



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

5.00pm Barwon Heads
Contemporary Service

9.00am Newington
The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park

10.30am Ocean Grove
The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

9.00am Barwon Heads
The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park

9.00am Newington
Mr. Ian Cover

10.30am Ocean Grove
The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park

LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK (Palm Sunday) Isaiah 50: 4-9a, Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29,
Phil. 2: 5-11 Luke 19: 28-40 or John 12: 12-16

NEXT WEEK (Acts 10: 34-43 or Isaiah 65: 17-25, Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15: 19-26 or Acts 10: 34-43, John 20: 1-18 or Luke 24: 1-12

KEY VERSE

**“Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it, as it is written”
John 12: 14**

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.

ROSE GARDEN: Don Freeman is doing some work rejuvenating the garden near the hall entrance and plans to establish a rose garden. Church council has allocated some funds to assist Don's work. He would be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to donate a rose for planting in the garden. Talk to Don at morning tea or phone him on 5254 2732.

PRESBYTERY REP. we need a volunteer to take over as our representative at Presbytery meetings. Many thanks to Be Smith for carrying out the role in the past; her contribution has been greatly appreciated. Please let Ian Cover know if you are willing to take on this position.

ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH BARWON HEADS, has created a Lenten meditation space in their church building to be available through out Lent (10th feb.—24th march). This space will be a place for private prayer and spiritual refreshment with a variety of resources available to help. We are warmly invited to visit at a time to suit between 8.00am—5.00pm most days except Thursday mornings. Enquiries to Cathy Coleman 0410 167 720

UNITING CHURCH LENTEN APPEAL this year offers four projects in response to God's love as we seek to make a difference in the lives of vulnerable people: International project for post-war counseling and community support in Sri Lanka; National project to make it possible for people with a disability to take part in an August 2016 conference to explore ways in which faith communities can be more inclusive; Victorian project at Corio-Norlane Uniting Church with its much needed Adult Literacy and Numeracy program; Tasmanian project based at Scots Memorial Uniting Church, Hobart for disadvantaged people to share life and faith music. More information in the brochure in the pews. Bring your Lenten offering to church on any Sunday during Lent or on Good Friday.

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."

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

Easter Services

Maundy Thursday (March 24th) 7.30pm at Ocean Grove
Good Friday 9.00am Barwon Heads and 10.30am Ocean Grove
Dawn Service at "The Lookout" Ocean Grove,
Easter Sunday 6.30am
followed by breakfast at The Wave
Easter Sunday 9.00am Barwon Heads and Newington,
10.30am Ocean Grove

Please note that the newsletter for
Sunday March the 27th
will be prepared on Wednesday March the 23rd.
Would you kindly have all notices for this newsletter to the office
by 8.30am Wednesday morning. Thank you.

Cyclone Winston

UnitingWorld has launched an Emergency Appeal for our friends in Fiji following the devastation caused by cyclone Winston. Almost 350,000 people were affected by cyclone Winston. 120,000 people are estimated to need urgent humanitarian shelter assistance, over 54,700 people are still sheltering in evacuation centres and in the hardest hit areas, up to 90% of structures are destroyed. Donations can be made through the UnitingWorld website at
www.unitingworld.org.au/get-involved/donate/emergency-relief/?v=2

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

Secondhand Book and Painting Sale **Ocean Grove Uniting Church Hall**

Thursday March 31st 10.00am—4.00pm

Friday April 1st 10.00am—4.00pm

Saturday April 2nd 10.00am—1.00pm

Cheap books and a great variety of paintings!!!

OCEAN GROVE NEWS

RETIRING OFFERING: For the months of January, February and March we will be collecting money for the Share Lenten Appeal. Appeal envelopes are available on the table in the foyer.

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: Yes there have been some decisions made about fundraising efforts for 2016. The first one will be a Book and Painting Sale over three days (Thursday March 31st, Friday April the 1st and Saturday April 2nd). We will need people to help bring the books and paintings out of The Taj early Thursday morning and then have people prepared to be in the hall to take the money on a rostered basis. Please see more details in a later newsletter. The second "event" will be "Talent Month" for the church family. The idea is that those people willing to take place will be given \$10.00. They are then asked to use their talents (baking, handicraft, vegie/flower growing, jam making whatever) and turn the original \$10 into as much profit as possible. This will be a fun way for us as a church family to see what talents we have. As well as using friends, family members, fellow members of Clubs etc. there is the idea that any food items could be sold at church on the Sundays in May.

NEW ADDRESSES: Robert & Dawn Quarrell are now living at 79 Ormond Road, East Geelong 3219 phone 5221 1868. Peter Ward is now living at 3/34 Asbury St. West, Ocean Grove. Phone 5255 2379. **Please add this info to your church directory.**

SUMMARY OF THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING HELD SUNDAY MARCH 6TH.

The 2015 Annual reports were received. Joan Billington was re-elected as a Church Councillor for a further 3 years. The payment made by *the dove* to Ocean Grove Uniting Church for 2016 is to be \$1750 per month and is now called a transfer. This payment is to be reviewed in January/February 2017. It was stated that groups associated with the Church should have their financial records audited by the same person at the same time. The Parish executive has budgeted for the Ocean Grove Congregation to pay \$59,868.63 for its 2016 Parish payment.

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!