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PHILLIP EAST PRESBYTERY



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Tributes

To those who have celebrated over 20 years of
dedicated service to the church

Springvale



Llyn Howden

For 30 years, Llyn has been a steady presence at Springvale congregation. As an Elder, Church Council member and Op Shop Coordinator, she has poured her time and gifts into both the life of the church and the wider community it serves.

Springvale has been fortunate to have Llyn quietly doing that work, year after year, since 1996.



Jean Taylor

Since 2002, Jean Taylor has been a dedicated member of the Springvale congregation. Through her service as an Elder and

Chairperson of Church Council, she has provided steady leadership and guidance that has helped strengthen the life ministry of the congregation for well over two decades.



Chinta Kandasamy

Since 2003, Chinta has faithfully served the Springvale congregation as an Elder and Church Council member. Her ongoing commitment and willingness to serve have been a valued contribution to the church community over many years.



Pat Short

Pat has faithfully led the Sunday School at Springvale since 2004, helping to nurture and encourage children in their faith. Her dedication to sharing God's love with the next generation has been a lasting blessing to the congregation.



Beverley A. Boys

Bev has been a mainstay of the Seaford UC Congregation for over 30 years, starting as a Sunday school teacher in 1994, a church elder since 1998, and Secretary of the Church Council since 1999. Bev has extended her skills and gifts by becoming a worship leader in 2018, and being authorised to preside during Sacraments in 2025. Her Pastoral Care is amazing, caring for members of the congregation who are unwell, and every Sunday she provides transport for elderly members can no longer get to church under their own steam.



Anne M. Gill

Anne has been a church elder since February 2001, chairperson of church council since January 2013 and Presbytery representative from March 2012 till February 2026. Anne has helped plan the carol's service for the past 5 years. A case of buy one get one free, wherever Anne is involved Allan is there as well, both have been great help to the Seaford team.



Allan L. Gill

Allan has been a church elder since 2016 until February 2026 and a Presbytery rep from March 2012 till February 2026. Allan has often guided the singing at Seaford and often used to sing solos supporting the service. Has been an important member of the Seaford Church community.

Estelle DeBeer

Estelle has been a very important part of the Seaford UC community for over 20 years. She is the Church Treasurer and Head of Property and Finance committee. Maintains church finances and liaises with contractors attending church facilities ensuring facilities are in very good condition. Organises and set ups for morning tea after weekly church services. Sets up monthly food for others collections for prayer prior to distribution. As an Elder since 2007, she has embraced Pastoral Care and continues to follow up and maintain contact with various congregation members who are unwell.

Korean Church of Melbourne

Jungsook Yoon

Mrs Jungsook Noh joined KCM in 1981 after migrating to Melbourne from Korea with her family. An accomplished violinist at the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, she began serving as KCM's Sunday worship choir conductor and manager in 1986, roles she held for more than 40 years before retiring recently. She also served for over 35 years as a Kwonsa, a female elder-equivalent in Korean congregations. She is a highly respected member of KCM.



Kyungsook Moon

Mrs Kyungsook Moon is one of the six founding members of the Korean Church of Melbourne (KCM), established in 1973, and has served the church for 53 years. She is a Kwonsa, a female elder-equivalent in a Korean congregation, and has held many key roles, including Bible study cell leader and women's missionary group leader. Most notably, she has been a member of the Sunday worship choir for more than 45 years and continues to serve actively. An accomplished Alto vocalist, she led the Alto section at the choir for many years and is a highly respected member of KCM.



St Leonards Brighton Beach

Elizabeth Stamp

Elizabeth has been a member of St Leonard's Church since the 1968 when she was married at St Leonard's, making 50+years of loyal service. She has been an Elder and member of the Parish Council. She was an active member of the Parents Action Group when her children were growing up-organising Progressive dinners, catering for the fete, and family camps. Elizabeth has sung in the choir for many years and was a member of the Tennis Club for 10 years. Her current contributions as a Welcomer, organising Morning Tea after Church each Sunday, as well as the monthly "Seekers" group meetings, are just a few of the ways she has contributed to St Leonard's



St Leonards Brighton Beach

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Alison (Sal) Joyce



Sal's father, Bill, was the organist at St Leonard's from 1937-1992 and Sal recalls joining him in the choir stalls from an early age.

After attending Sunday School, she became a Sunday Schoolteacher and was married in the church-as were her parents and daughter. For many years, she produced the weekly pew sheet and now helps serve Morning Tea. As well as continuing sharing her music by stepping in to play the piano, and occasionally the organ, for service and Outreach meetings, Sal currently leads and plays the piano for the Mayflower Singers, a group of congregational members who regularly sing hymns with the residents of Mayflower Aged Care

The Village Church, Mt Eliza

Ann Margaret Connan OAM



Ann Margaret Connan OAM has devoted a lifetime to serving the Church and community through children's ministry, mission and leadership. From her work in Tonga establishing programs for young people and children with disabilities, to decades of leading KUCA, Kids' Church and Religious Education in Australia, Ann has faithfully nurtured generations of young people in their faith.

