



DU Grape Vine



SEPTEMBER 2025

PROFILE— SUSAN DE LANGE

Susan was born in Johannesburg, South Africa where she lived with her parents and two brothers. Her father was a fitter and turner and her mother a bank clerk.

She attended Franklin D. Roosevelt Primary School and then Roosevelt High School, before going on to the University of Witwatersrand to study for a Bachelor of Primary Education specializing in early years. She followed that with an Honours year in remedial education. Teaching positions were next giving her a love of helping young children develop.

She met Christos, in a bookshop, and they married in 2003 and have three children—Katia, Matthew and Ross.

In 2012 they moved to Australia to provide a better future for the children. They settled in Ocean Grove before moving to Curlewis in 2015 gaining a view of the sea.

She first started as a teachers assistant in Ocean Grove, then Leopold, Werribee and Pont Cook and now is teacher at Christ the King Primary School in Newcomb.

Susan enjoys walking, walking with the dogs and helping the family. Because of her busy teaching load having some quiet time is really appreciated.

In South Africa she attended a Methodist church in her early years. She now comes to church at Drysdale where she enjoys the ritual and routine of services, and always finds that she is able to get something from the service. She noted that the church made you feel an important part of the church community.

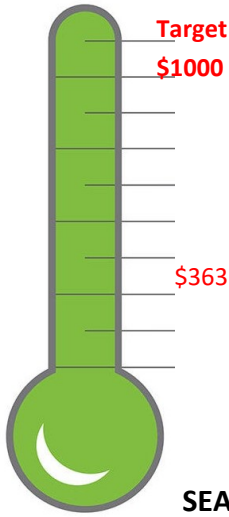


SYNOD—30 August —2 September

Synod starts on Saturday with a worship service that includes the installation of Rev Salesi Faupula as the new Moderator. If you haven't already read the excellent article on him in the Crosslight magazine, I would recommend it to you.

The theme of this Synod is "Pilgrims of the Spirit".

LOOSE CHANGE



Our contributions up to last week is \$363. This half year’s recipient, The Orange Door, supports families and young people with domestic violence or extra care needs. There are two locally—one in Geelong city and one in Drysdale based at the Community Health Centre.

SEASONS OF CREATION

Services in September will be using the Season of Creation theme of “Peace with Creation”. It is an annual call to pray, reflect and act together in care for the Earth, our common home and God’s beloved creation.



The 2025 Symbol is inspired by Isaiah 32:14-18. Titled “Garden of Peace,” it depicts a white dove flying over a tree. The left side of the tree is barren, with roots digging into dry soil, surrounded by an arid, desolate landscape. In contrast, the right side of the tree is lush and green, standing amidst a flourishing landscape. The dove, carrying an olive branch in its beak, flies toward the right—symbolising peace as a transition from a war-torn, overexploited land to one that is fertile, thriving, and hospitable.

PET BLESSING SERVICE

On Sunday 28 September there will be a pet blessing service, led by Karen and Denise’s Team. The service will be held on the front forecourt, or in the hall in the event of wet weather. All pets are welcome but need to be constrained appropriately. If you would rather bring a photo of your pet, or former pet, that is also acceptable.



This months' services

7 Sep —10.30 am Rev Karen
 HC & Loose change
 14 Sep —10.30 am Jenni’s Team
 21 Sep —10.30 am Rev Karen
 28 Sep— 10.30 am Denise’s Team
 & Karen with pet blessing

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY

Congratulations to Jen Nash who celebrates her 50th birthday this month. We wish God’s blessings on her.



Happy birthday!

- SEPTEMBER**
 Wayne Myers
 Judith Way
 Jonnie Mander
 Margo Jones
 Denise Mclaverty
 Samantha Nyatsanga
 Brad Meadows
 Peter Batten
 Jen Nash

Happy birthday!



	MORNING TEA	WELCOME	VESTRY	READING	PRAYERS	COUNTING FLOWERS	COMMUNION
SEP 7	Pat & Andrea	Carol	Denise	Marie	Claire	Ian	Lynda & Jenni
14	Margo & Marie	Denise	Ian	Jenni’s Team		Lynda	Joyce
21	Belinda & Darren	Melva	Rhonda	Jean	Rhonda	Denise	Denise
28	Rhonda & Carolyn	Rhonda	Claire	Denise’s Team		Jonnie	-

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