



Weekly Newsletter

Barwon Heads, Newington, Ocean Grove,
Uniting Church in Australia

Sunday January 10th 2016

Minister: The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park

Phone (H) 5255 1841 (M) 0425 228 978

Email: joshuahoju@gmail.com

Office Hours: Friday 8.30am—12.00noon

Tel. 5256 2477

Email: oguc@tpg.com.au Postal Address PO Box 393 O/Grove 3226

Website: www.oceangrove.unitingchurch.org.au

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
Baptism of Noah and Aurora Sawers

11.00am Newington
The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park
Holy Communion

10.30am Ocean Grove
Ms. Jean Murray

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

9.00am Barwon Heads
Mr. Ian Cover

9.00am Newington
The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park

10.30am Ocean Grove
The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park

LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK (Baptism of Jesus) Isaiah 43: 1-7, Psalm 29
Acts 8: 14-17, Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

NEXT WEEK (Epiphany 2) Isaiah 62: 1-5, Psalm 36: 5-10
1 Corinthians 12: 1– 11, John 2: 1-11

KEY VERSE

**“When all the people were being baptised, Jesus was baptised too”
Luke 3: 21**

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.

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.

CHRISTMAS BOWL donations at the Combined Churches Community carols and at our Christmas Day service have passed \$1000, plus appeal envelopes being forwarded direct to the Christmas Bowl. Our Treasurer Greg 5254 1299 will still receive further donations in January.

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

Message from Peace Palette

We are very grateful to have supporters and friends like you from the Ocean Grove Uniting Church. Thank you once again for your generous support in 2015. Peace Palette has lots to celebrate despite political and economical struggles in South Sudan, and we are very pleased to give you updates on new enterprises and initiatives that you have helped to bring to fruition.

1. Community vegetable garden— We have cleared land and planted seeds of tomato, okra, African lady finger leaf and eggplant. This is a milestone in South Sudan communities and we hope other South Sudanese communities will replicate this.
2. Grinding service—Your donations helped to buy this grinder which can grind ten kilos of sorghum in just 10 –15 minutes. The income from this is approximately \$55 a day which is very profitable in South Sudan.
3. Peace Palette kiosk (forthcoming). Buoyed by the success of the garden and grinding service, we are starting on our 3rd social enterprise selling basic food and supplies.

Thank you again for assisting Peace Palette and ultimately helping the children of the Nhomlau Children's centre, who we believe, are the leaders of today and tomorrow.

Warmest wishes for 2016 and we hopefully look forward to your future support.

Yours sincerely

David Vincent and Aya Ono

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 Goal.

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.

Electronic Scooter for Sale

Huge 4 pole motor + 160 amp conquers any hill. Battery operated. Weight capacity 227kg. 137cm x 73cm. Maximum speed 10/14 Kmp. Operating range 25-40km. Rear bag, flag, wet weather gear. Still under warranty. Bought for \$4800.00 will sell for \$3500.00 Interested please phone Heather (Jean Gunn's Daughter) on 0409 380 852

A dramatic presentation
"The Go-Between"

William Murrungurk Buckley

The white man who went black and came back.

Written & performed by Jan "Yarn" Wositzky"

Queenscliff Uniting Church

Wednesday 13th January at 8.00pm & Sunday 17th of January

\$20 includes refreshments.

Book online www.unitingchurchqueenscliff.org.au or 5258 2854

"Have a laugh"

That list of New Year resolutions you made last year can be used again. It's as good as new!

A committee is a body that keeps minutes and wastes hours!

Why didn't Noah swat those 2 mozzies?

Chocolate makes your clothes shrink!

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 is **\$1831.75**. Thank you to everyone for giving so generously..

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 Dianne Sapwell 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.

NEW ADDRESS for Robert and Barbara Cox—51 Halibut Avenue Ocean Grove. Phone number 5255 4881.

UCAF 2016 Our first meeting will be on **Monday January the 25th.** This will be a planning meeting for the 2016 program and also World Day of Prayer which we will be hosting on the 4th of March with Jong Soo as the guest speaker. Barry Calcutt has very kindly offered to speak to us about Cuba at this meeting. Cuban women have prepared the service for WDP so Barry will give us an insight into Cuban culture. **No Trading Table and biscuits will be supplied for morning tea.** 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. Hope to see you on the 25th of January.