



# Weekly Newsletter

Barwon Heads, Ocean Grove,  
Uniting Church in Australia

**Sunday March 12th 2017**

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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  
**Contemporary Service**

10.30.00am Ocean Grove  
The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park  
4R "Thrive Together" in the church hall

## March 21st World Harmony Day

### LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK (Lent 2) Genesis 12: 1-4a, Psalm 121  
Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17, John 3: 1-17 or Matthew 17: 1-9

NEXT WEEK (Lent 3) Exodus 17: 1-7, Psalm 95,  
Romans 5: 1-11, John 4: 5-42

### KEY VERSE

**"For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,  
but to save the world through him.**

**John 3: 17**

## **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.

**OUR LADIES FELLOWSHIP** will meet next Wednesday and we look forward to hearing Louise Francis. We have a great gathering and welcome any new members.

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

**Please note the change of date  
Mid-week Service of Holy Communion  
now to be held Thursday March the 23rd  
2.00pm at Barwon Heads Church**

RECYCLED TREASURES  
ON SALE FROM "THE TAJ"  
OCEAN GROVE CHURCH  
SATURDAY MARCH THE 18TH  
8.00AM—12NOON  
New "treasures" arriving monthly!!!

The newsletter for Sunday April the 2nd will be prepared on Thursday March the 30th. Kindly have all notices for that Sunday to the church office by 8.30am on Thursday.

## DATES FOR CALENDARS

Lenten Studies from  
Wednesday March 8th until Wednesday April the 5th.  
"Back to the Gospel"  
7.00pm Newington Church

Parish Mission Team Meeting will now meet on  
Wednesday April the 12th at 7.00pm at Ocean Grove

## LENTEN WALKS 2017

A time of walking, time of meditation in  
our wonderful environment that surrounds us.  
A series of 4 walks during Lent leading up to Easter.  
The walks will commence at 9.30am for 35-45 minutes.  
If you are unable to join us for the walks,  
come and meet us for morning coffee at the conclusion of each walk.

Tuesday March the 14th meet at the Newington Church

Tuesday March the 21st meet at the carpark (assembly 20W) on the  
Ocean Grove side of the Barwon Heads Bridge.

Tuesday March the 28th meet at the Collendina beach carpark, cnr.  
Ocean Thru Way and Bonnyvale Road opposite the "Cheeky Cow Café.

Tuesday April the 4th meet at the carpark (assembly 20W) on the Ocean  
Grove side of the Barwon Heads Bridge.

## READING THE BIBLE AGAIN AND THIS TIME AS METAPHOR

1.30pm Thursday March the 23rd  
Western Heights Uniting Church, Douglass Street Herne Hill, Geelong

Australian Scholar Rev. John Smith will present and lead a discussion based on  
his new book "Honest to GOoD: Discerning the Sacred in the Secular".  
This Geelong based non-denominational discussion group meet monthly to seek  
to understand Christian beliefs and doctrines in the light of current scientific  
knowledge and modern biblical scholarship.

For further information please contact Geoff Naylor on 0409 740 539

## OCEAN GROVE NEWS

**RETIRING OFFERING:** Please note that all money raised from the 1st of January until Sunday April the 16th will be for the Share Lenten Appeal. Appeal envelopes will be made available shortly.

**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, sweet corn kernels and baked beans would be greatly appreciated by the many people who come seeking our assistance.

**ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:** At the Church Council meeting held Thursday March the 2nd the election of Office bearers was held and the results are: Chairperson Neil Derrick, Secretary Dianne Sapwell, Treasurer Lesley Pope, and Presbytery Representative Pat Reid.

**UCAF NEWS:** The next meeting will be held on Monday the 27th of March at 10.00am in the church foyer. The guest speaker is Beryl Edmonds who has taught in the Northern Territory. All welcome.

**PRAYER CHAIN:** for various reasons, our church prayer chain, which has been in operation for many years is dwindling in numbers. As prayer is a key element of our faith we are eager to include more links in this important ministry. Will you please consider being another link in the chain. God' blessings. Contact Helen Baum on 5255 1487 if interested.

## SACREDEGE

Spirituality in Diversity

Festival Launch 5.00pm Wednesday march the 15th

Queenscliff Uniting Church.

Music, wine and cheese and an opportunity to meet some of the presenters at the Festival.

Festival will be held May the 5th—7th

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