



# Weekly Newsletter

Barwon Heads, Ocean Grove,  
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

**5.00pm Barwon Heads**

The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park

**Contemporary Service**

10.30am Ocean Grove

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## SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

9.00am Barwon Heads

The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park

10.30.00am Ocean Grove

The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park

## Monday February the 20th is World Day of Social Justice

### LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK (Epiphany 7) Lev. 19: 1-2, 9-18, Psalm 119: 33-40  
1 Corinthians 3: 10-11, 16-23, Matthew 5: 38-48

NEXT WEEK (Transfiguration of Jesus) Exodus 24: 12-18,  
Psalm 2 or Psalm 99, 2 Peter 1: 16-21, Matthew 17: 1-9

### KEY VERSE

**“ Give me understanding, and I will keep your law and obey it with  
all my heart.”**

**Psalm 119: 34**

## BARWON HEADS NEWS

**WEEKLY NEWSLETTER ITEMS:** Please ring or send directly to Dianne Sapwell before 8.30am Friday each week. Email [oguc107@gmail.com](mailto:oguc107@gmail.com) 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.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER at The Holy Catholic Church, Barwon Heads, Friday March the 3rd at 2.00pm.** The order of service has been prepared by Christians in the Philippines on the theme "Am I being unfair to you?". Guest Speaker, Miss Julie Chamberlain, a retired teacher, has a link with the Philippines through a charity group "Friends of Romania and the Philippines" which she established and continues to convene to raise funds through the sale of Christmas cakes and puddings (some available on the day) to support work with orphans and disadvantaged women in these countries. Please note the date and time, invite a friend and come along to join this time of worship and prayer.

**All welcome to morning tea  
in the Church Hall  
after the service.**

## LENTEN WALKS 2017

A time of walking, w time of meditation in  
our wonderful environment that surrounds us.

A series of 4 walks during Lent leading yup to Easter.  
The walks will commence at 9.30am for 35-45 minutes.

If you are unable to join us for the walks,  
come and meet us for morning coffee at the conclusion of each walk.

Tuesday March the 14th meet at the Newington Church

Tuesday March the 21st meet at the carpark (assembly 20W) on the  
Ocean Grove side of the Barwon Heads Bridge.

Tuesday March the 28th meet at the Collendina beach carpark, cnr.  
Ocean Thru Way and Bonnyvale Road opposite the "Cheeky Cow Café.

Tuesday April the 4th meet at the carpark (assembly 20W) on the Ocean  
Grove side of the Barwon Heads Bridge.

## DATES FOR CALENDARS

Parish Executive Meeting  
Tuesday February 21st  
4.00pm in the Ocean Grove Church Foyer.

Lenten Studies from  
Wednesday March 8th until Wednesday April the 5th.  
“Back to the Gospel”  
7.00pm Newington Church

Rural Australian for Refugees  
invite you to  
“Writers in Reflection 3”  
Arnold Zable, Alice Pung, and Tony Birch  
will discuss their latest books.  
Sunday February the 19th at 4.00pm  
Queenscliff Uniting Church.  
Tickets \$30.00 with supper included  
Phone Lyn 5255 2638 or Di 5256 1004  
For tickets and more information if required.  
All proceeds go towards the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre.

Visit our new Facebook page,  
Ocean Grove—Barwon Heads Uniting Church  
and follow us.  
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Step 2. Type our page name in the search box.  
Step 3. Click “Like” button  
Then,  
You can get news of our Parish automatically!

**OCEAN GROVE UNITING CHURCH HALL  
IS AVAILABLE FOR HIRE  
EVERYDAY OF THE WEEK  
(some time constraints apply)  
If you or anyone you know is interested in using this  
excellent facility for classes, meetings etc.  
please phone Lesley Pope on 5255 2201  
All Hall Hirers must have their own  
public liability insurance.**

## OCEAN GROVE NEWS

**RETIRING OFFERING:** Each Sunday there is a bowl in the foyer for your donation towards a worthy cause. The Treasurer is prepared to count anything so why not empty out that small change you may be carrying as many cents make dollars. **Please note that all money raised from the 1st of January until Sunday April the 16th will be for the Share Lenten Appeal. Appeal envelopes will be made available shortly.**

**PRAYER CONTACT:** If you would like our prayer team to pray for you or others (with their permission) please contact Helen Baum on 5255 1487

**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.

**STAMPS:** Thank you to all those who have contributed stamps over the past 12 months. Through your efforts we have been able to send 19kgs. to "Sammy Stamp". Just a few reminders: ALL stamps must have a 3mm margin on all sides. Please be careful if you are tearing them off envelopes. Please keep postcards and pre-paid envelopes intact. Heavily franked and stained stamps are unacceptable. Thank you Joan Billington.

**UCAF NEWS:** The next meeting will be the Commitment Service and will be held on Monday February the 27th at 10.00am. Please bring a small plate for morning tea and there will be a Trading Table. All welcome.

**MARCH MEETINGS:** Church Council Thursday March 2nd 4.30pm in the Church Foyer. Elders meeting Thursday March 9th 10.00am in the church foyer.

## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

A man lived in a flood zone and the rain began to pour down so he moved up to the first floor of his house. A rescue boat came to take him to safety, but he said "No thanks, God will save me". The rain continued to pour and the water level rose so the man moved up to the second floor of his house. Another rescue boat came to save him and insisted he leave, but he said "No thanks God will save me." Then the banks of the river broke and the man had to climb up onto the roof. A helicopter came to rescue him but once again he wouldn't leave. Then a huge gush of water came and washed the man of the roof and he drowned. When he meet God in heaven his 1st question was "God why didn't you save me" and God answered "Well I am bit confused. I sent two rescue boats and a helicopter!"