



# Weekly Newsletter

Barwon Heads, Newington, Ocean Grove,  
Uniting Church in Australia

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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  
Ms. J. Murray

9.00am Newington  
Mr. Robert Packett

10.30am Ocean Grove  
Ms. J. Murray

## SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

9.00am Barwon Heads  
The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park

11.00am Newington  
The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park  
Holy Communion

10.30am Ocean Grove  
Ms. J. Murray

## LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK (Pentecost 25) Haggai 1: 15b—2: 9, psalm 145: 1-5, 17-21 or  
Psalm 98 2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-17, Luke 20: 27-38

NEXT WEEK (Pentecost 26) Isaiah 65: 17-25, Isaiah 12  
2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13 Luke 21: 5-19

## KEY VERSE

**“ he is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive.”  
Luke 20: 38**

## 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 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 last Wednesday. We were inspired by Faye's talk on God being the Alpha and Omega of life; who is, who was and who is to come; the Almighty! And that we are saved by grace, the gift of God. We enjoyed some beautiful hymns and music, followed by afternoon tea and a chat. We meet in the vestry on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 3.30pm. New members welcome. Enquiries Marilyn Hanson 5254 3042

**TONIGHT AT ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH** there will be a Combined Churches service at 7.00pm to celebrate All Saints Day, followed by a "cuppa". Please consider sharing this opportunity to worship with other Christians in Barwon Heads.

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**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.

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

Last meeting of the Newington UCAF  
will be held on Wednesday November the 9th  
1.30pm at the Church.  
All welcome

**WANTED:** secure and dry storage facility or shed for household furniture for approximately 4—5 months.  
If you can help please call Vicki Wills on 0438 554 251

**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"

**DATE FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

Parish Service of Holy Communion,  
Thursday November the 17th,  
2.00pm

Ocean Grove Uniting Church.

Light refreshments will be served after the short service.

All welcome

## 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).

**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.

**NATIONAL CHURCH LIFE SURVEY FORMS** have been distributed Please complete your form and return to Dianne Sapwell by Sunday November the 13th.

**ROSTERS:** The number of people who are prepared to help serve and prepare communion, take up the offering, help with the counting of the offering, welcoming and handing the newsletters is gradually getting very small. There is also a need for people to help the Minister before worship. This task involves lighting the Christ Candle, ensuring there is a fresh glass of water at the lectern, having a short word of prayer with the Minister before the service begins and taking the Bible into Church. If you are able to help with any of this small but important parts of our Sunday Worship please see Dianne Sapwell who will be delighted to add your name to the Roster List. There more people there are available the less number of times everyone has to take a turn.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who helped in so many ways on Friday and Saturday with the Garage Sale. The grand total was \$3326.70.

**MEETINGS:** Elders Thursday November 10th.

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**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.