



Weekly Newsletter

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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
Worship Team

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

6.30—7.30pm Barwon Heads
Community Carols, Community Hall

9.00am Newington
The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park

10.30am Ocean Grove
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LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK (Advent 3) Zep. 3: 14-20, Is. 12: 2-6
Phil. 4: 4-7, Luke 3: 7-18

NEXT WEEK (Advent 4) Mic.5: 2-5a, Luke 1: 47-55 or psalm 80: 1-7,
Heb. 10: 5-10, Luke 1: 39-45, (46-55)

KEY VERSE

**“And with many other words, John exhorted the people, and preached
the good news to them.”**

Luke 3: 18

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.

THE UNITING CHURCH WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP will hold their last meeting for the year next Wednesday the 16th of December when there will be an extended session from 1.30—3.00pm of carol singing, reflection on Scripture, and fellowship over afternoon tea.

SAMMY STAMP GROUP asks that you keep saving your used postage stamps and bring to the Church Fete on January the 9th and "post" in the red box for a chance to win some new postage stamps. Remember to put your name and phone number on the packet of old stamps you bring.

CHURCH ROSTERS: Sally Hobbs is preparing the roster for Jan—April 2016. can you please let her know if you are unavailable for any of these dates. (sahobbs71@gmail.com or 0448 817 110). And more volunteers would be greatly appreciated.

THE CANDLESTICK being used during Advent, leading the lighting of the Christ candle on Christmas Day, was made for us by Stephen Townson and given to our Congregation when Stephen and his wife Dr. Lucy (Ham) and their children Will, Benjamin and Claire moved from barwon Heads.

A KEY has been found in a jar in the church kitchen before the weekend 5th/6th December. Anyone who left jars about that time can enquire about the key from Margaret Parry 5254 3208. We still urgently need small jars up to 300g for use on the Preserves stall at the Fete. Please try to bring them on Sunday December the 27th before the SUFM people move in or deliver to Margaret Parry.

THERE WILL NOT BE A SERVICE IN BARWON HEADS CHURCH ON SUNDAY DECEMBER THE 20TH. Instead there will be the Combined Churches Community Christmas Carols in the Community Hall 6.30—7.30pm. Entry by donation the Christmas Bowl Appeal.

CHRISTMAS AND HOLIDAY SERVICES for each of the 3 Churches in Barwon Heads are listed in a leaflet available today. Please take a copy so that you can let any visitors know Worship Times.

HELP WANTED: All Saints Church is putting on a "welcome" lunch for the SUFM and THEOS teams on Monday December the 28th at 12.30pm. Helen Edwards has asked us to provide some plates of food as well as assistance on the day. Helen says "We do understand that it is such a busy time (and the only "free" day for we Opp Shop Volunteers) but we know that these youngsters do such a great job and we would like to show our support in this way. thanks and God bless you." Please call Helen on 5254 3114 if you can help.

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

CAROLS IN THE PARK

Sunday December 13th: Carols in the Park begins at 7.00pm in the Ocean Grove Park. New Kid's Zone this year for children, BBQ, drinks (hot and cold) and pancakes available. Come and enjoy the Carol singing by renowned artists, local Primary School children and a community choir. **If you would like to help man the gates then please be at the "Yellow tent" at 5.00pm and no later than 5.30pm. Many hands make light work!!**

CAROLS IN THE BARWON HEADS COMMUNITY HALL

**Sunday December 20th
6.30—7.30pm**

Entry by donation for the Christmas Bowl Appeal

CHRISTMAS PARISH SERVICES

**7.30pm Ocean Grove Uniting Church
Thursday December 24th
"Christmas Eve Candle-Lighting Service"**

**9.00am Barwon Heads and Ocean Grove Uniting Churches
Friday December 25th**

"Remember Jesus is the reason for the Season"

Weekly Newsletter

Yes the Weekly Parish Newsletter will be published over the Festive Season but please note that for Sunday December the 27th the newsletter will be prepared on Wednesday December the 23rd.

For Sunday January 3rd 2016 the newsletter will be prepared on Wednesday December the 30th.

If you would like to have something included in either of these notices please have them to the church office by 8.30am on the Wednesday mornings.

At this time of the year there always seem to be plenty of space especially on this page so if you have something interesting to include please forward it to the church office.

OCEAN GROVE NEWS

RETIRING OFFERING: For the months of November and December we will be collecting money for the Act for Peace Christmas Bowl Appeal. Appeal envelopes are available from the table in the foyer, but you may like to clean out your purse of all that change every Sunday you come to church. It is amazing how quickly small change turns into 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 is now in recess and will resume in late January.

LOAVES AND FISHES PANTRY: We are in need of **tins of diced tomatoes 400G.** and **tins of beetroot 225g** to help keep our shelves stocked Thank you all for your continued support of the food pantry.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS: Once again we will be offering Christmas Hampers to the folk who attend the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry who have been referred to us. If you would like to make a contribution we would appreciate donations of packets of jelly crystals, savoury biscuits such as savoury shapes (all flavours) and long life custard in 500ml Cartons Please leave your donation in the basket in the Church foyer.
Hampers will be packed on Friday December the 18th.
Thank you from the JIM Team.

ANNUAL REPORTS: yes the year is drawing to a close so if you are responsible for preparing an annual report, you may like to do it asap, so that this important job does not get forgot over the festive season!!

IN 2016 the Presbytery of Port Philip West will once again be holding a Mission Shaped Ministry Course that is designed to stimulate people and Congregations in the process of Regenerating the Church. Jong Soo is hoping that at least person from our Congregation would be prepared to enroll in this course. Please speak to either Geoff Naylor (who completed the course in 2014) or Jong Soo who has just finished the course for 2015 for more details.