



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

9.00am Barwon Heads
Ms. Jean Murray

10.30.00am Ocean Grove
Ms. Jean Murray

"A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols"
Sunday December 24th 7.30pm
Ocean Grove Uniting Church

LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK (Advent 4) 2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16 Luke 1: 46b –55 or
Psalm 89: 1-4, Romans 16: 25-27, Luke 1: 26-38

NEXT WEEK (1st Sunday after Christmas) Isaiah 61: 10-62:3
Psalm 148, Galatians 4: 4-7, Luke 2: 22-40

KEY VERSE

**"For nothing is impossible with God."
Luke 1: 37**

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.

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.

FOOD HELP FOR SUFM TEAMS: On Thursday the 28th of December All Saints Anglican Church will provide a Welcome Lunch for the SUFM Teams who will be residing in our church hall and also at All Saints. Contributions of cold finger food (sandwiches, biscuits, cakes etc.) would be appreciated by All Saints. Please deliver food items to All Saints Church by 1.00pm and stay on to meet the SUFM teams if you can. If you would prefer to donate cash towards a sandwich platter from Peppercorn please talk to Margaret Parry on 5254 3208.

NEW STAMPS FOR OLD: Remember to bring your used stamps in a package marked with your name and phone number and “post” them in the red box at the church fete on Saturday January the 13th. One package will be drawn out from the red box and the donor will receive some new \$1 stamps as a “thank you”

150th ANNIVERSARY: We will celebrate 150 years of Christian worship in Barwon Heads in 2018, an occasion which can be marked in many ways. A committee is needed to oversee this significant milestone so please let Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park or Ian Cover know if you would like to be involved.

THANK YOU: a big thank you to everyone who helped last Sunday for the BH Community Carol Service. It was greatly appreciated. Sally and Andrew Hobbs.

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

CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES

Sunday December the 24th
7.30pm Ocean Grove
“A festival of Nine Lessons and carols

Monday December the 25th
9.00am Barwon Heads
9.00am Ocean Grove

ANNUAL LEAVE

Jong Soo and his family will be on Annual leave from
Tuesday January the 2nd until
Tuesday January the 16th 2018.

If you have an Pastoral needs or concerns please speak to
either a Church Council member or Elder
your Congregation.

If you do not appreciate these “words of wisdom”
maybe you can help fill this space over the next few weeks.
Just email your ideas to oguc107@gmail.com

“You know you are getting old when your wild oats turn into prunes and all-
bran”

“The amount of sleep required by the average person is just 5 minutes more”

“A great many open minds should be closed for repair”

“Middle age is when you realise you’ll never live long enough to try all those
recipes you spent 30 years clipping out of newspapers and magazines”

“A committee is a body that keeps minutes and wastes hours”

“You are getting old when you throw a party and the neighbours don’t even
notice”

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.

FRIDAY COFFEE AND CHAT: Please note that the Friday Coffee and Chat will be in recess for the holidays and will resume on Friday February the 2nd 2018

LOAVES AND FISHES PANTRY : We are in need of tinned vegetables such as peas, corn and carrots to keep our pantry stocked over the holiday period. If you are able to help us, please bring any of the above goods to worship over the next few weeks and place them in the basket in the foyer. Our clients were thrilled to receive their Christmas Hampers last week and were most grateful for the extra assistance.

We wish to thank *the dove* for their very generous financial support—not just towards the hampers but for their donations enabling us to purchase food supplies throughout the year.

Thank you everyone for supporting this important part of our Congregation's mission to the people in our local community.

ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 2017 WILL BE ACCPTED ANY TIME YOU HAVE THEM READY!! Please ensure that you have your Annual Reports in by the 14th of January 2018.

BOOK AND PAINTING SALE: Setting up Wednesday January the 10th, selling days Thursday 11th, Friday 12th and Saturday the 13th of January 2018. Please write these dates on your new calendars and endeavor to make some time to help either with the setting up or the selling. The sale will be open from 10.00am—4.00pm each day and a roster will be set up for you to write your name on. Remember that even if you can only spare an hour on a couple of days it all helps.