



# 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  
Holy Communion

9.00am Newington  
Mr. Peter Ward

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

## SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

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  
Ms. Jean Murray

## LECTIONARY READINGS

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

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

## KEY VERSE

**“he was with God in the beginning”**  
**John 1: 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](mailto: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.

**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.

**SUFM** (Scripture Union Family Mission) team members are living in our church property while conducting their beach mission in Barwon Heads. They will be leaving on Wednesday morning January 6th, just in time for our preparations for our fete to begin. Some SUFM members will return on Saturday 9th January to help at our fete.

**HELPERS NEEDED** on Wednesday to Friday before the Fete to sort and price incoming goods for sale. See details in December 2015 newsletter or phone Don Freeman 5254 2732 or Ken MacLean 5254 2876. please remember to bake for the Cake Stall. Extra labels available at the church today.

**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 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.

# Can you help fill this space?

Then kindly email your  
contribution to the church  
office by 8.30am  
Friday mornings.  
Contact details on front of  
the newsletter.

## 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 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** have been spending three weeks in Perth with their family, and will return 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 number 5255 4881.