



Weekly Newsletter

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A warm welcome is extended to all visitors today.
God's richest blessings to you all.

SERVICES TODAY

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

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

9.00am Barwon Heads
The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park

9.00am Newington
Mr. & Mrs. B. Shaw

10.30am Ocean Grove
The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park

LECTIONARY READINGS

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

NEXT WEEK (Lent 3) Isaiah 55: 1-9, Psalm 63: 1-8
1 Corinthians 10: 1-13, Luke 13:1-9

KEY VERSE

**“.....Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord”
Luke 13: 35**

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.

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.

UNITING CHURCH LADIES FREINDSHIP GROUP: meets on the 2nd and 16th of March
**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. **Registration must be done by Wednesday February 24th. To register please go to: <https://ucavt.goregister.com.au/safechurchtraining2016/registration/oceangrove/>**

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!**

LENTEN WALKS

24th February: Amble through the Ocean Grove Nature Reserve

2nd March: Begola Wetlands—park in Emperor Drive opposite Roditis Drive.

9th March: Sheepwash Board Walk, Barwon Heads. Drive along Carr St., turn left into Rover Parade, opposite Pelican Court (No Through Road) look for Assembly Area 23W adjacent to the river and park in the car park Melways 483 C 12.

16th March: Blue Waters Lake—meet at Blue Waters Drive, between Riviera Crescent and Lake Avenue.

All walks begin at 9.30am and are for about 30-45 minutes.

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.)

Will now only be held on Wednesday evening.

7.00pm in the Ocean Grove Church.

Apologies to those who intended to come on Tuesday afternoons.

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.

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. Could people please bring a plate of finger food for a shared lunch? The 2015 Annual Reports will be presented. There will be an election for a Church Councillor, Joan Billington is the only nomination. *The dove* payments to the Church will be reviewed, as well as the term for these payments. In 2015 these payments totaled \$24,000.00 . The Parish Budget will also be discussed.

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).

FUND RAISING MEETING Monday February 29th 10.00am in the church foyer. All welcome. If you are not able to attend but do have some great ideas then please either email to the church or pass them on to Dianne Sapwell (preferably in writing.)

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING: Thursday March 3rd 4.30pm in the Church Foyer.

PASTORAL CARE NETWORK TEAM MEETING: Wednesday March 2nd 4.00pm in the church. The Elders hope that everyone who is a part of this important Ministry is able to attend. We need to update our current Pastoral Care Team list urgently.