



DU Grape Vine



JANUARY 2026

Happy New Year—best wishes for 2026

CAROLS IN THE SUPERMARKET



Thank you to the members of our congregation who took part in the carol singing at Curlewis supermarket. Run by the Combined Churches of Drysdale/Clifton Springs/Curlewis it attracted many shoppers who stopped to listen and join in. It is so good to see peoples reactions with a smile appearing.

VALÉ GERALD EDGAR

We mourn the passing of our dear friend Gerald and pass our condolences to Marguerite and the extended family.

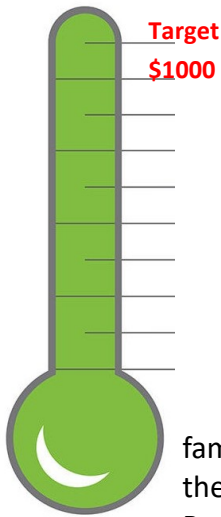
Gerald died just short of his 98th birthday. He had been a member of our congregation since retiring to Clifton Springs in 1989 and becoming fully immersed in the life of our church. He was member of the choir from week two and was choir leader for many years. Gerald became Chair of the Bellarine Parish, following the split within the parish, then Chair of the Congregation and Secretary of the Church Council.

At the funeral service we heard that it was his idea to create Legal Aid in Fitzroy that then spread Australia wide. He was a golfer and played croquet until only recently.

Gerald had a strong faith that centred on doing God's work to help others. We give thanks for all that he has done for the church here and wider afield.



LOOSE CHANGE



Once again we passed our target reaching \$1200 with Church Council adding an additional \$100 to make \$1300 being sent.

It turned out that The Orange Door is a fully funded government agency that cannot accept donations so they recommended Meli as a Geelong agency providing the same sort of family and domestic violence support on their behalf. Meli was previously called Bethany Family Support.

We are now looking for ideas for recipient organisations for 2026.

This months' services

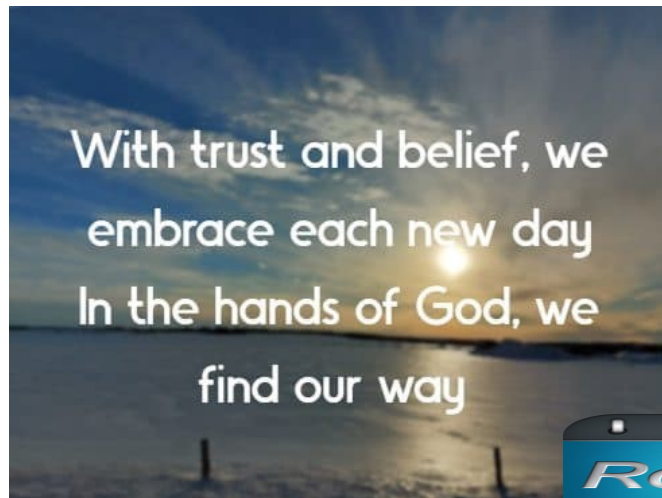
- 4 Jan — 10.30 am Rev Karen
HC & Loose change
- 11 Jan — 10.30 am Denise's Team
- 18 Jan — 10.30 am Rev Karen
- 25 Jan — 10.30 am Rev Karen

CONGREGATION ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday 1 February following the service with a shared lunch to follow. The meeting elects the Congregation Chair and Secretary, currently Joan Cook and Colleen Diamond, who are eligible for reelection. It also elect Elders and Church Councillors, with Wayne Myers and Marie Harris up for reelection. Church Council office-bearers are appointed from the elders.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY

Congratulations to Tracey Myers on her 40th birthday this month. God's blessings continue to be with you.



Happy birthday!

- JANUARY**
 Debbie Frank
 Kelvin Benney
 Tracey Myers
 Eddie Harrison
 Melva Stringer
 Leigh Pope
 Jean Konings
 Hazel James
 Paul Harrison
 Colleen Diamond
 John Reid

Happy birthday!



| | MORNING TEA | WELCOME | VESTRY | READING | PRAYERS | COUNTING | FLOWERS | COMMUNION |
|-------|------------------|---------|--------|---------------|---------------|----------|---------|---------------|
| JAN 4 | Belinda & Darren | Carol | Lynda | Jean | Carol | Lynda | Val | Jenni & Lynda |
| 11 | Susan & Win | Lynda | Rhonda | Denise's Team | Denise's Team | Colleen | Judy | |
| 18 | Joyce & Dianne | Denise | Claire | Claire | Rhonda | Ian | Denise | |
| 25 | Pat & Andrea | Rhonda | Val | Rhonda | Val | Marg | - | |

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