



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
Mrs. Michelle Hardy

10.30am Ocean Grove
The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park
Baptism of Hannah Wendelken

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

9.00am Barwon Heads
Ms. Jean Murray

9.00am Newington
Combined Service at either Barwon
Heads or Ocean Grove

10.30am Ocean Grove
Ms. Jean Murray

LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK (Christ the King) 2 Sm. 23: 1-7, Psalm 132: 1-12, (13-18)
Rv. 1: 4b-8, John 18: 33-37

NEXT WEEK (Advent 1) Jer. 33: 14-16, Psalm 25: 1-10,
1 Thes. 3: 9-13, Luke 21: 25-36

KEY VERSE

**“.....I came into the world to testify to the truth.”
John 18:37**

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.

CHRISTMAS CARDS to support various church agencies are now available. See ordering information on the table in the church hall.

UNITINGCARE GEELONG requests our help in providing food items for about 400 Christmas Hampers to be distributed to people in need this Christmas. Please bring your donated tinned and packaged non-perishable food items to church and place them in the basket in the church porch on any Sunday this month. Be Smith of our Congregation who is a volunteer with UnitingCare Geelong will deliver our donated items to UnitingCare.

OUR "GST" COIN JARS are due to be returned to the Church at any service this month. If you have not had a coin jar it is possible to support our "GST" (**G**od's **S**pecial **T**asks) projects by donating through an envelope marked "GST" placed in the Offering Bowl on any Sunday.

THE UNITING CHURCH WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP which commenced in August has a regular attendance of 12 or more women who have enjoyed meeting twice monthly, on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays for devotion, prayer, worship and fellowship. It runs from 1.30—2.30pm, and is held in the vestry of the Uniting Church in Barwon Heads. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 18th of November, and the 2nd and 16th of December. Our final meeting for the year on Wednesday 16th December, will be an extended session running from 1.30pm—3.00pm. With musical accompaniment, we will sing carols, and reflect on related scripture, and enjoy fellowship over afternoon tea. Please feel free to join us, and bring a friend. The Uniting Church Women's fellowship Group will resume again on Wednesday the 3rd of February 2016.

SAMMY STAMP GROUP meets in the church hall on Wednesday the 25th of November, 1.30—3.30pm. This will be their last meeting for the year. Meanwhile keep saving your used postage stamps and bring to the Church Fete on January the 9th and "post" in the red box for a chance to win some new postage stamps. Remember to put your name and phone number on the packet of old stamps you bring.

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

DATES FOR CALENDARS

Saturday November 21st—"Blooming Plants and Homemade Fair"
Portarlington Uniting Church cnr. Newcombe & Fisher Street Portarlington
9.00am until early afternoon. For further details call Barry Ruler 0427 513 950

Sunday 29th of November: Handel's Messiah, featuring the Melbourne Opera and Essendon Choral Society, Parks Hall, Newcombe Street Portarlington.
Adults \$30, Students \$10 Under 10 free entry.
Pre performance tickets, ring Barry Ruler on 5259 3304

Saturday December 5th: Christmas Stock sale in the Ocean Grove Uniting Church Hall. 10.00am—1.00pm. Don't miss this chance to buy any Christmas decoration you would ever need!!

Sunday December 13th: Carols in the Park begins at 7.00pm in the Ocean Grove park. More details later but write this date on your calendars now.

ADVENT STUDY GROUPS

Begin on Tuesday December 1st and Wednesday December 2nd
The Tuesday group will meet at 2.00pm and the Wednesday group at 7.00pm. The booklet will cost \$5.50 and the session will run for 4 weeks. **The booklets have been ordered for those people who indicated they are attending, and is hoped that you can receive your copy next Sunday. Please bring your money for the booklet to the session you are attending.**

SING ON STAGE WITH GEELONG HARMONY CHORUS THIS CHRISTMAS

You are invited to join this talented group of ladies and sing a cappella harmony in their Christmas Show at 2.30pm on Saturday December 12th at Vines Road Community Centre, Geelong.

4 weeks rehearsals start Monday November 16th 6.45—7.45pm at Western Heights Uniting Church. \$10.00 PW. Please ring 0406 666 737 to register.

BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP

A satellite group for women is planned for 2016 to study the book of Revelation. Where: At The Wave, When: weekly sessions in school terms, beginning February 2016. B.S.F. provides lay participants with tools, environment, relationships and support needed to grow deeper in knowledge and understanding of God and the Bible. . If you are interested see Helen Baum

OCEAN GROVE NEWS

RETIRING OFFERING: For the months of November and December will be for the Act for Peace Christmas Bowl Appeal. Appeal envelopes are included in this newsletter, but you may like to clean out your purse of all that change every Sunday you come to church. It is amazing how quickly small change turns into dollars!

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 from 10.30am in the church foyer. Come for a coffee/tea, chat and more than often a good giggle!!!

LOAVES AND FISHES PANTRY: we are in need of 1litre cartons of Long Life Milk (both full cream and light) and packets of rice to restock our shelves—we would love to receive your donations.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING to be held on Sunday the 29th of November immediately following the worship service. There will be only one agenda item and this is to consider the draft 2016 budget. Please note that a copy of the budget is available. If you need one please see Dianne Sapwell asap. . If you have any queries please see Dianne Sapwell any Friday morning between 8.30am and 12noon to discuss your concerns. It is hoped that all concerns can be addressed before the meeting.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS: Once again we will be offering Christmas Hampers to the folk who attend the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry who have been referred to us. If you would like to make a contribution we would appreciate donations of packets of jelly crystals, savoury biscuits such as savoury shapes (all flavours) and long life custard in 500ml cartons, over the next three weeks of November. Please leave your donation in the basket in the Church foyer.
Thank you from the JIM Team.

UCAF CHRISTMAS SERVICE: Monday November 23rd at 10.00am in the Church. Please bring a festive food to share and there will be **no Trading Table** on that day. Can readers please meet Robin in the foyer after today's service.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING: Monday November 30th 7.30pm in the church foyer.