



# Weekly Newsletter

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Uniting Church in Australia

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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

11.00am Newington  
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Holy Communion

10.30am Ocean Grove  
Act for Peace—Christmas Bowl Appeal

## SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

**5.00pm** Barwon Heads  
Contemporary Service

9.00am Newington  
The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park

10.30am Ocean Grove  
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## LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK (Pentecost 24) Ru 3: 1-5, 4: 13-17, Psalm 127  
Hebrews 9: 24-28, Mark 12: 38-44

NEXT WEEK (Pentecost 25) 1 Sm. 1: 4-20, 1 Sm. 2: 1-10, Psalm 16  
Hebrews 10: 11-14, (15-18), 19-25, Mark 13: 1-8

## KEY VERSE

**“So Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people....”**  
**Hebrews 9: 28a**

## 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.

**FETE MEETING:** The annual Fete will be held on Saturday January 9th 2016. Plans for this important event will be discussed at a meeting over morning tea following worship on **Sunday November 8th**. All welcome for a cuppa and a chat.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** to support various church agencies are now available. See ordering information on the table in the church hall.

**LAST WEEK'S FUND RAISING STALLS:** As a result of some late contributions we have now raised more than \$1600.00. Thanks again to all who worked under such adverse weather conditions.

**UNITINGCARE GEELONG** requests our help in providing food items for about 400 Christmas Hampers to be distributed to people in need this Christmas. Please bring your donated tinned and packaged non-perishable food items to church and place them in the basket in the church porch on any Sunday this month. Be Smith of our Congregation who is a volunteer with UnitingCare Geelong will deliver our donated items to UnitingCare.

**NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER** and Crosslight are available in the church hall today. The Uniting Church 2016 calendar is also included. Please collect your own and take any others you can deliver to people not here today. It is important that people on the Bible Reading roster obtain the calendar as it includes the Bible Readings for every Sunday of the year.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Lilli Balaam and Claudia Cheatley who have been elected as Girls' School Captain and Vice-Captain respectively at The Geelong College for 2016. Keep them in your prayers as they prepare for their leadership roles and VCE studies next year.

**OUR "GST" COIN JARS** are due to be returned to the Church at any service this month, beginning with the 5.00pm Contemporary Service next Sunday. If you have not had a coin jar it is possible to support our "GST" (God's Special Tasks) projects by donating through an envelope marked "GST" placed in the Offering Bowl on any Sunday.

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

## DATES FOR CALENDARS

**Sunday November 8th**—Winchelsea Refugee Support Group presents Julian Burnside AO QC Human Rights Advocate, 2.00pm—4.00pm The Hub, Eastern Reserve Winchelsea. Entry by donation.

**Saturday November 21st**—"Blooming Plants and Homemade Fair"  
Portarlington Uniting Church cnr. Newcombe & Fisher Street Portarlington  
9.00am until early afternoon. For further details call Barry Ruler 0427 513 950

**Sunday 29th of November:** Handel's Messiah, featuring the Melbourne Opera and Essendon Choral Society, Parks Hall, Newcombe Street Portarlington.  
Adults \$30, Students \$10 Under 10 free entry.  
Pre performance tickets, ring Barry Ruler on 5259 3304

## ADVENT STUDY GROUPS

Beginning on Tuesday December 1st and Wednesday December 2nd Jong Soo will be holding Advent Study groups on the booklet "Having a Dickens of an Advent: The Gospel According to Scrooge"  
The Tuesday group will meet at 2.00pm and the Wednesday group at 7.00pm with a minimum of 5 people. The booklet will cost \$5.50 and the session will run for 4 weeks. If you are interested please email the church with your response or speak to Jong Soo asap so that the required number of booklets can be ordered.

Please note: the fax number at the church has been disconnected.

For all further contact you can only use email or the phone. If there is no-one to answer the phone please wait for the prompt to leave a message.

## BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP

A satellite group for women is planned for 2016 to study the book of Revelation. Where: At The Wave, When: weekly sessions in school terms, beginning February 2016. B.S.F. provides lay participants with tools, environment, relationships and support needed to grow deeper in knowledge and understanding of God and the Bible. An information session will be held at The Wave on Friday November 13th at 9.30am. If

**NEWINGTON UCAF WILL MEET AT THE CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY THE 11TH OF NOVEMBER AT 1.30PM. ANNUAL MEETING.**

## OCEAN GROVE NEWS

**RETIRING OFFERING:** For the months of November and December will be for the Act for Peace Christmas Bowl Appeal. Cheques will be sent to the Asylum Seeker Project (\$279.25) and Synod JIM Group (175.25). Thanking you for continually support the monthly Retiring Offering Appeals.

**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 from 10.30am** in the church foyer. Come for a coffee/tea, chat and more than often a good giggle!!!

**ANNUAL CHURCH FETE:** thank you to everyone who helped with the setting up, the supplying and selling of goods at our fete, and not forgetting the big effort in packing everything up at 1.00pm. It was a great success and the result is \$8771.40 with more money coming in daily. THANKS EVERYONE it was a marvelous effort considering the weather conditions.

**LOAVES AND FISHES PANTRY:** we are in need of 1litre cartons of Long Life Milk (both full cream and light) and packets of rice to restock our shelves—we would love to receive your donations.

**WHERE IS HILTON LORIMER?** Through a message from Janine Fahnle we have been told that Hilton will be leaving hospital to stay at Opal South Valley Nursing Home, 209 South Valley Road, Highton (near Waurm Ponds) for an undetermined length of time.

**ELDERS** meet Thursday November 12th at 10.00am in the church foyer.

**FETE CONVENORS MEETING:** Monday November 16th at 2.30pm in the church foyer.

**ANNUAL COMBINED BELLARINE UCAF Christmas service and Luncheon,** hosted by St. Albans-St. Andrews, will be held on **Wednesday 25th of November, 11.30am, at St. Albans UC, 276 Wilsons Road, St. Albans Park. Cost \$20 per person.** RSVP including payment to Robin Munro, Judy Greer or Chris Brown by Wednesday November 11th please.