

# October Roster

| 04/10/28                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 11/10/26             | 18/10/26             | 25/10/26                 | 01/11/26             |
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| <b>Greeting Hosts</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                      |                      |                          |                      |
| G Barton                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | D McCallum           | J Hazen              | G Barton                 | D McCallum           |
| <b>Church cleaning</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                      |                      |                          |                      |
| W Poyner                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | H Jones              | D Muller             | W Poyner                 | H Jones              |
| <b>Hall / Foyer / Steps</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                      |                      |                          |                      |
| J Bromilow                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | P Holland            | J Bromilow           | P Holland                | J Bromilow           |
| <b>Morning Tea</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                      |                      |                          |                      |
| S Schneider<br>S Jewell                                                                                                                                                                                                     | M McGough<br>H Jones | D McCallum<br>J Dean | L Hazen<br>Helper needed | G Barton<br>W Poyner |
| <b>Offering Count</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                      |                      |                          |                      |
| I Firth<br>J Frost                                                                                                                                                                                                          | W Poyner<br>L Brown  | G Barton<br>J Frost  | D Armstrong<br>L Brown   | I Firth<br>J Frost   |
| Thank you to all who contribute in any way to the Church body.<br>If you are unable to take your turn, please arrange a swap with someone.<br>If you would like to be included on any rostered duty please see Gail Barton. |                      |                      |                          |                      |

| <i>For your Diary in October</i> |                                     |                                                                                                                                        |
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| Sunday                           | 9:30 am<br><br>4pm – 6pm<br>9:30 am | Worship service<br>Open invitation to morning tea<br>Messy Church – 11 <sup>th</sup> October<br>Kids Church – 18 <sup>th</sup> October |
| Monday                           |                                     |                                                                                                                                        |
| Tuesday                          | 10:00 am<br>7:30 pm                 | Mainly Music<br>Study Group resumes October.                                                                                           |
| Wednesday                        | 10am-3:30pm                         | Chattels + Chats open                                                                                                                  |
| Thursday                         | 9:45 am<br>10:00 am<br>4:00 pm      | Prayer Group<br>Craft Group<br>Worship practice                                                                                        |
| Friday                           | 10am-3:30pm                         | Chattels and Chats open                                                                                                                |
| Saturday                         | 10am – 3:30 pm<br>10am – 3:30pm     | Chattels and Chats open 3 <sup>rd</sup> October<br>Chattels and Chats open 17 <sup>th</sup> October                                    |



## GROVEDALE UNITING CHURCH

### OCTOBER 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

### WILD GENEROSITY



In a recent edition of Bible study resource, Our Daily Bread, author Winn Collier spoke of God's wild generosity.

He shared the story of a 69 year old woman called Brenda, who was on the waiting list for a new liver. A donor was found, and she was elated.

She then learned of a 23 yr old woman, also on the list, who only had hours to live. Without knowing what it would cost her, Brenda surrendered her spot.

"I wouldn't have been able to live with the liver if I had let this little girl die", she said. Thankfully, the hospital found another donor for Brenda, and both women received what they needed. We may call this an example of 'Wild Generosity'.

Winn describes how Jesus embodies God's wild generosity in so many stories; "giving his time to children, those who were considered the least important; stopping to speak (and have dinner with) a tax collector, the person everyone hated; pausing amid a massive crowd to speak to one sick woman; healing a daughter who'd died; feeding a hungry crowd; hanging on a cross for the very people who murdered him. It moves us."

He comments that "the bewildering reality in all this is that God calls us to live the same way. These aren't stories that we can admire from afar. Christ encourages us to follow him. We're to humbly surrender our lives for others, like Jesus. We're to love like generous abandon, like Jesus."



Dear Lord  
Teach me to be generous  
Teach me to serve You as You deserve;  
To give and not to count the cost,  
To fight and not to heed the wounds,  
To toil and not to seek for rest,  
To labour and not to ask for reward,  
Save that of knowing that I am doing Your will.  
Amen

### FREE AT FIVE

Free music at 5pm on weekdays  
At St Mary of the Angles, 136 Yarra Street,

Monday October 5, 5 to 5.30pm  
Lucy Riddett – piano accordion

Tuesday October 6<sup>th</sup> 5 to 5.30pm  
Olivier Bonnici – violin

Wednesday October 7<sup>th</sup>, 5 to 5.30pm  
Anglie Smales – zither

Thursday October 8, 5 to 5.30pm  
Zephyr Recorder Consort

Friday October 9, 5 to 5.30pm  
Liz Monument – harp

Other performances in the  
17<sup>th</sup> Annual Windfire Music Festival,  
October 2<sup>nd</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026.  
See foyer notice for more information.

Imitating Christ in this vulnerable posture may mean we surrender our resources, our reputation, or our expectations for how our lives should unfold. Somewhere along the way, we'll likely have to give more than we think is possible or prudent.

Instead of being afraid, we discover how following Jesus' wild generosity makes us more like the one who knows what it means to truly live."

I wonder how we live the 'wild generosity' of God in our lives?  
With God's blessings. **Rev Peter**

## Ian's Jottings

Usually when I come to write these articles, Church Council has met and I can tell you of the decisions that have been made. CC hasn't met this month and so I've had to think about what else to share with you.

Having been a member of the Congregation for just over 2 years, I feel that I'm now able to offer some insights on the nature of the Congregation and how I see it relating to the communities around us.



My insights come from a broad experience of some 36 years working for the both the Synod and the Port Phillip East Presbytery. They also come from being a member of eight congregations – as a child and teenager in the Methodist Church in Victoria St Footscray, as a young

married father in the Mountview UC in Mitcham, at St David's UC in Albury and Turvey Park UC in Wagga Wagga, at Karingal UC (near Frankston)), at Mount Martha UC, at Wangaratta UC and now here. Over both my congregation and Church working life I have learnt that every congregation have things that they do differently. I have been an organist in four congregations and have learnt not to assume that music I know well is well known by others. That occasionally arises when we gather for singing practice on Thursday afternoons. Some congregations are heavily involved in supporting their local communities. Others are not.

Some have been blessed with buildings that work well while others have to find ways to adapt to new ways of worship.



The Grovedale Congregation is one the best located and equipped congregations I have belonged to. We have that most sought after attribute – a visible location. We also have good parking and accessible buildings and toilets. We have a great Op Shop that is valued by the community and, best of all, we have a loving and caring

Congregation, and if you need proof of that, just look around on a Sunday and count how many new people have joined our Congregation in the past few months. We're obviously doing something right!

And I expect that the disability support "library" will be operating from the former Uniting Material Aid store (the wooden building closest to the garage) early next month. We're just waiting for the St Luke's CC to approve this as one of their activities. The former Uniting book store is now one of our activities and we have Colin and John working from the Conference Room, next to the Op Shop, They provide educational support to needy families and are formally a part of Uniting. With Uniting moving to Norlane, we were asked if we could accommodate them as it's important they remain in the Grovedale area. Both Colin and John are very grateful to us for doing that.

So in many areas there are green shoots and much for us to thank God for.

Cheers, Ian



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Jacob Madex  
Peter Holland

2nd  
14th