



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

9.00am Newington
Mr. Ian Cover

10.30am Ocean Grove
The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

9.00am Barwon Heads
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Holy Communion

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LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS 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)

NEXT WEEK (Easter 3) Acts 5: 27-32, Psalm 118: 14-29 or Psalm 150,
Revelations 1: 4-8, John 20: 19-31

KEY VERSE

**“Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the
Lord!”.....**

John 20: 18a

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.

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.

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

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](http://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!!!

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 enquiries 0409 334 480 or margiemanning@iinet.net.au

Please take the time to read the flyer about music@thevine.com

included in this newsletter. Write the details on your calendar, buy your

tickets from the church office and do not forget to invite friends and

family. It is sure to be a most enjoyable night!!!

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 1st and Saturday April 2nd). We still need people to help bring the books and paintings out of The Taj, and unpack the books and have them ready for sale at 10.00am early Thursday morning. If you can come at any time after 7.30am it would be greatly appreciated.** 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, veggie/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!