

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 SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

9.00am Barwon Heads 9.00am Barwon Heads

The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park

Holy Communion

9.00am Newington 11.00am Newington

Ms. Jean Murray The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park

Holy Communion

10.30am Ocean Grove 10.30am Ocean Grove

The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park The Reverend Ann Key

Holy Communion

LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK (Lent 4) Jos. 5: 9-12, Psalm 32 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21, Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32

NEXT WEEK (Lent 5) Isaiah 43: 16-21, Psalm 126 Phil. 3: 4b-14, John 12: 1-18

KEY VERSE

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you."

Psalm 32: 8

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.

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.

UNITING CHURCH LADIES FREINDSHIP GROUP: meets on the 16th of March.

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.

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

NEWINGTON UCAF will meet on Wednesday March 9th 1.30pm at the Church. Business—arranging syllabus for the year.

"concerned Australians" together with the Geelong-Inter Church Social Justice Network'

Warmly invite you to the Geelong Book Launch of "The Intervention: an Anthology"

Friday 11th march
2.00—3.00pm

Wesley Centre 100 Yarra Street Geelong
RSVP: March 9th to Pia at info@concernedaustralians.com.au
or 0419 541 733

LENTEN WALKS

9th March: Sheepwash Board Walk, Barwon Heads. Drive along Carr St., turn left into River Parade, opposite Pelican Court (No Through Road) look for Assembly Area 23W adjacent to the river and park in the car park Melways 483 C 12.

16th March: Blue Waters Lake—meet at Blue Waters Drive, between Riviera Crescent and Lake Avenue.

All walks begin at 9.30am and are for about 30-45 minutes.

ANNUAL STAMP FAIR
SATURDAY MARCH 12TH 9.00AM—2.00PM
Ocean Grove Senior Citizens Centre, 101 The Terrace
Dealers in attendance for valuations and buying.
Entry by gold coin donation. Light refreshments available.

The Geelong Chamber Music Society Inc. presents
Elena Kats-Chernin and Tamara-Anna Cislowska
Who will shine light on new treasures and old favourites in a thrilling unique
experience of creation expression and adventure.
Friday 11th March 7.30pm, McAuley Hall, sacred College
Tickets Adults \$50 Concession \$45 Under 25 \$10

Geelong ACCESS Ministries Chaplaincy Support Group
Annual General Meeting
Thursday March 17th 7.00pm
St. Matthews Anglican Church, 230 McKillop St. East Geelong
Guest Speaker: Greg Illingworth
Former Chaplain Geelong Football Club.
Topic Community and Chaplaincy.

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 morning coffee on March 4th, but you are most welcome to join in the World day of Prayer at 10.00am. Usual coffee and chat resumes on the 11th of March.

LOAVES AND FISHES PANTRY: we are asking members of the Congregation to please bring along any of the following tinned vegetables: 420g sweet corn, 400g cannellini beans, 400g three or five bean mix. These will help restock our pantry shelves. We are continuing to see new people arrive seeking assistance and we thank you for your generosity which enables us to reach out to struggling families and offer our support.

ELDERS MEETING: Thursday March 10th 10.00am in the church foyer.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING: Monday March 7th 7.30pm in the church foyer.

UCAF NEWS: Thanks to all our group members who made "World Day of Prayer such a success. We will not be having another meeting in March and 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 decision 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 willingly 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.