



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

9.00am Barwon Heads

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Holy Communion

10.30am Ocean Grove

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LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK (Epiphany 5) Isaiah 58: 1-9a, (9b-12), Psalm 112: 1-9 (10)
1 Corinthians 2: 1-12, (13-16), Matthew 5: 13-20

NEXT WEEK (Epiphany 6) Deut. 30: 15-20, Psalm 119: 1-8,
1 Corinthians 3: 1-9, Matthew 5: 21-37

KEY VERSE

"In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5: 16

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 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 COMBINED CHURCHES of Barwon Heads will meet at All Saints Anglican Church on Tuesday February the 14th at 4.00pm to share news of each others activities and plan for any proposed combined projects. We would hope to have 6 or 8 people from our uniting Church able to attend. Please let Ian Cover know if you are available to attend.

PLEASE NOTE THIS DATE: Friday the 3rd of March, 2.00pm for Barwon Heads observance of WORLD DAY OF PRAYER to be held at Holy Family Catholic Church (Cnr. Hitchcock Ave. & Thorn St.) using a printed Order of Service prepared by Christians in the Philippines with the theme "Am I being unfair to you?" Please save this date and plan to attend if you can.

OUR LADIES FELLOWSHIP GROUP was well attended last Wednesday, and led by Marilyn. She spoke of focusing on a clear guiding star, to get through life's worries. Her talk and appropriate hymns were inspiring, as was a wonderful poem she has written, called "Follow That Star." The afternoon concluded with a happy chat and a cuppa.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR THE CHURCH
oguc107@gmail.com
The phone number (5256 2477) remains the same.

Visit our new Facebook page,
Ocean Grove—Barwon Heads Uniting Church
and follow us.
Step 1. Sign up to Facebook
Step 2. Type our page name in the search box.
Step 3. Click "Like" button
Then,
You can get news of our Parish automatically!

DATES FOR CALENDARS

Parish Mission Team Meeting
Wednesday February 8th
7.00pm in the Ocean Grove Church Foyer

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

Lenten Studies begin
Wednesday March 8th
“Reading the Bible Together”
7.00pm
Newington Church

Lenten Walks begin
Tuesday March the 14th

Book & Painting Sale
Ocean Grove Church Hall
April 6th—8th
10.00am—4.00pm

Sacred edge Festival
May 5-7 Queenscliff Uniting Church
Register www.unitingqueenscliff.org.au

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.

OCEAN GROVE NEWS

RETIRING OFFERING: Each Sunday there is a bowl in the foyer for your donation towards a worthy cause. At this stage the Elders are deciding were to send our next collection to, but be assured it will be for 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.

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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Sunday February the 19th. This meeting will be held in the hall straight after morning worship and will be followed by a shared lunch. One of the agenda items will be elections. There are vacancies for Congregational Chairperson, Elders and Church councilors. If you are interested in nominating for either of these positions, please collect a nomination form from Diane Jones (Congregational Secretary) or from the table in the foyer. Nomination forms are to be returned to Geoff Naylor (Congregational Chairperson) or Diane Jones by Wednesday February the 8th. If you have any items for the agenda, please hand them in writing to Geoff Naylor or Diane Jones by Wednesday February the 8th.

ELDERS MEETING: Thursday February the 9th 10.00am in the church foyer.

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.

NEW FUNDRAISING IDEA: for the next 6 months, on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 8.00am—12noon the doors of what is now known as "The Taj" will be opened to the public to provide a regular venue to come and browse and buy the excess and unsaleable goods that are donated to "*the dove*". This will need only 2 volunteers from the Congregation per sale day. No setting up required as all goods will already be on display. This will, of course lighten the workload on many people, so please consider adding your name to the roster. 12 names are all we need to make it necessary for one person to do 1 shift for the 6 months. Please see Jean Konings if interested.