



# 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  
The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park

## SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

9.00am Barwon Heads  
**NO SERVICE TODAY**  
**Carols Service, Community Hall 6.30pm**

10.30.00am Ocean Grove  
The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park  
Family Carol Service

December 10th  
“International Human Rights Day”

## LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK (Advent 2) Isaiah 40: 1-11, Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13  
2 Peter 3: 8-15a, Mark 1: 1-18

NEXT WEEK (Advent 3) Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11 Psalm 126 or  
Luke 1: 46b—55, 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24, John 1: 6-8, 19-28

## KEY VERSE

“Faithfulness springs forth from the earth, and righteousness looks  
down from heaven.”

Psalm 85: 11

## BARWON HEADS NEWS

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

**COMMUNITY CAROLS** The Combined Churches of Barwon Heads present the annual Christmas Carols evening in the Community Hall **next Sunday December the 17th at 6.30pm**. Our church band will provide the music for this wonderful event with the Barwon Heads Chorale leading the singing. **Help is needed to set up the hall on Sunday morning so please meet at the church at 10.00am**

**CHRISTMAS BOWL** appeal envelopes are in the pews and your support is invited so that the Christmas Bowl can help people threatened by conflict and disaster all over the world. Last year our Congregation sent \$2780 to the appeal (which included the gold coin entry to the Community Christmas Carols, the Christmas Day offering at church as well as personal contributions from individual members) towards the Australia –wide total of more than \$2 million raised by Congregations of member of Churches of the National Council of Churches in Australia. With so many crisis situations around the world the need is greater than ever. Please remember the Christmas Bowl as you plan your Christmas spending.

**CHRISTMAS HAMPERS:** Thank you to all who contributed in cash or by tinned and packaged foods for Christmas Hampers for people in need in the Geelong region. All food items, including those purchased through our IGA points were delivered by Be Smith who is a volunteer with Uniting. IGA were very generous with discounts, enabling us to get extra value for our points. Thanks too to Greg and Helen Carruthers who made arrangements with IGA. Now we start earning points towards next year's Christmas Hampers by presenting our Uniting Church IGA key tag every time we shop at Barwon Heads IGA. If you need a replacement or extra key tag, ask Margaret Parry (5254 3208) for one.

**Our Ladies friendship Group** enjoyed a wonderful Christmas service last Wednesday, our final meeting for this year. We had a great attendance, and were entertained by the Bellarine Community Choir, who sang many beautiful carols. As always, we were moved by another of Jean Murray's delightful sermons. We presented thank you gifts to Jean, the Choir, Marjory (our pianist) and to Marilyn for all the work she puts into organizing this group. We then moved to the hall for a sumptuous afternoon tea and to socialise.

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

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

ADVENT STUDY "STORY PATCH 2"

Wednesday December the 13th  
Doug Whan—Accounting

Wednesday December the 20th  
Alan Cover—"My Story of my faith journey"

7.00pm Ocean Grove Uniting Church

**CAROLS IN THE PARK**

**Sunday December the 10th**

**7.00pm start with gates open at 6.00pm**

Ocean Grove Community Park.

Come and sing your heart out and if possible bring along an  
unwrapped present to place under the Christmas Tree.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES

**Sunday December the 24th**

9.00am Barwon Heads

10.30am Ocean Grove

**7.30pm Ocean Grove Carol Service**

**Monday December the 25th**

9.00am Barwon Heads

9.00am Ocean Grove

## 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 Helen Baum on 5255 1487. Helen would like to thank Robin for helping out of the past few weeks.

**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.

**Elders Meeting Thursday December the 14th at 10.00am .**

**ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 2017 WILL BE ACCPTED ANY TIME YOU HAVE THEM READY!!** The UCAF have already handed theirs' in.

*"I would like to thank you all for the kindness and care you showed to a refugee family who recently relocated to our area. Mehfuz and Ting arrived with very few possessions, and in need of accommodation and support, to start anew chapter in their lives. Your wonderful group was able to help with clothing, food, and even a store gift card for much needed personal items. Queenscliff RAR wishes to thank our wonderful OGUC and dove friends for their support and care and love to those in need. The family you helped were overwhelmed by the kindness of "strangers who have now become friends. Thank you all! Cathie Bond for QRAR*

MUSIC AT THE BASILICA INC.

“ A CHRISTMAS NOEL”

Friday December the 15th 8.00pm

St Mary's Basilica, 136 Yarra Street Geelong

Windfire Chamber Choir and Orchestra

Guest artists Geelong Youth Choir

Conductor Denise Hollingworth

Tickets at the door \$35 adult & senior \$30 concession

Complimentary supper and program

Enquiries ring Jan on 0407 095 408