



# DU Grape Vine



MAY 2026

## PAINTING COMPLETE

We are pleased that the painting of the external of the church has been completed and praise God for the work of the painters and the result for us and the community. It is so pleasing to hear members of the community say that they have noticed the painting and how wonderful it looks. We record our thanks to Clint Fear and his team, Rudi, James, Cooper and Aimee, for a fantastic job. We say thank you for the special attention to detail including getting the front door decoration back in place. We recognise the donation of the door paint provided by Ocean Grove Paint Shop and the discounted hire charge from Geelong Access Boom Hirer. The overall cost of the external painting was \$40,000 and we received a \$5000 donation towards the cost last year. Maintaining buildings is always expensive but is necessary if we are still to enjoy the use them.



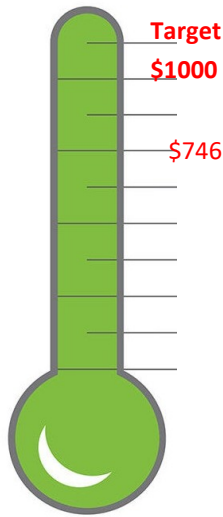
## KYB (Know Your Bible)

KYB is a bible study program for women organised by Christian Women Connecting International and has been running in our church for about twenty years. The group meets each Monday 9.30—10.30 am for bible study and then a cuppa. If you would like to join the group please speak to Lynda Smith. See the special mention in the news sheet of saving resources!

## With Love to the World

Is a UCA daily Bible reading and prayer resource that many people use. Some members of our church over the years have contributed to it. This year they celebrate 50 years of publication with 11,000 copies produced each quarter. Surplus funds are used as scholarships for young people to undertake theological studies. Checkout the link: <https://withlovetotheworld.org.au>

**LOOSE CHANGE**



Our recipient organisation for the first half of 2026 is the Victorian Farmers Federation Disaster Relief Fund, to support farmers affected by fires.

Support may be by the provision of hay, fencing supplies or financial assistance for other expenses. Now, like the general community, the fuel and fertiliser crisis is adding to their financial concerns.

To date we have raised \$746.05 with May and June to go to reach our \$1000 target.



**SPECIAL BIRTHDAY**

Congratulations to Norm Cheale who is celebrating his 80th birthday this month, Ruth Richter her 70th birthday and Cath Williams her 60th birthday. We wish you all a happy birthday with lot's of God's blessings.

*This months' services*

- 3 May — 10.30 am Rev Margaret HC & Loose change
- 10 May — 10.30 am Rev Margaret
- 17 May — 10.30 am Jenni's Team
- 24 May — 10.30 am Denise's Team
- 31 May — 10.30 am Rev Karen  
Combined service & shared lunch

**RETREAT**

Saturday 27 June at Portarlington Guide Hall, 9.30 am— 3.30 pm. No cost other than a food item and your time. Program details to follow.



Happy birthday!

- MAY**
- John Macgillivray
  - Margaret Freemantle
  - Cath Williams
  - Ruth Richter
  - Jeanne Beale
  - Norm Cheale
  - Sue Polley
  - Gordon Hanley
  - Karen Eller
  - Val Lestrangle

Happy birthday!

**OUR BANK DETAILS**

BSB: 083-623  
ACC: 035333892  
REF: Surname purpose



	MORNING TEA	WELCOME	VESTRY	READING	PRAYERS	COUNTING	FLOWERS	COMMUNION
MAY 3	Claire & Jean	Jean	Ian	Jean	Claire	Val	Denise	Jenni & Val
10	Rhonda & Carolyn	Brenda	Lynda	Kelvin	Margo	Colleen	Wayne	
17	Susan & Win	Claire	Rhonda	Jenni's Team	Denise	Denise	Joyce	
24	Joyce & Dianne	Lynda	Claire	Denise's Team	Marg	-	-	
31	Margo & Marie	Carol	Lynda	Carol	Marie	Lynda	Susan	

Web site: <http://drysdale.unitingchurch.org.au>

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