



DU Grape Vine



OCTOBER 2025

VALÉ MARGARET JEFFREY

Margaret Jeffrey passed away on 22 September after a short illness. Margaret was the oldest member of our congregation at age 98. Margaret joined our congregation in 2000 when she and Athol retired to Clifton Springs from a fine merino wool stud farm at Derrinallum. Margaret was involved in many activities including the RSL Ladies group. She particularly enjoyed keeping in contact with friends and being aware of what was happening in the church. Margaret felt church was important as a way for Christians to continue to hear Bible studies and to develop friendships. Margaret has been a good friend to many. We record our condolences to her three sons and give thanks for the pastoral care provided to her by Judy Grimm and others.



SYNOD—30 August —2 September

What a wonderful occasion Synod 2025 was. Starting with worship that included the installation of the new Moderator, Rev Salesi Faupula. Salesi broke into song during the service, and on a number of occasions during the Synod meeting—he said it was a way that he calms his nerves and it certainly helped the meeting atmosphere.

One of the important resolutions was about the future of the church— the Faithful Futures project. Synod spent time over three days to consider, discuss, discern, amend and approve the resolution. The resolution involves work on -

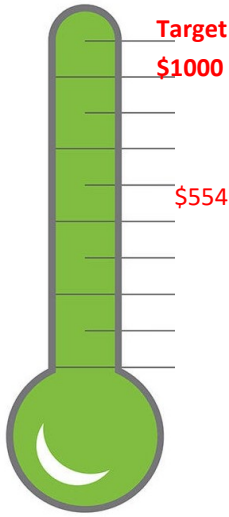
- A. Coordinated Ministries:
- B. Respecting Country:
- C. Intercultural Leadership:
- D. All-Age Growth:
- E. New Communities of Faith:

Church Council will consider implications of this resolution at its next meeting.

Added to that was a daily bible study, by Rev Prof John Flett, that considered unity of the church based on Old Testament readings and an end of day reflection of the day's work by the Rev Tara Tautari, General Secretary of the Methodist Church of New Zealand—quietly spoken and so sincere that you couldn't help but listen carefully.

A fantastic opportunity to see the church at work.

LOOSE CHANGE



Our contributions up to last week is \$554—half way to our target. This half year’s recipient, The Orange Door, works with all types of families. They tailor their help and support to meet the diverse needs of each family drawing in the appropriate professionals.



GET READY FOR THE PRE-CHRISTMAS STALL

Saturday 1 November (a long way before Christmas but during the Melbourne Cup “long weekend”) is when we hold our stall. We hope that you will support by baking cakes, slices, biscuits, make jams and preserves, knit, crochet, sew craft & clothing items, donate books, provide plants & seedlings, help staffing the stalls and to come along and buy.

SIMPLIFIED PREACHING

In his beautiful book, “I Shall Not Want,” Robert Ketchum tells of a Sunday School teacher who asked her group of children if anyone could quote the entire 23rd Psalm. A golden-haired, four-and-a-half-year-old girl was among those who raised their hands. A bit skeptical, the teacher asked if she could really quote the entire psalm.

The little girl came to the front of the room, faced the class, made a perky little bow, and said, “The Lord is my shepherd, that’s all I want.” She bowed again and went and sat down.

That may well be the greatest interpretation of the 23rd Psalm ever heard.



	MORNING TEA	WELCOME	VESTRY	READING	PRAYERS	COUNTING	FLOWERS	COMMUNION
OCT 5	Susan & Win	Val	Lynda	Susan	Margo	Margo	Susan	Val & Jenni
12	Joyce & Dianne	Jean	Denise	Wayne’s Team	Ian	Ian	Val	
19	Melva & Brenda	Brenda	Ian	Maggie	Jean	Colleen	Melva	
26	Pat & Andrea	Wilma	Rhonda	Margaret	Marie	Jonnie	-	

This months' services

- 5 Oct —10.30 am Rev Karen
HC & Loose change
- 12 Oct —10.30 am Wayne’s Team
- 19 Oct —10.30 am Rev Karen
- 26 Oct— 10.30 am Rev Karen



SPECIAL BIRTHDAY

Congratulations to Carol Lee on her 80th birthday this month. God’s blessings continue to be with you. We will celebrate with lunch on 23 November.



Happy birthday!

- SEPTEMBER**
- Bob Stevenson
 - Susan Duncan
 - Heather Scott
 - Carol Lee
 - Nathan Polley
 - Huyen Polley
 - Marie Harris
 - Rhonda Lyons
 - Archer Colley
 - Judlth Dodd

Happy birthday!

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