



# 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  
Holy Communion

9.00am Newington

Mrs. Michelle Hardy

10.30am Ocean Grove

The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park  
Holy Communion

## SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

9.00am Barwon Heads

The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park

9.00am Newington

The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park

10.30am Ocean Grove

The Reverend David Walker  
"Act for Peace"

## LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK (Advent 2) Isaiah 11: 1-10, psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19

Romans 15: 4-13, Matthew 3: 1-12

NEXT WEEK (Advent 3) Isaiah 35: 1-10, Psalm 146: 5-10 or Luke 1: 46b-55

Jas. 5: 7-10, Matthew 11: 2-11

## KEY VERSE

**"I baptise you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry."**

**Matthew 3: 11**

## 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'S** final meeting for the year is next Wednesday and we are looking forward to a special Advent celebration. Our singing will be led by Leanne, accompanied by Marjorie, and Yoo Mi will present a Christian message. Everyone is welcome to this great service, followed by afternoon tea and a chat.

**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.

**ROSTER TIME AGAIN:** Are there any dates from January –April 2017 that you are unavailable for duties? If there is anyone willing to be added to the roster? If so, please let Sally know ASAP [sahobbs71@gmail.com](mailto:sahobbs71@gmail.com) Thanks to everyone who volunteers.

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

*Members of the Newington Congregation  
Warmly invite everyone to their  
Final Church Service on  
Sunday December the 18th at 2.00pm.  
The Moderator, The Reverend Sharon Hollis  
will be the Preacher.  
The service will be followed by afternoon tea.*

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, 136 Yarra St. Geelong  
Friday the 16th of December at 8.00pm  
Windfire Choir and Instrumental Ensemble.  
Conductor Rick Prakhoff & Guest artist Hilary Hayes—violin  
Tickets \$35/\$30, children & school students free

**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.

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"

**CAROLS IN THE PARK OCEAN GROVE  
SUNDAY DECEMBER THE 11TH 7.00PM**

**Come and sing your heart out with the  
Geelong Symphony Orchestra!**

**Bring an unwrapped gift for a needy child!**

**Have a great night of entertainment !**

**Sausage Sizzle, Pancakes and Hot and cold Drinks available.**

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

Christmas Eve Parish Service 7.30pm Ocean Grove  
Christmas Day 9.00am  
at both Barwon Heads and Ocean Grove.

**CHRISTMAS BOWL APPEAL**

This year, the focus of the Christmas Bowl appeal is on hard working farmers in Zimbabwe who are struggling to raise enough food for their families after years of catastrophic drought. Just like farming families in Australia, they are proud of the many generations of expertise they hold, but season after season of failed rains have brought many to the edge of starvation. The gifts you so generously give for the Christmas Bowl appeal will go towards helping change people's lives.

"Let all that you do be done in love" 1 Corinthians 16:14

## 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) 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.

**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.

**CONTACT DETAILS:** Alan & Robyn Clark are no longer in Point Lonsdale and can only be contacted by mobile phone 0409 524 559

**MEETING:** Elders Thursday December the 8th 10.00am in the church foyer.

**HELP NEEDED:** If you are able to "man" a gate at Carols in the park, would you please see Dianne Sapwell. Gates will open at about 5.00pm.

**JAM JARS NEEDED:** yes Helen Baum is once again accepting jars for her delicious varieties of jam. They can be of any size, but it would be appreciated if you take the labels of and ensure that the jars and lids are clean.

**CHRISTMAS BOWL APPEAL ENVELOPES** are enclosed with this newsletter. Please use the envelope to make your donation to this worthy appeal. You may return your envelope either through the Offering Bowl on any Sunday or leave in the retiring Offering Bowl in the foyer of the Church. The appeal will run until the 31st of December.

**ANNUAL REPORTS:** It would be appreciated if all members of the Congregation who are responsible for preparing an Annual Report could make a start on them asap. The reports need to be handed into the Office by the middle of January at the latest. This will allow enough time for them to be printed and distributed before the next Congregational Meeting in early February.