

September Roster

06/09/26	13/09/26	20/09/26	27/09/26	04/10/28
Greeting Hosts				
J Hazen	Winchelsea Service	D McCallum	J Hazen	G Barton
Church cleaning				
D Muller	H Jones	D Muller	H Jones	W Poyner
Hall / Foyer / Steps				
J Bromilow	P Holland	P Holland	P Holland	J Bromilow
Morning Tea				
G Barton S Jewell	Winchelsea Service	M McGough H Jones	D McCallum J Dean	L Hazen S Barrand
Offering Count				
I Firth J Frost	Winchelsea Service	G Barton J Frost	D Armstrong L Brown	I Firth 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.				

<i>For your Diary in September</i>		
Sunday	9:30 am 4pm – 6pm 9:30 am	Worship service Open invitation to morning tea Messy Church – 13 th September Kids Church – 20 th September
Monday		
Tuesday	10:00 am 7:30 pm	Mainly Music Study Group resumes October.
Wednesday	10am-3:30pm	Chattels + Chats open
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	Chattels and Chats open 5 th September Chattels and Chats open 19 th September



GROVEDALE UNITING CHURCH SEPTEMBER 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

Reason To Smile



"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing" (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

Encouragement is 'the action of giving someone support, confidence, or hope.' Being encouraged gives us a reason to smile.

The apostle Paul, author of the letter to the Thessalonians, learnt by experience the value of words in shaping relationships and outcomes. Before meeting Christ (Jesus) on the road to Damascus, his words and actions terrorised followers of Jesus, but by the time he wrote his letter to the Thessalonians, he had become a great encourager because of God's work in his heart.

Now by his own example he urged his readers to cheer one another on. While being careful to avoid flattery, he showed how to affirm others and reflect the Spirit of Christ. In the process, Paul reminded his readers where encouragement comes from. He saw that entrusting ourselves to God, who loved us enough to die for us, gives us reason to comfort, forgive, inspire, and lovingly challenge one another. Paul shows us that encouraging one another is a way of helping one another get a taste of the patience and goodness of God."

So, what can WE do to encourage another?
It's simple, really. Smile, and listen, and accept one another for who they are. Focus on the good, not the bad, the positive, not the negative.

*When life gives you
a hundred reasons
to cry, show life
that you have a
thousand reasons
to smile.*

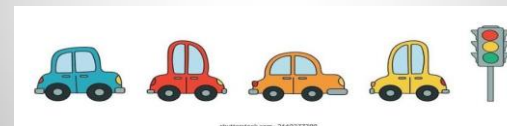
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Combined Worship Winchelsea & Grovedale Uniting Churches

Sunday 13th September

9:30 am

32 Hesse Street, Winchelsea



If you would like a a ride to Winchelsea

Car pool available

Departing GUC @ 8.45 am

Please see Rob Jane

SACRED HEART CHAPEL, NEWTOWN

Sunday September 13th @ 3:00 pm

THE ART OF PERSUASION

MUSIC FROM THE AGE OF ELOQUENCE

Greg Dikmans, baroque flute

Samantha Cohen, theorbo.

Tickets \$35/\$30 from www.trybooking.com/DLCXX

Or at the door. Children and school students - free

What happens when we do this? It can give US encouragement because we have, in a small way, made a difference in another person's life. It helps us to look out, to see how we can make the world a better place, rather than looking inward, and worrying about what we can't do.

May you be given opportunities to encourage and be encouraged.
With God's blessings, **Rev Peter**

Ian's Jottings

While it was regrettable that Uniting decided to cease their operation at Grovedale, there have been some good things to emerge. We have picked up the services of Luke Mitchell as our grass mowing and handyman person. Luke previously volunteered with Uniting and still does so one day per week. The timing of this was fortuitous in that our previous contractor had told us he was unable to continue and then Luke bobbed up. Talk about when one door closes, another opens!

Luke is happy to volunteer his time but we have had to purchase a mower, edger and blower for him to use.



And at its meeting last week, the Church Council decided to allow Claire Zeigler, a member at St Luke's Highton to use the former Uniting Material Aid Store as a place from which to conduct a "lending library" for disability aids. Claire had has this vision for some time that people who need disability aids often don't need them permanently, and so rather than buy them they can borrow them, I think at no cost. This is a program of the St Luke's congregation, all we are doing is providing the space.



I inspected this space recently as it was much bigger than I thought. It's likely that Claire will share this space with our op shop who need to have surplus stock stored closer to the new shop.

We have now lodged all the necessary paper work to lease out the former Uniting offices. Both Presbytery and Synod staff are right behind this, and last week Church Council decided to appoint McGrath's as the agent to both let the premises and to manage it going forward.



Thanks to the negotiating skills of our treasurer Brendan Morris we have been able to get McGrath's to agree to a rate that's significantly less than the commercial one.

The restoration work on the former Methodist Chapel is proceeding albeit slowly. Hopefully we'll see the work start in the next couple of months.

Most of you will have inspected the Op Shop in its new location. Moving the shop was quite an undertaking which was made easier by all those who helped. So thank you all. Cheers, Ian

SEPTEMBER to.....



Ann Key	5 th
Joy Dale	8 th
Abs Erdogan	10 th
Graham Jones	13 th
Wendy Poyner	15 th
Judy Goddard	24 th
Rob Jane	25 th
Rusell Dale	27 th