road, now Springdale. She fondly remembers the annual Sunday School picnic at Queenscliff when forms were placed in the back of a Belfrage truck and the students safely sat there for the trip to Queenscliff. She attended the Youth Club run by Beryl and Claude Stanley for about six years. She was also a member of the choir for some time.

Involvement outside of the church included more than thirteen years on the Scout Committee, gaining a special service award.

Joyce attends church because she likes to join with others in praising and thank God for the goodness around us. This exudes a feeling of security. She loves hearing the Word of God being explained.

BISCUIT FOR PRISONERS

Thank you to those who contributed. We delivered 196 biscuits. There are about 7000 prisoners in the Sate who will receive a pack of biscuits with an Easter message. Thanks Lynda Smith for looking after the delivery.

LOOSE CHANGE

The offering so far this year has been $449 which will go to Foundation 61's House of Hope.
This is Geelong's only women's rehabilitation accommodation.

CONTAINERS

Lynda Smith did a recent collection of bottles and cans around the church gardens and got quite a collection. The Scouts have a container return chute in their back fence for those items with a return deposit if you would like to contribute to their fundraising. The CDS return facility is outside the bowling club in Springs Rd where you can return and get a refund.

PILGRIMAGE

A great day was held with 12 taking part, including the new ministers from Ocean Grove and Barwon Heads UC. The liturgy booklet is now on the website . Check out this year's painting to see what opportunities exists.

DON'T FORGET—Daylight savings end 3am **7 April**—put your clock **BACK** and have an extra hour sleep or you will be very early for church.

This months' services

7 Apr —10.30 am Rev Karen Eller
HC & Loose change
14 Apr —10.30 am Denise's Team
21 Apr —10.30 am Rev Karen
28 Apr— 10.30 am Rev Karen

ANZAC DAY

As we come to ANZAC Day this month we remember those members of our church who served our country in the World Wars and the various other military campaigns. God tells us to work at befriending our enemies and to support everyone, which is just so important today. Lest We Forget.

RETREAT

Saturday 1 June. 9.30 am—4.00 pm. Guest speaker is organised; Portarlington Guide Hall is booked; rest of program being arranged; bookings open in May.

Happy birthday!

APRIL
Ian Cook
Pat Handley
Piper Colley
Mervyn Jacobs
Win Baker
Belinda McLaverty

Happy birthday!

	MORNING TEA	WELCOME	VESTRY	READING	PRAYERS	COUNTING	FLOWERS	COMMUNION
Apr 7	Rhonda & Andrea	Wilma	John	Carol	Marie	Denise	Val	Denise & Jenni
14	Belinda & Darren	Carol	Rhonda	Denise's Team		Marg	Colleen	
21	Melva & Brenda	Brenda	Ian	Andrea	Margo	Ian	Margaret	
28	Marg & Dianne	Denise	Lynda	Marie	Carol	Marg & Dianne	-	

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