



Weekly Newsletter

Barwon Heads, 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

10.30am Ocean Grove
The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

5.00pm Barwon Heads
The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park
Confirmation Service

10.30.00am Ocean Grove
The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park

November 16th
International Day for Tolerance
November 27th
Buy Nothing Day

LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK (Pentecost 23) Jos. 24: 1-3a, 14-25, Psalm 78: 1-7
1 Thes. 4: 13-18, Matthew 25: 1-13

NEXT WEEK (Pentecost 24) Jgs 4: 1-7, Psalm 123
1 Thes. 5: 1-11, Matthew 25: 14-30

KEY VERSE

“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour”

Matthew 25: 13

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 meet in the Vestry next Wednesday at 1.30pm. We are looking forward to a presentation by Nola White who is a devout Christian; then afternoon tea and an enjoyable chat.

NEWS ABOUT FRIENDS: **Win O'Brien** is recovering well after her recent fall and is very much looking forward to returning to Barwon Heads. Win has received plenty of calls and messages from her friends which she has greatly appreciated. **John Whiting** has moved to Sea Views Manor in Ocean Grove and has settled in well. **Nola Marsh**, who is also at Sea Views, remain resilient and in good spirits. We send our love and best wishes to Win, John and Nola and ask you to keep them in your prayers.

STREET STALLS: Thank you to everyone who contributed in various ways to our Melbourne Cup weekend street stalls. The cool weather seemed to keep people indoors for a while but by the end of the morning a total of **\$1886.35** had been raised which was a great result. The raffle prize of a hamper comprising of goodies from the stalls was won by **Ally Deller**. Congratulations Ally!

CONFIRMATION SERVICE: Please show your support for **Sarah and Rachael Hobbs** who will be confirmed as members of the Church at our **5.00pm Service next Sunday**. As always, dinner in the hall will follow the service.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS: Our Uniting Church welfare agency in Geelong asks for our help in providing basic **NON PERISHABLE** food items (tinned, bottled, packaged foods including long life milk/custard) to include in Christmas Hampers for people facing hard times this Christmas. Please bring your donated food items to church on any (or every) Sunday this month to supplement the foods we will buy from IGA with our accumulated "points". Leave your donated foods in the church porch along with any recycled "green" bags you can provide for use in distribution. Read the signs for suggested food items needed. Thanking you in anticipation of your support. If you prefer to make a cash donation put your gift in a plain envelope marked "Christmas Hampers" and place in the Offering Bowl at Church.

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

BARWON HEADS AND OCEAN GROVE
COMBINED CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY NOVEMBER THE 16TH
4.30PM AT NEWINGTON

MID-WEEK SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
THURSDAY NOVEMBER THE 16TH
2.00PM
BARWON HEADS UNITING CHURCH

OXFAM BOOK SALE
Saturday November the 25th 9.00am—1.00pm
Ocean Grove Uniting Church
All new books, current publications!

Uniting Christmas Cards
for sale in the foyer of the Ocean Grove Church
Each pack of 10 cards is only \$9.00
Uniting is the community services arm
of the Uniting Church in Victoria and Tasmania

PARISH EXECUTIVE MEETING
TUESDAY NOVEMBER THE 14TH
4.00PM
OCEAN GROVE CHURCH FOYER.
Apologies to be sent to Dianne Sapwell

ADVENT STUDY “STORY PATCH 2”
Wednesday November the 29th,
December the 6th, 13th and 20th
7.00pm
Ocean Grove Uniting Church

OCEAN GROVE NEWS

RETIRING OFFERING: For the months of November and December we will be supporting the Christmas Bowl Appeal.

PRAYER CONTACT: If you would like our prayer team to pray for you or others (with their permission) please contact **Robin Munro on 4202 0323**

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 : to help stock our pantry it would be helpful to receive **TINS** of soup, tuna and packets of pasta (not spaghetti) and rice. Thank you for continuing support of the Food Pantry, it helps provide a number of people in our Ocean Grove Community with food security.

UCAF NEWS: If you are coming to the **ANNUAL COMBINED UCAF CHRISTMAS SERVICE AND LUNCH** on the 27th of November can you please let Robin or Judy Greer know before the 20th of November. Payment of \$25 would be appreciated before the day. Helpers are needed to set up the hall at 11.00am on the day and will be greatly appreciated also! Non UCAF members are welcome to join in the occasion too but will need to book as per the members. **The Christmas Service will begin at 11.30am and will be followed by lunch in the hall.**

ARE YOU WILLINGLY TO HELP FILL SOME GAPS IN THE MONTHLY ROSTERS? Ron and Jenny Welsh have indicated that they are no longer able to help serve morning tea next year. (Thanks Ron and Jenny for doing this duty for a number of years), and so there is a need for more people to help serve morning tea, prepare and serve Holy Communion on the 1st Sunday of the month, take up the offering, read the Bible, and welcome people at the door. If you are willingly to participate in any of these monthly duties now or next year please let Dianne Sapwell know. Remember that the more people who participate the less number of times everyone is rostered on!

NOVEMBER MEETINGS: Property Committee Meeting Monday November the 13th 7.30pm and Fundraising Committee meeting Thursday November the 16th 10.00am. Both meetings will be held in the church foyer.

THE CHURCH CHOIR will meet every Thursday November from until Thursday December the 22nd from 12noon to 1.00pm. We would welcome some extra voices to help us with some beautiful Advent/Christmas music. We know who you are...We can hear you on Sunday mornings!!!. Let Margaret Hughes know (5256 2195) if you would like to join the choir over the next few weeks!!!

CONGRATULATIONS to Judy Greer who was nominated by Rotary friends and our UCAF Branch for The Victorian Premier's Volunteer Champions 2017 Award in the Service category. Judy will be presented with a service award on December the 3rd at Government House. She is a very worthy recipient of this award. Well done Judy!