



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
Mr. Doug Gorwell

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

5.00pm Barwon Heads
Contemporary Service

9.00am Newington
The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park

10.30am Ocean Grove
The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park

LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK (Lent 1) Dt. 26: 1-11, Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16
Romans 10: 8b-13, Luke 4: 1-13

NEXT WEEK (Lent 2) genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18 Psalm 27
Phil.3: 17-4:1, Luke 13: 31-35

KEY VERSE

“ I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge, and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust”

Psalm 91: 2

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.

ROSE GARDEN: Don Freeman is doing some work rejuvenating the garden near the hall entrance and plans to establish a rose garden. Church council has allocated some funds to assist Don's work. He would be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to donate a rose for planting in the garden. Talk to Don at morning tea or phone him on 5254 2732.

5PM SERVICE: The monthly Contemporary Services resume next Sunday (February 21st) at 5.00pm. Please pass on any ideas for guests or themes for this year's services to Ian Cover (0418 581 900). If you can provide food or help with dinner preparation, please join Jenny Harwood in the kitchen from 4.00pm or talk to Lydia Cover today.

PRESBYTERY REP. we need a volunteer to take over as our representative at Presbytery meetings. Many thanks to Be Smith for carrying out the role in the past; her contribution has been greatly appreciated. Please let Ian Cover know if you are willing to take on this position.

PLANNING FOR WORLD DAY OF PRAYER begins this month for the service to be held at All Saints Anglican Church on Friday 4th march, 2.00pm using a printed Order of Service prepared by Christians in Cuba. We need two or three people to represent us on that planning committee (a once only meeting, probably on a Thursday afternoon). Please contact Margaret Parry 5254 3208 if you can help.

CROSSLIGHT did not arrive in time for distribution with our monthly newsletter last Sunday, but is available in the church hall today. Please collect your copy and take any you can deliver to people not here today.

ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH BARWON HEADS, has created a Lenten meditation space in their church building to be available through out Lent (10th feb.—24th march). This space will be a place for private prayer and spiritual refreshment with a variety of resources available to help. We are warmly invited to visit at a time to suit between 8.00am—5.00pm most days except Thursday mornings. Enquiries to Cathy Coleman 0410 167 720

UNITING CHURCH LENTEN APPEAL this year offers four projects in response to God's love as we seek to make a difference in the lives of vulnerable people: International project for post-war counseling and community support in Sri Lanka; National project to make it possible for people with a disability to take part in an August 2016 conference to explore ways in which faith communities can be more inclusive; Victorian project at Corio-Norlane Uniting Church with its much needed Adult Literacy and Numeracy program; Tasmanian project based at Scots Memorial Uniting Church, Hobart for disadvantaged people to share life and faith music. More information in the brochure in the pews. Bring your Lenten offering to church on any Sunday during Lent or on Good Friday.

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

SAFE CHURCH TRAINING
OCEAN GROVE UNITING CHURCH
SATURDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 9.30AM—12.30PM

Who should attend? Anyone who is involved in ministry with young people, people in leadership and pastoral roles and anyone interested in learning more about practical ways of making our churches safe places. It is important that if you are in a leadership role at Ocean Grove that you attend, as the Church Council has already made an application for Safe Church Recognition. For more details and how to register see the poster on your church noticeboard.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Annual World Day of Prayer Service for the churches of Ocean Grove will be held on **Friday 4th March at 10.00am at the Ocean Grove Uniting Church**, followed by morning tea in the church hall. This year the service has been prepared by the women of Cuba. Our very own Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park is the invited speaker at this occasion! **Come along dressed in some bright colours and please bring a plate of morning tea** to assist with the catering for all our visitors. **Men you are welcome to attend too!**

MENTORS

Jong Soo is into his second year as our Minister and we have been blessed by his leadership. Jong Soo has been assisted by Judy Greer (Ocean Grove), Andrew Balaam (Barwon Heads) and Frank Whiteside (Newington). As part of their mentoring roles, they would welcome your thoughts about any aspect of Jong Soo's ministry. While thanking Judy, Andrew, and Frank for their specific efforts, a general note of appreciation is extended to everyone from our three Congregations for helping Jong Soo, Yoo Mi, Celine and Helen settle into their new lives with us.

LENTEN STUDIES

With Fresh Perspectives (From Youth and Migrant Angle)

Booklet: Who Do You Say I Am? Written by Jong Soo

(Now available from the church office on Friday mornings.)

Begin Tuesday February 16th at 2.00pm and

Wednesday February 17th at 7.00pm

Both sessions will be held at Ocean Grove.

Minimum number 5 per sessions and maximum number 20 overall.

Please let Jong Soo or Dianne Sapwell know if you are attending either session.

OCEAN GROVE NEWS

RETIRING OFFERING: For the months of January, February and March we will be collecting money for the Share Lenten Appeal. Appeal envelopes will be distributed next week giving you details of how the money raised will be spent.

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 would appreciate donations of 1kg packets of Long grain Rice to help maintain stocks for our food pantry. Please bring along to worship and place in the basket in the foyer. Thank you all for your continued support, it is much appreciated.

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. This year there will be a day session (2-4.00 pm) and an evening session (6 –8.30pm). The course will begin on February the 20th and more details are on the noticeboard opposite the hall entrance.

GARAGE SALE : Thank you to everyone who helped on both the Friday and Saturday. The amount raised was \$2341.05.

UCAF: The Commitment Service will be on Monday February 22nd. All welcome to attend. There will be a Trading Table and please bring a small plate for morning tea. A short meeting will be held and all are welcome.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY MARCH 6TH: This meeting will be held in the hall straight after morning worship and will be followed by a shared lunch. There will be a vacancy for a Church councillor. We are also seeking nominations for Elders. If you are interested in nominating for the position of a Church Councillor or an Elder, please collect a nomination form from Diane Prowse (Congregational Secretary) or from the table in the foyer. Nomination forms are to be returned to Geoff Naylor (Congregational Chairperson) or Diane Prowse by Sunday 14th February. If you have any items for the agenda, please have them in writing to give to Geoff or Diane by the 14th of February.

DO YOU LIKE WALKING? Then maybe you will consider helping the Church Council to deliver some new leaflets titled "Welcome to Ocean Grove and your new home" that have been printed. At the next Church Council meeting we will have mapped at areas needed to be covered, so if interested please speak to either Neil Derrick (Chairperson) or Dianne Sapwell (Secretary)