



# Weekly Newsletter

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A warm welcome is extended to all visitors today.  
God's richest blessings to you all.

## SERVICES TODAY

**5.00pm** Barwon Heads  
**Contemporary Service**  
The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park

10.30am Ocean Grove  
The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park  
4R "Thrive Together" in the church hall

## SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

9.00am Barwon Heads  
The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park

10.30.00am Ocean Grove  
The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park

## March 21st World Harmony Day

### LECTIONARY READINGS

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

NEXT WEEK (Lent 4) 1 Sm. 16: 1-13, Psalm 23  
Ephesians 5: 8-14, John 9: 1-41

### KEY VERSE

**" but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed,  
the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up  
to eternal life"  
John 4: 14**

## 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** enjoyed the beautiful, devotional music and songs that Louise played, and she told us how they were such a great part of her life. Her opening and closing prayers were brief, but very meaningful. Afternoon tea and a chat concluded our enjoyable afternoon.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** will be held after the 9.00am service next Sunday (26th March). Business will include the presentation of the financial report and the 2017 budget. Elections will also take place for positions on Church Council and nominations are still open.

**WORSHIP COMMITTEE:** Jong Soo is forming a group to assist with the preparation and leadership of the monthly 5.00pm service. If you would like to be involved, please talk to Jong Soo or Ian Cover.

**THANKS** to John Young for leading the Children's talk last Sunday. His contribution was enjoyed by everyone, not just the children. Have you given someone a hug this week?

**TALKING** about younger members of the congregation, Lilli Balaam has moved to Canberra where she is studying at the Australian National University while Tom Grills is on residence at Melbourne Uni. We wish them well and will keep them in our prayers as they undertake this next phase of their lives.

**PRAY** also for Max Cooper who is recovering after surgery for a broken hip. May God's healing hands be upon him.

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

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.

**Mid-week Service of Holy Communion to be held Thursday March the 23rd 2.00pm at Barwon Heads Church All welcome**

Daylight Savings ends on the first weekend in April. Remember to turn your clocks **BACK** one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night April the 1st.

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

#### 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 yup 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 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

A young asylum seeker family of mother, father and a 12 month old baby  
have been granted a protection visa and are able to rent a house in  
Geelong.

The Ocean Grove JIM Group and *the dove* Opportunity Shop are  
supplying furniture and household goods to them.

A washing machine is still needed. If anyone can offer a washing  
machine they would be most grateful.

Contact Lyn Mulligan on 5255 2638

## 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 are available on the table in the foyer if you need one.

**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.

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE** who helped on Saturday March the 18th with our "Recycled Treasures" sale. The result of this fundraising effort will be published next week.

**WOULD you like to express your opinion** about the 4R Thrive Together Service? Then please feel free to speak to with Jong Soo or an Elder. Feedback is important. It will help Jong Soo, the Elders and the Worship Team to prepare future 4R Thrive Together services.

## SACREDEGE

Spirituality in Diversity

Festival will be held May the 5th—7th

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