



# Weekly Newsletter

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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

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

## SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

9.00am Barwon Heads  
The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park  
Holy Communion

9.00am Newington  
Ms. Jean Murray

10.30am Ocean Grove  
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## LECTIONARY READINGS

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

NEXT WEEK (Advent 2) Mal. 3: 1-4, Luke 1: 68-79  
Phil. 1" 3-11, Luke 3: 1-6

## KEY VERSE

**"To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul: in you I trust, O my God."  
Psalm 25: 1**

## 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](mailto: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 re-sume again on Wednesday the 3rd of February 2016.

**SAMMY STAMP GROUP** asks that you 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.

**A MUSICAL CONCERT**, hosted by Jill Meehan, a regular hirer of our church premises, will be presented in our church hall on Sunday 6th December at 3.00pm. Cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 3 years and over. All welcome.

**SMALL GLASS JARS** (with lids), up to 300g size, are needed by those who make jams and relishes for our Preserves stall. Please leave them in the kitchen in the church hall before Christmas, or phone Margaret Parry on 5254 3208.

**CHURCH ROSTERS:** Sally Hobbs is preparing the roster for Jan—April 2016. can you please let her know if you are unavailable for any of these dates. ([sahobbs71@gmail.com](mailto:sahobbs71@gmail.com) or 0448 817 110). And more volunteers would be greatly appreciated.

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

## DATES FOR CALENDARS

**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!!

**Thursday December 10th:** Mission Shaped Ministry Information Evening 7.30—8.30pm (light supper included) at Hoppers crossing Uniting Church, 235 Derrimut Road Hoppers Crossing. To register contact Adam McIntosh on 0414 725 887 or themcintoshbunch@hotmail.com.

**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. **Please bring your money for the booklet to the session you are attending.**

## “Understanding Islam”

**A Question and Answer Session  
Presented by the Ocean Grove Uniting Church  
Justice and International Mission Group.  
Sunday December 6th at 11.45am in the church Hall  
during morning tea.**

Facilitator Brian Kidd AM Architect and OGUC Elder.

The Panel:

Father Peter Martin, Vicar of St George the Martyr Anglican Church  
Queenscliffe and President of the Inter-Faith Network Geelong.

Fahim Shah, former Asylum Seeker and Australian Citizen. Regional  
Manager of Ostara Australia.

Yvonne Hargrave, member of both the JIM Group and Queenscliffe  
Rural Australians for Refugees.

Please bring along your questions for this panel and be part of a unique  
opportunity to learn more about the Muslim faith.

Admission free, but a plate of finger food to share for morning tea would  
be appreciated.

Further information can be obtained by phoning Lyn 5255 2638 or  
Joan 5250 3789

## 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 **tins of diced tomatoes 400G.** and **tins of beetroot 225g** to help keep our shelves stocked. If you are able to help please bring our donations to Sunday Worship on the 6th of December. Thank you all for your continued support of the food pantry.

**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.

**CHURCH COUNCIL** meeting Thursday December 3rd at 4.30pm in the church foyer.

**CHURCH ELDERS** meeting Thursday December 10th 10.00am in the church foyer.