Her service has also extended across the wider Uniting Church through leadership roles at state, national and international levels, including serving as President of the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women. In recognition of her outstanding contribution, Ann was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in 2019. We give thanks for her remarkable lifetime of faithful service and enduring impact on the Church.

Western Port Parish

Max Burley

Max has faithfully served the church for many years, beginning at Glen Waverley Uniting Church where he volunteered with Sunday School, youth ministry and the Men's Fellowship. As an Elder at Balnarring, he also preached and led within the congregation. Together with Val, Max played a key role in establishing the Crib Point Op Shop, creating a ministry that continues to support people in need throughout the local community.



Val Burley

Val has dedicated many years of faithful service to the life of the church, beginning at Glen Waverley Uniting Church where she volunteered with Sunday School, youth ministry and the Women's Fellowship. Alongside Max, she was instrumental in establishing the Crib Point Op Shop, helping create a welcoming ministry that serves and supports those in need. Her commitment to the church and wider community has been a lasting blessing.



Graeme Summers

Graeme has faithfully served the Balnarring congregation through his willingness to help wherever needed. From maintaining the church property and assisting with the Op Shop to managing hall bookings and leading worship services, his quiet dedication has been a constant blessing to the life of the parish. His servant-hearted approach continues to strengthen and support the church community.



Sandra Summers

Sandra has generously shared her gifts in the life of the Balnarring congregation for many years. She faithfully coordinates morning tea after worship, volunteers at the Op Shop, and, alongside Graeme, helped run the much-loved Fellowship Lunches that brought people from the community together. Her warm hospitality and ongoing commitment have helped make the church a welcoming place for all.

Margaret Sutherland

Margaret has been a faithful and long-serving member of the Balnarring congregation, known for her quiet dedication, compassionate pastoral care and unwavering prayerful support. Over many years, she has faithfully encouraged and cared for countless people within the church community. A committed member of the Fellowship Group for many years, Margaret has remained actively involved in the life of the church, continuing to attend worship and contribute wherever she can.

John McKenzie

John has faithfully served the Balnarring congregation and the Western Port Parish for many years. As Parish Treasurer, he generously shared his time and expertise, while also playing a significant role in the renovation of the Balnarring Church Hall. His quiet dedication and practical service have been a valued blessing to the life of the church.



Elizabeth McKenzie

Elizabeth has been a long-serving and faithful member of the Balnarring congregation, contributing generously to the life of the church through her involvement in the Fellowship Group over many years. Alongside her commitment to numerous parish activities, she has helped foster a strong sense of community and fellowship within the congregation. We give thanks for her years of faithful service and dedication to the Western Port Parish.

Bob Graham

Bob has been a faithful member of the Hastings congregation for many years, generously sharing his time and practical skills in countless ways. Affectionately known as "Mr Fixit," he has helped maintain and repair church property while actively supporting the life and activities of the congregation. Bob is also well known for his dedicated service through the Western Port Seafarers Mission, faithfully caring for others over many years.

Lynn Graham

Lynn has faithfully served both the Hastings congregation and the wider church for many years. For more than 25 years, she represented the Western Port Parish through her involvement in Presbytery gatherings, while also playing a significant role in the Western Port Seafarers Mission alongside Bob. Her commitment, compassion and faithful service have been a lasting blessing to both the church and the broader community.



Collin Watt

Colin faithfully serves the parish in a number of important leadership roles, including as an Elder and Parish Secretary. He generously gives countless hours to the life of the church, overseeing the Op Shop Committee and coordinating the monthly volunteer rosters with dedication and care. More recently, Colin has also taken on leading worship services and became a Communion Presider after completing the Presbytery's Sacraments Course. His humble leadership, faithful service and willingness to support the parish in so many ways have been a tremendous blessing to the church community.

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From Curiosity to Christ: Tola's Journey

Last year, 138,110 shoebox gifts were lovingly sent to Cambodia from AU/NZ. See how one gift has transformed a young girl, her family and her village.

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse. It's a hands-on way for you to demonstrate God's love to children in need across the world by filling shoeboxes with toys, hygiene items, school supplies, and fun gifts. We collect the boxes and distribute them in the name of Jesus Christ to children living in vulnerable situations.

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to provide God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.



Empty shoeboxes ready to be filled are available in the entry to the Worship area at our Charman Church



How to Pack a Shoebox Gift

Follow these simple steps to pack a shoebox that's full of love, joy, and lasting impact for a child in need. You can pack a physical or online shoebox gift.

