



Weekly Newsletter

Barwon Heads, Newington, Ocean Grove,
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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. & Mrs. B. Shaw

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
Ms. Jean Murray

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

LECTIONARY READINGS

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

NEXT WEEK (Lent 4) Jos. 5: 9-12, Psalm 32
2 Corinthians 5: 16-21, Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32

KEY VERSE

"I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands."

Psalm 63: 4

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.

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.

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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER will be held next Friday 4th of march at All Saints Anglican Church at 2.00pm, using a printed Order of Service prepared by Christians in Cuba with the theme Jesus said "Receive Children, Receive me" Some of our Uniting Church people will be taking part in leadership of the service. World day of Prayer is like a continuous "Mexican Wave" of prayer around the world in 24 hours. Please join in if you can.

KNITTERS WANTED: Cottage by the Sea, Queenscliff, is looking for donations of wool and/or people willing to knit scarves, squares for rugs, teddies, slippers, mittens or beanies as gifts for disadvantaged children visiting the Cottage. Anyone able to help please phone Lyn (Knitting Co-ordinator) on 5259 3557 for further information.

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

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

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

**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.

ANNUAL STAMP FAIR

SATURDAY MARCH 12TH 9.00AM—2.00PM

Ocean Grove Senior Citizens Centre, 101 The Terrace
Dealers in attendance for valuations and buying.

Entry by gold coin donation. Light refreshments available.

The Geelong Chamber Music Society Inc. presents
Elena Kats-Chernin and Tamara-Anna Cislowska

Who will shine light on new treasures and old favourites in a thrilling unique
experience of creation expression and adventure.

Friday 11th March 7.30pm, McAuley Hall, Sacred College

Tickets Adults \$50 Concession \$45 Under 25 \$10

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 are available on the table in the foyer.

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. Please note that there will be morning coffee on March 4th, but you are most welcome to join in the World day of Prayer at 10.00am.** Usual coffee and chat resumes on the 11th of March.

LOAVES AND FISHES PANTRY: As next Sunday will be Communion Sunday we are asking members of the Congregation to please bring along any of the following tinned vegetables: 420g sweet corn, 400g cannellini beans, 400g three or five bean mix. These will help restock our pantry shelves. We are continuing to see new people arrive seeking assistance and we thank you for your generosity which enables us to reach out to struggling families and offer our support.

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.