



# 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

10.30am Ocean Grove

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## SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

**5.00pm** Barwon Heads

The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park

**4R Thrive Together**

10.30.00am Ocean Grove

The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park

**4R Thrive Together in the church hall**

June 5th World Environment Day  
June 26th Support for Victims of Torture

## LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK (Trinity Sunday) Genesis 1: 1-2:4a, Psalm 8  
2 Corinthians 13: 11-13, Matthew 28: 16-20

NEXT WEEK (Pentecost 2) Genesis 18: 1-15, (21: 1-7),  
Psalm 116: 1-2, 12-19, Romans 5: 1-8, Matthew 9: 35-10:8, (9-23)

## KEY VERSE

**"God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there  
was evening and there was morning—the sixth day"**

**Genesis 1: 31**

### BARWON HEADS NEWS

**WEEKLY NEWSLETTER ITEMS:** Please ring or send directly to Dianne Sapwell before 8.30am Friday each week. Email oguc107@gmail.com 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.

**OUR LADIES FELLOWSHIP GROUP** was entertained by a great talk by Faye McLean. She spoke about her entire family's participation in the MS Walk for Life last weekend. She then showed photos of some amazing sea creatures they came across on a walk along the beach. We all enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon, with Bible Readings and Hymns., and a lovely afternoon tea.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who donated food items to UnitingCare Geelong last year. Eiril Gliddon, UnitingCare's coordinator of emergency relief operations, has written to let us know that almost 4000 people benefitted through visits to UnitingCare's Norlane, Grovedale and Winchelsea offices. And the value of the food donated across the Geelong area was just short of \$175,000 and come from Secondbite, Foodbank, local churches and community organisations. While it is a wonderful response, it is also challenging to reflect on the hardship faced by so many people in our region.

**WELL DONE** to ken and Faye McLean and their family for taking part in the MS walk/run at Albert park last Sunday. The MacLean's at Large" team was led by their daughter Catriona and raised \$2940.00. Faye says, "We are hoping by raising funds like this someone one day will find a cure for this debilitating disease. Thank you to all who sponsored us."

**All welcome to morning tea  
in the Church Hall after the service.**

### DATES FOR YOUR JUNE CALENDAR

Thursday June 22nd

2.00pm Mid-week Service of Holy Communion at Ocean Grove

**Please note that the date has been changed due to the fact that on the 22nd of June the UCA will be celebrating it's 40th Anniversary.**

Wednesday June 21st

Parish Mission Team Meeting

7.00pm in the Ocean Grove church foyer

### BOOK SALE

OXFAM AUSTRALIA

Run by volunteers from the Ocean Grove Group

SATURDAY 24TH JUNE

9.00AM—1.00PM

All new books. Current publications

Ocean Grove Uniting Church Hall

Do you have a passion for advertising, organising events or just like being on a Committee?

Then you are the person/s the Parish Executive are looking for.

A new Committee needs to be formed in order to manage the Newington Ocean Grove Church Centre.

If you are interested please contact the Church Office either by Email [oguc107@gmail.com](mailto:oguc107@gmail.com)

or by phoning the church office (5256 2477) any Friday morning between 9.00am and 12noon.

There are no restrictions on who and how many can be on the Committee!!!

### THANK YOU

The Asylum Seeker Resource Centre would like to sincerely thank all who contributed to the van load of doonas, blankets etc. that Barry Calcutt kindly transported to Melbourne. More bedding is urgently needed and the contact JIM members are Joan Calcutt 5250 3789 or Lyn Mulligan 5255 2638

### ACT FOR PEACE RATION CHALLENGE

Joan Calcutt is participating in this event again this year during Refugee Week. She will be eating the same rations as a Syrian refugee—just a small amount of rice, lentils, chick peas, sardines, oil and kidney beans. That's it. No meat, coffee or alcohol.

Please consider sponsoring her if you'd care to, by donating whatever you can. Any money you give will help provide urgently needed food rations, healthcare, and education to help give Syrian refugees the strength they need to cope. It will also help many other refugees around the world to build safe, just and dignified lives, now and in the future.

Thank you for your care and encouragement.

You will be making a big difference to refugees in desperate need.

If you would like to make a direct donation to Act for Peace, on link here is the link.

[actforpeace.rationchallenge.org.au/fundraisers/joanalcutt](http://actforpeace.rationchallenge.org.au/fundraisers/joanalcutt)

"The fundraising event "Bird of my Soul" held last weekend at Wesley was organised by the "Welcome Place" and the Combined Refugee Action Group. The aim was to provide some funding assistance for those asylum seekers who need assistance with legal appeals.

The response from the community was overwhelmingly, generous and positive, and as well as the wonderful comments we received, our takings for the weekend were \$7,300. amazing results, and will be put to supporting asylum seekers in their quest for safety and refuge here with us.

Many thanks, dear friends,"

Cathie Bond

Co-ordinator, Bird of my Soul Exhibition.

## OCEAN GROVE NEWS

**RETIRING OFFERING:** From now until the end of May/June we will be raising money to support the building of a new Mapoon Church on Queensland's Cape York Peninsula. Thank you to all who gave so generously to the Lenten Appeal a cheque for \$908.15 has been sent.

**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 :** If you are wondering how you might support the work of our food pantry tins of crushed tomatoes, tins of soup, and packets of rice and pasta would be greatly appreciated by the many people who come seeking our assistance.

**MAINTENANCE ISSUES:** In order for small maintenance issues to be addressed there is now a request sheet on the noticeboard. If you see or find something that needs addressing around the church please complete the required details and the Property Committee will attend to the problem as soon as possible.

**If you have already used your talents and raised some money then please return it to the church in a sealed envelope marked "Talent Month" and place it in the offering bowl. It is not necessary to add your name.**

**ROBIN MUNRO & VELDA WILLIS** have a new phone number It is 4202 0323. please change their details in your directory.

**UCAF NEWS:** The next meeting will be held on Monday June the 26th at the Ocean Grove Senior Citizens Centre, 101 The Terrace at 10.00am. We will watch a DVD then have morning tea. See you there!

**SUNDAY JUNE THE 25TH** will be a time when we celebrate the UCA 40th Anniversary and officially welcome "new members" to our Congregation. To help us celebrate, would you kindly bring a plate of something special to have with a cuppa after the service. Thanking you in anticipation of your co-operation.

**"RECYCLED TREASURES" SALE,** next Saturday June the 17th. 8.00am—12noon at The "Taj". Tell your family and friends about this special fundraiser and remind them that ne stock arrives monthly. Also if you would like to help on the day please speak to Jean Konings, who is always looking for people to "take the money" Thanks to everyone who has helped with this successful fundraiser so far.