



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

9.00am Newington
Mrs. Michelle Hardy

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
Mr. Doug Gorwell

LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK (Transfiguration of Jesus) Exodus 34: 29-35
Psalm 99, 2 Corinthians 3: 12– 4:2, Luke 9: 28-36, (37-43a)

NEXT WEEK (Lent 1) Dt. 26: 1-11, Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16
Romans 10: 8b-13, Luke 4: 1-13

KEY VERSE

“ A voice came from the cloud saying, ”This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him”

Luke 9: 35

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.

BARWON HEADS UNITING CHURCH LADIES FELLOWSHIP GROUP: will run during school term on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. Come and join us for a time of devotion, a cuppa and chat. All welcome. Enquiries Marilyn 5254 3042.

COMBINED CHURCHES first meeting for the year will be held in our vestry on Tuesday 9th February at 4.00pm., when the 3 churches will share information about past and future programs and plan any combined projects. Our Uniting Church is host for this meeting so we hope that about 6 of our people will be able to attend.

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

BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP CLASSES

Day Women's Group

St. Peter's Anglican Church 35 Draper Street Ocean Grove

Thursday February 18th 9.30—11.00am

For registration and welcome.

Book of the Bible to be studied for 2016 "Revelations"

NEEDED

SMALL BOXES SUITABLE FOR DISPLAYING JEWELLERY

If you have any would you kindly deliver them to *the dove* in a bag marked for Dianne S. THANK YOU

MENTORS

Jong Soo is into his second year as our Minister and we have been blessed by his leadership. Jong Soo has been assisted by Judy Greer (Ocean Grove), Andrew Balaam (Barwon Heads) and Frank Whiteside (Newington). As part of their mentoring roles, they would welcome your thoughts about any aspect of Jong Soo's ministry. While thanking Judy, Andrew, and Frank for their specific efforts, a general note of appreciation is extended to everyone from our three Congregations for helping Jong Soo, Yoo Mi, Celine and Helen settle into their new lives with us.

SAFE CHURCH TRAINING
OCEAN GROVE UNITING CHURCH
SATURDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 9.30AM—12.30PM

Who should attend? Anyone who is involved in ministry with young people, people in leadership and pastoral roles and anyone interested in learning more about practical ways of making our churches safe places. It is important that if you are in a leadership role at Ocean Grove that you attend, as the Church Council has already made an application for Safe Church Recognition. For more details and how to register see the poster on your church noticeboard.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Annual World Day of Prayer Service for the churches of Ocean Grove will be held on **Friday 4th March at 10.00am at the Ocean Grove Uniting Church**, followed by morning tea in the church hall. This year the service has been prepared by the women of Cuba. Our very own Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park is the invited speaker at this occasion! **Come along dressed in some bright colours and please bring a plate of morning tea** to assist with the catering for all our visitors. **Men you are welcome to attend too!**

LENTEN WALKS 2016

A time of walking, reflection and meditation in the wonderful environment that surrounds us. A series of 5 walks during Lent leading up to Easter. Commencing at 9.30am for 30-45 minutes. If you are unable to join us for the walks, come and meet us for morning tea at the conclusion of each walk.

February 17th: Meet at the car park of the Ocean Grove side of the Barwon Heads bridge. We will walk along the beach to RAAF'S beach, then walk across the bridge for coffee at "The Heads"

February 24th: Amble through the Ocean Grove Nature reserve—bring your insect repellent.

LENTEN STUDIES

With Fresh Perspectives (From Youth and Migrant Angle)

Booklet: Who Do You Say I Am? Written by Jong Soo

(Now available from the church office on Friday mornings.)

Begin Tuesday February 16th at 2.00pm and

Wednesday February 17th at 7.00pm

Both sessions will be held at Ocean Grove.

Minimum number 5 per sessions and maximum number 20 overall.

Please let Jong Soo or Dianne Sapwell know if you are attending either session.

OCEAN GROVE NEWS

RETIRING OFFERING: For the month of January and February we will be collecting money for at this stage an undetermined worthy charity.

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 will resume again on **Friday 5th February, 10.30am** in the church foyer. 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 would appreciate donations of 1kg packets of Long grain Rice to help maintain stocks for our food pantry. Please bring along to worship and place in the basket in the foyer. Thank you all for your continued support, it is much appreciated.

IN 2016 the Presbytery of Port Philip West will once again be holding a Mission Shaped Ministry Course that is designed to stimulate people and Congregations in the process of Regenerating the Church. This year there will be a day session (2-4.00 pm) and an evening session (6 –8.30pm). The course will begin on February the 20th and more details are on the noticeboard opposite the hall entrance.

GARAGE SALE : Thank you to everyone who helped on both the Friday and Saturday. The amount raised was \$2341.05.

UCAF: The Commitment Service will be on Monday February 22nd. All welcome to attend. There will be a Trading Table and please bring a small plate for morning tea. A short meeting will be held and all are welcome.

ELDERS meet Thursday February 11th at 10.00am in the church foyer.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY MARCH 6TH: This meeting will be held in the hall straight after morning worship and will be followed by a shared lunch. There will be a vacancy for a Church councillor. We are also seeking nominations for Elders. If you are interested in nominating for the position of a Church Councillor or an Elder, please collect a nomination form from Diane Prowse (Congregational Secretary) or from the table in the foyer. Nomination forms are to be returned to Geoff Naylor (Congregational Chairperson) or Diane Prowse by Sunday 14th February. If you have any items for the agenda, please have them in writing to give to Geoff or Diane by the 14th of February.