



Weekly Newsletter

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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
Holy Communion

11.00am Newington
The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park
Holy Communion

10.30am Ocean Grove
The Reverend Swee-An Koh
Director Inter Cultural Unit of the
Commission for Mission –Synod

LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK (Easter 6) Acts 16: 9-15, Psalm 67,
Revelations 21: 10, 22 –22:5, John 14:23-29 or John 5: 1-9

NEXT WEEK (Easter 7) Acts 16: 16-34, Psalm 97
Revelations 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-21, John 17: 20-26

KEY VERSE

“At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. The day on which this took place was a Sabbath.

John 5: 9

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.

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.

UNITING CHURCH LADIES FRIENDSHIP GROUP meets again on Wednesday May the 4th and 18th. All welcome.

CHURCH ROSTERS: The May– August roster is completed and has been emailed. Please let Sally know if you need a hard copy or if you didn't receive it. Many thanks to everyone who volunteers their time and talents to serve in our Church.

ROSE GARDEN taking shape. Thanks to Don Freeman and a group of helpers including an energetic Geoff Tamblin who donated several bags of horse Manure and to the people who answered the call for roses we will soon have a beautiful new garden as well as a jacaranda tree which has been planted on the southern boundary. Please phone Don on 5254 2732 if you can help in any way with the rose garden or around the property.

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

Exciting News

Yoo Mi Park has just about completed her Period of Discernment and she has decided to apply for candidacy later this year. As our Parish has supported her POD, she hopes for our continual support and prayers for her next step.

On Sunday May the 15th Yoo Mi will be leading the Contemporary Service at 5.00pm at Barwon Heads. Here is your first opportunity to show your support. Please endeavour to attend the service and meal.

BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Ocean Grove Uniting Church Hall
10.00pm Thursday May 12th
\$5.00 donation with Guest Speaker Mr. David Renton

BLUMES FASHION PARADE WINTER COLLECTION

ST PETERS HALL, DRAPER ST. OCEAN GROVE
MONDAY MAY 2ND 2.00PM
Entry \$3 includes afternoon tea.
Organised by the O/Grove B/Heads Laurel Club.

“Thank you for the great response to the appeal for bikes for the Queenscliff Men’s Shed. 15 bikes were donated and they are now in the process of being restored and will eventually be given to refugee students at the North Geelong Secondary College. Well done everyone!”
Lyn Mulligan

HOLY HUMOR

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, “know what the Bible means!” his father smiled and replied, “What do you mean, you ‘know’ what the Bible means? The son replied, “I do know!” “okay, “ said his father, “What does the Bible mean?” “That’s easy, Dad...” the young boy replied excitedly, “It stands for “Basic Information Before Leaving Earth”

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country “Is there anything breakable in here?” asked the postal clerk. “Only the Ten Commandments.” answered the lady.

There is the story of a Pastor who got up one Sunday and announced to his Congregation: “I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is, it’s still out there in your pockets.”

OCEAN GROVE NEWS

RETIRING OFFERING: For the months of April and May will be for "Mission Aviation fellowship". There are some brochures on the table near the bowl if you would like more information about this wonderful service.

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.

UCAF NEWS: 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. The Port Phillip West Presbytery UCAF invites us all to the May gathering on Tuesday the 10th of May. It will be held at Trinity Altona, 7 Seves Street Altona. Members of the Altona UC are happy to pick people up at Newport Station. If you are going and want to be picked up please phone Anne Green on 9398 4470.

LOAVES AND FISHES PANTRY: This month we are asking you to donate 1kg packets of rice to help us stock the shelves of our food pantry. We are always happy to accept donations, so if you forget, remember there is a basket in the church foyer where you can leave packaged food items any time. We recently received a newsletter from the Geelong & District Food Bank that contained the disturbing information that the number of people presenting with vouchers for **food aid has increased by 40% over the past 12 months**—food security continues to be a major problem for many people living in the Geelong area.

A DATE FOR YOUR CALENDAR: Tuesday May 10th 9.00am Help give the church, the church foyer, hall and kitchen a good clean. Please bring your own cleaning equipment, such as cobweb brushes, buckets and rags. Actual cleaning products will be supplied.

Do you have any **8 ply knitting wool or acrylic yarn** stored away but not needed? The UCAF knitters can put it to good use for rug making. Any donations will be gratefully received and can be left in the marked basket in the church foyer.

TALENT MONTH: May is going to get as many people as possible inspired to show off their talents. It is another fundraising effort, so please consider taking part. The idea is that you are encouraged to turn \$10 into as much profit as possible over the month. So if you can bake, sew, knit., grow vegetables, make jams/pickles/relish or even busk down the street your talents are needed. The idea is not just for you to "sell your goods at church, but think outside the box and try selling and involving your family members, members of different clubs you may be involved with, neighbours and friends.