



# Weekly Newsletter

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Uniting Church in Australia

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A warm welcome is extended to all visitors today.  
God's richest blessings to you all.

## SERVICES TODAY

9.00am Barwon Heads

The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park

11.00am Newington

The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park  
Holy Communion

10.30am Ocean Grove

Ms. J. Murray

## SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

**5.00pm** Barwon Heads

Contemporary Service

9.00am Newington

The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park

10.30am Ocean Grove

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## LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK (Pentecost 26) Isaiah 65: 17-25, Isaiah 12

2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13 Luke 21: 5-19

NEXT WEEK (Christ the King) Jeremiah 23: 1-6, Luke 1: 68-79

Colossians 1: 11-20, Luke 23: 33-43

## KEY VERSE

**“ By standing firm you will gain life”**

**Luke 21: 19**

## BARWON HEADS NEWS

**WEEKLY NEWSLETTER ITEMS:** Please ring or send directly to Dianne Sapwell before 8.30am Friday each week. Email [oguc@tpg.com.au](mailto:oguc@tpg.com.au) or phone 5256 2477 and leave a message.

**PRAYER CHAIN:** If you would like prayer through the week, to activate the prayer chain, please contact Fay on 5254 1763 or 0447 314 377 where you can leave a message and Fay will get back to you.

**OUR LADIES FRIENDSHIP GROUP** will meet next Wednesday at 1.30pm. We look forward to a presentation by Nola White, who is reasonably new member of our Congregation, and is a very devoted Christian. All welcome.

**CHRISTMAS HAMPERS:** UnitingCare Geelong is in great need of staple food items due to a big increase in the number of families seeking food support. Instead of using our IGA "points" money to buy the usual Christmas Cakes we have agreed with UnitingCare that this year's "points" will be used to purchase recommended tinned and packet basic foods. Members of the Congregation are also asked to bring such items to church on any (or every) Sunday in November to assist people in the Geelong region who are facing tough times. Please help as you are able.

**All welcome to morning tea  
in the church hall after the service.**

The Ocean Grove Uniting Church  
Presents  
"Choral Delights"  
Featuring The U3A Choir  
on Sunday December the 4th at 2.00pm.

The Choir will sing in the church and  
Afternoon Tea will be served in the Church Hall.

For catering purposes please ring  
Margaret Hughes on 5256 2195

Admission \$10 and pay at the door.

**ADVENT STUDY: "Story Patch"**

Listening to our members' sharing on their particular vocation or ministry, celebrating the season of Advent together and preparing our hearts and minds for the birth of Jesus Christ.

Every Wednesday evening 7.00pm  
at Ocean Grove Uniting Church  
for approximately one hour.

Welcoming and lighting of Christmas candles  
Singing along  
Sharing stories and  
meditating the season of Advent  
Holy Communion  
Praying for others and blessings.

November 30th—Brian Kidd,  
his architecture journey for aging people

December 7th— Pat Reid  
her commitment to UnitingCare/Loaves and Fishes

December 14th—Nola White,  
her passion for Bible study ministry

December 21st—Ian Cover,  
his broadcasting career on  
"Couldabeen Champions"

**Parish Service of Holy Communion,  
Thursday November the 17th,  
2.00pm  
Ocean Grove Uniting Church.  
Light refreshments will be served  
after the short service.  
All welcome**

## OCEAN GROVE NEWS

**RETIRING OFFERING:** For the months of September and October we raised \$176.15 for Frontier Services. For November & December we will be supporting the Act for Peace Christmas Bowl Appeal.

**PRAYER CONTACT:** If you would like our prayer team to pray for you or others (with their permission).

**FRIDAY COFFEE AND CHAT** Drop in for a tea/coffee, biscuit or two, a chat and always a good laugh. Stay for 5 minutes or an hour if you like. All are welcome.

**LOAVES AND FISHES PANTRY :** If you are wondering how you might support the work of our food pantry tins of crushed tomatoes, sweet corn kernels and baked beans would be greatly appreciated by the many people who come seeking our assistance.

**ROSTERS:** The number of people who are prepared to help serve and prepare communion, take up the offering, help with the counting of the offering, welcoming and handing the newsletters is gradually getting very small. There is also a need for people to help the Minister before worship. This task involves lighting the Christ Candle, ensuring there is a fresh glass of water at the lectern, having a short word of prayer with the Minister before the service begins and taking the Bible into Church. If you are able to help with any of this small but important parts of our Sunday Worship please see Dianne Sapwell who will be delighted to add your name to the Roster List. There more people there are available the less number of times everyone has to take a turn.

**ONCE AGAIN THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE HAS HELD ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL EVENT.** "On the Couch" made a profit of \$1717.72. Out of this money we will be supporting The Male Bag Foundation with a donation of \$400 and Secondbite with a donation of \$100.00. Thank you to all who helped make this night so successful.

**CHANGE OF PHONE NUMBER:** Allen Cover's mobile number is 0458 940 087 Please write this change in your directory.

**UCAF NEWS:** Our Christmas Service will be held in the church on Monday November the 28th at 10.00am. Please bring a plate of festive food to share for morning tea and there will be a Trading Table. All welcome.

**SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** to be held on Sunday November the 27th immediately after worship. This meeting will be held in the church and the only item of business is the 2017 Budget. You have enclosed in this newsletter a copy of the draft budget that is being recommended by Church Council. Please take the time to have a good look at it and if you have any queries you can speak to Dianne Sapwell on a Friday morning between 9.30 and 11.30. It would be helpful if you can remember to bring this piece of paper with you to church on the 27th.