

June Roster

07/06/26	14/06/26	21/06/26	28/06/26	05/07/26
Greeting Hosts				
D McCallum J Hazen	S Schneider G Barton	D McCallum	J Hazen	D McCallum
Church cleaning				
D Muller	H Jones	W Poyner	D Muller	H Jones
Hall / Foyer / Steps				
P Holland	J Bromilow	P Holland	J Bromilow	P Holland
Morning Tea				
W Poyner G Barton	Helper needed S Schneider	D McCallum J Dean	L Hazen S Barrand	M McGough H Jones
Offering Count				
I Firth J Frost	W Poyner L Brown	D Armstrong J Frost	I Firth L Brown	W Poyner J Frost
Thank you to all who contribute in any way to the Church body. If you are unable to take your turn, please arrange a swap with someone. If you would like to be included on any rostered duty please see Gail Barton.				
For your Diary in June				
Sunday	9:30 am 4pm – 6pm 9:30 am	Worship service Open invitation to morning tea Messy Church 14 th June 21 st June – Kids Church		
Monday	11:00 am	50+ Playgroup - Booln Booln Cultural Centre		
Tuesday	10:00 am 7:30 pm	Mainly Music Study Group TBA		
Wednesday	10am-3:30pm 6:30 pm	Chattels + Chats open 11 th June- Church Council meeting		
Thursday	9:45 am 10:00 am 4:00 pm	Prayer Group Craft Group Worship practice		
Friday	10am-3:30pm	Chattels and Chats open		
Saturday	10am – 3:30 pm 10am – 3:30pm	6 th June Chattels and Chats open 20 th June Chattels and Chats open		



GROVEDALE UNITING CHURCH JUNE 2026

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Church Vision Statement
 To worship God and grow through fellowship and discipleship,
 each member in loving ministry and transforming outreach.

Peter's Piece

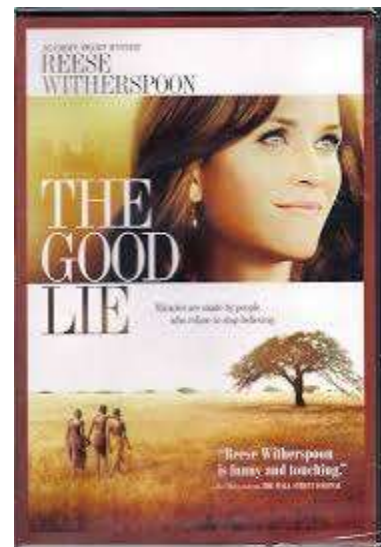
God help us to change.
To change ourselves and to change the world
To know the need for it
To deal with the pain of it
To feel the joy of it
To undertake the journey without understanding the destination
The art of gentle revolution.

Michael Leunig

This prayer and image by the modern prophet Michael Leunig¹ has been a guiding light for me for decades. The image speaks of following the spirit, in Celtic Christian theology the Holy Spirit is symbolised by the wild goose....the duck not really a goose but close enough. Have you ever tried to control a duck. This prayer also speaks to me of traveling light and always having a tea pot at hand, to offer hospitality. My favourite line is "to undertake the journey without understanding the destination" And I think this what the life as a follower of Jesus is like. We begin the journey and do not where it will lead us. My passion in ministry for decades has been engaging with congregations to enable step outside the door of the church, and look at the community. In doing so we ask the question: what is the mission outside the church? Often to do this it is helpful to change our perspective. Mission is not about bringing people into the church, rather engaging with folk where they are in their joys and their pain to make their world, our world and the world a better place. This is the art of gentle revolution that is reflected in Leunig` prayer and in the Beatitudes of Jesus. Each day I am challenged with a question to self: have I listened to someone today, have I said a kind word to someone today, have I smiled at someone today, have I helped someone today?. This is the journey of which we begin without often do not knowing the destination.



¹ Michael Leunig 2/6/1945 - 19/12/2024



MOVIE AFTERNOON - THE GOOD LIE

A group of siblings escape after their village in burned down during the Second Sudanese Civil War. However, things take a turn when one of them is left behind in Sudan while the others go to the USA.

SUNDAY 28TH JUNE
Starting 1:30 pm

Please bring a plate of afternoon tea to share. Heaters on, good company and great entertainment.

FORWARD PLANNING FOR JULY

You are invited to say farewell and best wishes to Rev Linley and Barry Liersch as they leave us and move to Cowes to Rev Linley's new placement on Phillip Island.

Please join us on **Sunday 12th July**, following worship for morning tea. Please bring a small plate to share and say your farewell's.



Jesus's invitation for those of us who are followers of Jesus is to join him in this gentle revolution.

Peace and laughter. *Rev. Deacon Peter Batten*

Ian's Jottings

I look forward to the day when I don't have to tell you about the goings on with Uniting. That day has not yet arrived.



The latest news is that Uniting will be running a new outreach service in partnership with Whittington Neighbourhood House at 20 Worden Court Whittington, operating from 9.30am - 2.00pm each Thursday from 4 July 2026. Whittington experiences significant inter-generational socio-economic disadvantage, and the Neighbourhood House is centrally located next door to the primary school and nearby shopping hubs.

A couple of weeks ago, Suzanne and I did a walk through with the local Uniting manager, of both the Albert Renshaw Building and the former kinder area which is currently used by Uniting as the ER area. We indicated those items that we thought the Congregation could make use of, with all the rest to be disposed of by Uniting. The reality is that while there's little that the Congregation can make use of there are things that the Op Shop can use.

I've shared with you before that the Church Council has felt for some time that the vacated Albert Renshaw Building would make an ideal site for an allied health professional. So we have asked that the entire contents be removed to facilitate a future lease.



We have also been approached by the person who runs the Repair Cafe at St Luke's Highton. This is currently run in the hall but they will have to move



out to allow the kinder to move in while the existing kinder building has work done. The Cafe would be run in our hall, on the same Saturday as the Op Shop is open with the hope that the Op Shop will pick up some more customers. The timing of this is not yet determined but it is likely to be later this year.

We've also been approached by a couple of guys who run an Indian food kitchen at Norlane. They would like to be able park their food van on the site formerly occupied by Interlude in order to service their many customers in this part of Geelong. This conversation is in its infancy so there's still much work to do.

And I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Peter Batten for his supply ministry. It is no easy task to find someone to provide supply who is a good fit for the Congregation. You will all have the opportunity of thanking Peter and Jenny at a special morning tea later this month.

Cheers, *Ian*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY in **JUNE** to

Jenifer Mudford 2nd

June Frost 5th

Kevin Robinson 9th

Suzanne Lewin 11th

Mereoni Ravubale 14th

Usha Narayan 15th

Ian Goddard 17th

David Muller 19th

Sandra Schneider 22nd