



# 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

9.00am Newington  
Mr. & Mrs. B. Shaw

10.30am Ocean Grove  
The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park  
Baptism of Charlize Heinen

## SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

9.00am Barwon Heads  
The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park  
Holy Communion

9.00am Newington  
Mrs. Michelle Hardy

10.30am Ocean Grove  
The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park  
Holy Communion

## LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK (Advent 1) Isaiah 2: 1-5, Psalm 122  
Romans 13: 11-14, Matthew 24: 36-44

NEXT WEEK (Advent 2) Isaiah 11: 1-10, psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19  
Romans 15: 4-13, Matthew 3: 1-12

## KEY VERSE

**“So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him”**

**Matthew 24: 44**

## 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](mailto: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.

**OUR LADIES FRIENDSHIP GROUP** was well attended on Wednesday. Nola White was our leader and had us read scripture from psalm 121, Ruth & Luke to discuss any parts that were really meaningful to us. A wonderful discussion by all followed. Our next meeting, on Wednesday December the 7th will be our Christmas Celebration.

**CHRISTMAS HAMPERS:** UnitingCare Geelong is in great need of staple food items due to a big increase in the number of families seeking food support. Instead of using our IGA "points" money to buy the usual Christmas Cakes we have agreed with UnitingCare that this year's "points" will be used to purchase recommended tinned and packet basic foods. Members of the Congregation are also asked to bring such items to church on any (or every) Sunday in November to assist people in the Geelong region who are facing tough times. Please help as you are able.

**HELP NEEDED:** on Sunday December the 18th from 10.00am. We would appreciate helpers to move chairs, and equipment from the Church and the Senior Citizens Centre to the Community Hall for the Carol Service that evening.

**WELL DONE** to the youth of our church who led last Sunday's Contemporary Service which focused on the theme of Jesus Christ the King. Rachael, Sarah, Lilli, Tom, Emily, Jess, Helen, Olympia, Isabel and Emma G carried out their roles with enthusiasm and grace. Everyone in attendance would love you to get involved next year. Thanks to Jenny for her part in co-ordinating it all.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the Hobbs Family—Andrew, Sally, Emma, Rachael, Sarah and Laura—for their recent success in Geelong's Battle of the Bands competition. We know them best as the core of our Church band but performing as Back Seat drive, they were named in second place by the judges and then topped the poll of the audience at the event.

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

**ADVENT STUDY: "Story Patch"**

Listening to our members' sharing on their particular vocation or ministry, celebrating the season of Advent together and preparing our hearts and minds for the birth of Jesus Christ.

Every wednesday evening 7.00pm  
at Ocean Grove Uniting Church  
for approximately one hour.

welcoming and lighting of Christmas candles  
Singing along  
Sharing stories and  
meditating the season of Advent  
Holy Communion  
Praying for others and blessings.

November 30th—Brian Kidd,  
his architecture journey for aging people

December 7th— Pat Reid  
her commitment to UnitingCare/Loaves and Fishes

December 14th—Nola white,  
her passion for Bible study ministry

December 21st—Ian Cover,  
his broadcasting career on  
"Couldabeen Champions"

**CAROLS IN THE PARK  
OCEAN GROVE**

**SUNDAY DECEMBER THE 11TH 7.00PM**

**Come and sing your heart out with the  
Geelong Symphony Orchestra!  
Bring an unwrapped gift for a needy child!  
Have a great night of entertainment !  
Sausage Sizzle, Pancakes and  
Hot and cold Drinks available.**

**HUGE CHRISTMAS STOCK SALE  
SATURDAY DECEMBER THE 3RD  
OCEAN GROVE UNITING CHURCH HALL  
10.00AM—1.00PM**

*The dove* is giving you the opportunity of a lifetime to brighten up your home, send greetings to friends or dress to impress on the 25th.  
**Everything at prices you can not afford to miss!!**

## OCEAN GROVE NEWS

**RETIRING OFFERING:** For the months of September and October we raised \$176.15 for Frontier Services. For November & December we will be supporting the Act for Peace 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** 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.

**ONCE AGAIN THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE HAS HELD ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL EVENT.** "On the Couch" made a profit of \$1717.72. Out of this money we will be supporting The Male Bag Foundation with a donation of \$400 and Secondbite with a donation of \$100.00. Thank you to all who helped make this night so successful.

**CHANGE OF PHONE NUMBER:** Allen Cover's mobile number is 0458 940 087 Please write this change in your directory.

**UCAF NEWS:** Our Christmas Service will be held in the church on Monday November the 28th at 10.00am. Please bring a plate of festive food to share for morning tea and there will be a Trading Table. All welcome.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2017:** If you would like to give through the envelope system and are not already doing so, please see or contact Dianne Sapwell before next Sunday, so that a set can be arranged for you.

**CONTACT DETAILS:** Alan & Robyn Clark are no longer in Point Lonsdale and can only be contacted by mobile phone 0409 524 559

**MEETINGS:** Church Council 4.00pm Thursday December the 1st and Elders 10.00am Thursday December the 8th 10.00am. Both meetings will be held in the church foyer.

**HELP NEEDED:** If you are able to "man" a gate at Carols in the park, would you please see Dianne Sapwell. Gates will open at about 5.00pm.