



# 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

**5.00pm** Barwon Heads  
Contemporary Service

9.00am Newington  
The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park

10.30am Ocean Grove  
The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park  
Commissioning Service

## SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

9.00am Barwon Heads  
The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park

9.00am Newington  
Mr. & Mrs. B. Shaw

10.30am Ocean Grove  
The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park  
Baptism of Charlise Heinen

## LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK (Christ the King) Jeremiah 23: 1-6, Luke 1: 68-79  
Colossians 1: 11-20, Luke 23: 33-43

NEXT WEEK (Advent 1) Isaiah 2: 1-5, Psalm 122  
Romans 13: 11-14, Matthew 24: 36-44

## KEY VERSE

**"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation."  
Colossians 1: 15**

## 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** was well attended on Wednesday. Nola White was our leader and had us read scripture from psalm 121, Ruth & Luke to discuss any parts that were really meaningful to us. A wonderful discussion by all followed. Our next meeting, on Wednesday December the 7th will be our Christmas Celebration.

**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.

**HELP NEEDED:** on Sunday December the 18th from 10.00am. We would appreciate helpers to move chairs, and equipment from the Church and the Senior Citizens Centre to the Community Hall for the Carol Service that evening.

**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"

**OXFAM AUSTRALIA**  
**Ocean Grove Group**  
**SALE OF NEW BOOKS**  
**Greatly reduced prices**  
**SATURDAY NOVEMBER THE 26TH**  
**9.00AM—1.00PM**  
**Ocean Grove Uniting Church Hall**

## 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.

**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. A copy of the draft budget that is being recommended by Church Council was distributed last week. If you did not receive one, please see Dianne Sapwell after the service.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2017:** If you would like to give through the envelope system and are not already doing so, please see or contact Dianne Sapwell before next Sunday, so that a set can be arranged for you.

## OCEAN GROVE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

MONDAY NOVEMBER THE 21ST 7.00PM

OCEAN GROVE BOWLING CLUB

Guest speakers from Vic. Police, CFA, O/Grove Ambulance

O/Grove Life Saving Club, SES

Facilitated by the O/Grove Community and Business Associations.

Come, listen, ask questions & participate in the future of a safer O/Grove