



# 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

6.30—7.30pm Barwon Heads  
Community Carols, Community Hall

9.00am Newington  
The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park

10.30am Ocean Grove  
The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park

## SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

9.00am  
The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park

9.00am Newington  
Mr. Robert Packett

10.30am Ocean Grove  
The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park

**Please see inside for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Service times.**

## LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS 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)

NEXT WEEK (Christmas 1) 1 Sm. 2: 18-20, 26, Psalm 148  
Col. 3: 12-17, Luke 2: 41-52

## KEY VERSE

**“Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has aid to her will  
be accomplished!”**

**Luke 1: 45**

## 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.

**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](mailto: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.

**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 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.

**“Pilgrimage for Living Land”**

**Saturday 2nd January 9.30am—1.00pm**

Starting and ending at Percy Cherry Park, Creekside Drive Curlewis Walk or drive between the various stations to hear readings, to pray, to contemplate, to talk with others about the place of the land in our Christian lives.

**No Cost and lunch provided**

For registration or more information contact  
Wayne on 5251 2210 or [waynemyers@outlook.com](mailto:waynemyers@outlook.com)

## 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.

**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 forgotten 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.

**GARAGE SALE IN JANUARY:** The first of our fundraising efforts for 2016 will be a Garage Sale on Saturday January the 23rd from 8.00am—12noon. Setting up will take place on Friday January the 22nd (time to be advised), so please write these two dates on your 2016 calendar. If you have any ideas on how or what we can do for fundraising please let either Dianne Sapwell or Neil Derrick know. There will be a meeting of the newly formed Fundraising Committee after the Garage sale and you are most welcome to join or submit your ideas.