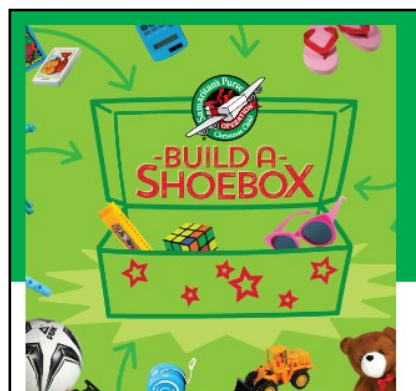
[PACKING INSTRUCTIONS](#)



Shoebox Donation Labels

Purchase your \$12.50 donation per shoebox to help cover shipping and training resources. Labels also include tracking so you can see where your shoebox goes.

[DONATE NOW](#)



Build a Shoebox Online

For \$45, build a shoebox online by choosing gifts for a boy or girl. Each shoebox includes essentials plus your selected items. Add a note and photo, and pack for one or more children.

[BUILD A SHOEBOX](#)

2026 National Collection Weeks

Australia: 12 – 26 October

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Bible Readings July 2026 (the readings used in our service may differ slightly)

July 5th	Pentecost 6	Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67	Psalm 45:10-17 or Song of Solomon 2:8-13	Romans 7:15-25a	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
July 12th	Pentecost 7	Genesis 25:19-34	Psalm 119:105-112	Romans 8:1-11	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
July 19th	Pentecost 8	Isiah 55:10-13	Psalm 65 (1-8), 9-13		
July 19th	Pentecost 8	Genesis 28:10-19a	Psalm 139:1-12,	Romans 8:12-25	Mathew 13:24-30, 36-43
		Isiah 44: 6-8 23-24	Psalm 86 :11-17		
July 26th	Pentecost 9	Genesis 29:15-28	Psalm 105:1-11, 45b	Romans 8:26-39	Mathew 13:31-33, 44-52
		1Kings 3:5-12 Ps 128	Psalm 119: 129-136		

Crafty Knitters (and others) Wednesday 19th August 1:30pm at the Church.

The Crafty Knitters will have their first meeting on Wednesday 19th August at 1:30pm. Non knitters are also welcome for a natter! For further details contact Barbara Shying 0407 277 020 or Joan Lum 0437 397 066

We pray for all in need especially -

Prayers of the People



Sybil Bond's family
Robyn
Pat
Adie & Ally
Katherine's cousin David & Family
Tina, friend of Joan Wood
Phillip (Barbara's nephew)
Barry
Adrian
Anne-Maree, Andrew and their daughter, Rachel
Maria

Gloria, Samson & Family
Jenny and Janine Bartholomeusz
Anita and Kingsley
Joyce Curnow
Stuart - addiction struggles
Helen & Earle Hosking
Grace & Van Rensberg
Joan's friends Robyn & Jemma
Kath Tondorf
Susan Hoskin
Karen
Helen Cole

Mark
Margaret Walker
Joyce Carpenter
Andrew
Bronwyn
Teresa
June and Grace Fairbank

We give thanks for those whose prayers have been answered..

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: Thanks to everyone who have continued to make their weekly offering.

Direct Debit: Cheltenham / Mentone members note that direct payments can now be made to our Westpac account at Southland, **BSB number is 033 358, Account Number is 664 881** Payee "UCA Cheltenham Mentone Parish"

SOCIAL COLLECTION DEPARTMENT:

BayCISS - collection of goods by Graeme & Joan Wood has recommenced. Leave goods with them at 66 Bernard St. Cheltenham, or call them on 9555 0462

Emerge - Financial help is the best way to help - Cheques to - GPO Box 420 Melbourne VIC 3001 or donate via the website www.emergesupport.org.au
Emerge welcomes vouchers for supermarkets or art materials which children could use at home - materials, pencils, colouring books etc. Margaret Bode is happy to collect items if you leave them at her home, 16 Monaco Street Parkdale. **Donations in an envelope marked EMERGE may be left in the collection plate.**



OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL:

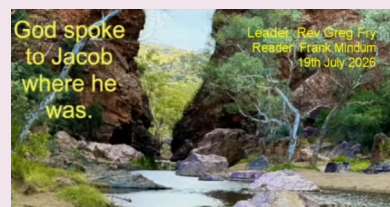


Click on the YouTube logo to view a selection of **over 200** sermons and service preludes

This week's video -

"God spoke to Jacob where he was" Rev Greg Fry 19th July 2026

Click on image or [HERE](#) to view



Church on the Internet - Sunday 10am (virtual doors open 9:45 am)

If you don't have Zoom on your computer/laptop/iPad/Smartphone, click on <https://zoom.us/support/download>

Then click on this link below or the "Sunday Church" image to join our Service

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82004410836?pwd=cU9RWlhVMm8wOUw0TStLV1EvNFdYdz09>

Meeting ID: 820 0441 0836 Passcode: 665 784

You can also join us on your phone by dialling **03 7018 2005** and entering the above meeting details.



Sunday Church
on Zoom



