



Weekly Newsletter

Barwon Heads, Newington, Ocean Grove,
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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

9.00am Newington
Ms. Jean Murray

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

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
Worship Team

LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK (Advent 2) Mal. 3: 1-4, Luke 1: 68-79
Phil. 1" 3-11, Luke 3: 1-6

NEXT WEEK (Advent 3) Zep. 3: 14-20, Is. 12: 2-6
Phil. 4: 4-7, Luke 3: 7-18

KEY VERSE

**“And all mankind will see God's salvation”
Luke 3: 6**

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.

CHRISTMAS CARDS to support various church agencies are now available. See ordering information on the table in the church hall.

THE UNITING CHURCH WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP which commenced in August has a regular attendance of 12 or more women who have enjoyed meeting twice monthly, on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays for devotion, prayer, worship and fellowship. It runs from 1.30—2.30pm, and is held in the vestry of the Uniting Church in Barwon Heads. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 18th of November, and the 2nd and 16th of December. Our final meeting for the year on Wednesday 16th December, will be an extended session running from 1.30pm—3.00pm. With musical accompaniment, we will sing carols, and reflect on related scripture, and enjoy fellowship over afternoon tea. Please feel free to join us, and bring a friend. The Uniting Church Women's fellowship Group will resume again on Wednesday the 3rd of February 2016.

SAMMY STAMP GROUP asks that you keep saving your used postage stamps and bring to the Church Fete on January the 9th and "post" in the red box for a chance to win some new postage stamps. Remember to put your name and phone number on the packet of old stamps you bring.

SMALL GLASS JARS (with lids), up to 300g size, are needed by those who make jams and relishes for our Preserves stall. Please leave them in the kitchen in the church hall before Christmas, or phone Margaret Parry on 5254 3208.

CHURCH ROSTERS: Sally Hobbs is preparing the roster for Jan—April 2016. Can you please let her know if you are unavailable for any of these dates. (sahobbs71@gmail.com or 0448 817 110). And more volunteers would be greatly appreciated.

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER AND CROSSLIGHT are available in the church hall today. Please collect your own copies and take any others you can deliver to anyone not here today.

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

DATES FOR CALENDARS

Sunday December 6th 7.30pm “Born to Die” a Christmas cantata at the Globe Theatre Winchelsea, with guest soloist, soprano Helen Ling. Entry \$10 includes super.

Thursday December 10th: Mission Shaped Ministry Information Evening 7.30—8.30pm (light supper included) at Hoppers crossing Uniting Church, 235 Derrimut Road Hoppers Crossing. To register contact Adam McIntosh on 0414 725 887 or themcintoshbunch@hotmail.com.

Sunday December 13th: Carols in the Park begins at 7.00pm in the Ocean Grove Park. New Kid’s Zone this year for children, BBQ, drinks (hot and cold) and pancakes available. Come and enjoy the Carol singing by renowned artists, local Primary School children and a community choir.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Sunday December 13th

Newington Church after Worship

Please bring a plate of finger food to share.

“Understanding Islam”

A Question and Answer Session

Presented by the Ocean Grove Uniting Church

Justice and International Mission Group.

**Sunday December 6th at 11.45am in the church Hall
during morning tea.**

Facilitator Brian Kidd AM Architect and OGUC Elder.

The Panel:

Father Peter Martin, Vicar of St George the Martyr Anglican Church Queenscliffe and President of the Inter-Faith Network Geelong.
Fahim Shah, former Asylum Seeker and Australian Citizen. Regional Manager of Ostara Australia.

Yvonne Hargrave, member of both the JIM Group and Queenscliffe Rural Australians for Refugees.

Please bring along your questions for this panel and be part of a unique opportunity to learn more about the Muslim faith.

OCEAN GROVE NEWS

RETIRING OFFERING: For the months of November and December will be for the Act for Peace Christmas Bowl Appeal. Appeal envelopes are available from the table in the foyer, but you may like to clean out your purse of all that change every Sunday you come to church. It is amazing how quickly small change turns into dollars!

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 from 10.30am in the church foyer. Come for a coffee/tea, chat and more than often a good giggle!!! **Please note that next week the Choir and Jong Soo will be having a short time with the Playgroup children in the church, so coffee maybe a bit late. You are most welcome to join and the choir and playgroup to sing Christmas Carols.**

LOAVES AND FISHES PANTRY: We are in need of tins of diced tomatoes 400G. and tins of beetroot 225g to help keep our shelves stocked Thank you all for your continued support of the food pantry.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS: Once again we will be offering Christmas Hampers to the folk who attend the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry who have been referred to us. If you would like to make a contribution we would appreciate donations of packets of jelly crystals, savoury biscuits such as savoury shapes (all flavours) and long life custard in 500ml cartons, over the next three weeks of November. Please leave your donation in the basket in the Church foyer.
Thank you from the JIM Team.

CHURCH ELDERS meeting Thursday December 10th 10.00am in the church foyer.

HELP NEEDED: if you are able to help man the gates at the Carols in the Park on Sunday December the 13th would you please see Dianne Sapwell. Number of people required not limited so why not come along and be part of this great community event.

ANNUAL REPORTS: yes the year is drawing to a close so if you are responsible for preparing an annual report, you may like to do it asap, so that this important job does not get forgot over the festive season!!