

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 The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park Holy Communion SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

11.00am Newington

9.00am Barwon Heads The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park Baptism

9.00am Newington Mr. Robert Packett

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

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10.30am Ocean Grove Mr. Max Chapman "Mission Aviation Fellowship"

LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK (Easter 2) Acts 5: 27-32, Psalm 118: 14-29 or Psalm 150, Revelations 1: 4-8, John 20: 19-31

> NEXT WEEK (Easter 3) Acts 9: 1-6, (7-20) , Psalm 30 Revelations 5: 11-14, John 21: 1-19

> > KEY VERSE

"And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit" John 20: 22

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 377where you can leave a message and Fay will get back to you.

KNITTERS WANTED: Cottage by the Sea, Queenscliff, is looking for donations of wool and/or people willing to knit scarves, squares for rugs, teddies, slippers, mittens or beanies as gifts for disadvantaged children visiting the Cottage. Anyone able to help please phone Lyn (Knitting Co-ordinator) on 5259 3557 for further information.

SLAVERY FREE EASTER CHOCOLATE: Much of the chocolate that finds its way into our shops is made by very young children who have been kidnapped or tricked into working long hours in dangerous conditions overseas. To help you purchase Slavery Free East Chocolate we suggest you look for Fair Trade Certified Chocolate at Coles and Woolworths or UTZ Chocolate at Aldi stores. This year's telling publicity slogan is "Children love Easter eggs. Except the ones that are forced to make them.

UNITING CHURCH LADIES FRIENDSHIP GROUP meets again on Wednesday April the 20th. All welcome.

APRIL 5.00PM SERVICE: Grace Cheatley and Talia Klein will join us on Sunday April the 17th to share the story of their program Define; You which they present to teenage girls. Grace and Talia featured on the cover of Geelong Advertiser's GT magazine two weeks ago and now we have a wonderful opportunity to hear from two young people making a difference in the community. As always, the service will be followed by a meal in the hall. All welcome.

CHURCH ROSTERS: Sally Hobbs is preparing the roster for May to August. Can you please let her know if there are any dates you are unavailable (sahobbs71@gmail.com or 0448 817 110) any more volunteers for any duties would be greatly appreciated, but especially for morning tea or dusting.

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

PARISH EXECUTIVE MEETING TUESDAY APRIL 26TH 4.00PM IN THE FOYER OF THE OCEAN GROVE CHURCH. Friends of The Leprosy Mission invite you to an afternoon tea with Heather and Trevor Smith

"Thailand—a current perspective." Sunday April 10th 2.30pm Western Heights Uniting Church A collection will be taken during the afternoon Enquiries Barry Edwards 5241 7073

Lentara Asylum Seeker Project Fundraiser Sunday April 10th, St. Andrew's Uniting Church, Portarlington 2.30pm Melbourne musicians Suzette Herft and Patrick Evans will provide an unique blend of modern Australian Folk music. \$12.00 per person which includes "High Tea" Ticket bookings and enguiries 0409 334 480 or margiemanning@iinet.net.au

music@thevine.come

FRIDAY APRIL 8TH 7.00PM

OCEAN GROVE UNITING CHURCH

Music, nibbles and light supper all for \$10.00 per adult, \$5.00 per child!

Queenscliff Men's Shed require adult bikes. These they repair for refugee students attending North Geelong Secondary College. If you are able to help contact Lyn Mulligan on 5255 2638

ANNUAL LEAVE

Jong Soo will be on Annual Leave from April the 12th until April the 26th. If you have any Pastoral Concerns please contact an Elder or the Congregational Chairperson in your Congregation.

Synod of Victoria and Tasmania Data Warehouse, the new online Questionnaire and Treasurers Training Workshops Thursday April the 28th 6.00pm Wesley Uniting Church Geelong. A small number of laptops will be available, but if you have one of your own please bring it.

OCEAN GROVE NEWS

RETIRING OFFERING: Thank you to all who gave so generously to the Lenten Appeal. The final result will be published next week.

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. Please note that there will be no Friday Coffee and Chat until Friday 15th of April.

SOUND SYSTEM: Peter Ward has decided the time has come to retire from his role with the Sound System. Thank you Peter for your expert knowledge and experience, and many years of involvement which has been invaluable. We would now love to have some more people to help with the sound. (It really isn't that difficult!). Ron Welsh and Geoff Naylor.

UCAF NEWS: There is no meeting in April as the date falls on ANZAC Day. Our next meeting will be on the 23rd of May and the guest speaker is Sue Worland from Scope. Everyone is welcome to come and hear Sue. Please bring a small plate for morning tea and there will be a Trading Table.

FUNDRAISING NEWS: Thank you to everyone who helped with the "Book and Painting Sale" It looks like be an outstanding success with over \$300 raised on the Thursday. Final result published next week.

NEW ADDRESS: Peter Ward is now living at3/34 Asbury St. West, Ocean Grove. Phone 5255 2379. **Please add this info to your church directory.**

NEW GARDENER: Thanks extended to Peter Dickson for his offer to join the gardening team. If you can come for any amount of time on a Thursday, from 9.30 onwards Barry, Norm and Peter would greatly appreciate your help. Morning Tea is always available by the Craft ladies during school terms and Joan Calcutt during school holidays!

APRIL MEETINGS: Church Council Thursday April the 7th 4.00pm in the church foyer and Elders Thursday April 14th 10.00am in the church foyer.

LOAVES AND FISHES PANTRY: Now that the weather is starting to cool down, the Food Pantry would appreciate donations of tinned soups of all varieties to help stock our shelves. Thank you for your continued support.

A DATE FOR YOUR CALENDAR: Tuesday May 10th 9.00am Help give the church, the church foyer, hall and kitchen a good clean. Please bring your own cleaning equipment, such as cobweb brushes, buckets and rags. Actual cleaning products will be supplied.