



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

9.00am Newington
Mr. Robert Packett

10.30am Ocean Grove
The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

9.00am Barwon Heads
The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park
Holy Communion

9.00am Newington
Mr. Peter Ward

10.30am Ocean Grove
The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park
Holy Communion

LECTIONARY READINGS

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

NEXT WEEK (Christmas 2) Jer. 31: 7-14, Psalm 147: 12-20
Ephesians 1: 3-14, John 1: (1-9) 10-18

KEY VERSE

“And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God. And men.

Luke 2: 52

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.

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.

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.**

VOLUNTEERS WANTED.

Over the last few months a committee comprising of people from Wesley, St. Mary's Christ Church and UnitingCare in Grove Dale have been working towards creating a "drop in centre" for homeless and isolated people at 202 Myer Street Geelong, which is the Governor's residence at the old Geelong Gaol.

It will be known as "The Lazarus Community drop in centre and we will be operating from Monday February the 1st 2016.

We will have available for clients, showering and clothes washing facilities as well as a light lunch and other activities including gardening and playing pool. Initially it will operate on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday between the hours of 9.00am and 4.00pm expanding to other days in accordance with need.

We are requiring volunteers to help us run the centre and each shift will be for 4 hours.

A volunteer training day has been arranged for 9.30am Friday January the 22nd at Wesley Church 100 Yarra Street Geelong.

More details can be obtained from
Wendy Leigh on 5222 4101 from January the 11th 2016.

Weekly Newsletter

Yes the Weekly Parish Newsletter will be published over the Festive Season.

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

If you would like to have something included in the newsletter please have them to the church office by 8.30am on the Wednesday morning.

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

OCEAN GROVE NEWS

RETIRING OFFERING: For the month of January and February we will be collecting money for at this stage an undetermined worthy charity. If know of a charity you think the church should support please let Dianne Sapwell know. The result of our Christmas Bowl Appeal will be published next week.

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.

BRIAN AND LAURIS KIDD are spending three weeks in Perth with their family, and returning on January the 6th to what looks like being the beginning of some extensive forms of treatment for Brian. He says "I have had some disturbing health news and I very much appreciate the messages of support and prayers I have received from my Church family. Please keep both Brian and Lauris in your prayers.

NEW ADDRESS for Robert and Barbara Cox—51 Halibut Avenue Ocean Grove. Phone details will appear shortly.