



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

9.00am Newington
Mr. Noel Patchett

10.30am Ocean Grove
The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park
Baptism of Piper Randall

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

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

9.00am Newington

10.30am Ocean Grove
The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park
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LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK (Pentecost 18) est. 7: 1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22, Psalm 124
Jas. 5: 13-20, Mark 9: 38-50

NEXT WEEK (Pentecost 19) Jb. 1: 1,2:1-10, Psalm 26
Heb. 1: 1-4, 2: 5-12, Mark 10: 2-16

KEY VERSE

**“Our help is in the name of the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.”
Psalm 124: 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 314 377 where you can leave a message and Fay will get back to you.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Helen Carruthers has kindly offered to co-ordinate this year's collection. Boxes will be available from the Church each Sunday over the month of September. All filled boxes need to be returned by mid October. If filling a box is not your thing you may like to give a cash donation to aid in the delivery of the boxes, currently \$9 per box. For more information ring Helen n 5254 1299

OUR IGA POINTS at the end of August had reached 13,500 which means we be struggling to reach our target of 20,000 points to use to buy Christmas Cakes for UnitingCare Geelong to distribute in their Christmas Hampers to people in need. Please remember to show your church IGA key tag whenever you shop at bar-won heads IGA.

LADIES FRIENDSHIP GROUP meets in the church hall on October 7th 1.30—2.30pm.

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

**DAYLIGHT SAVING BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY OCTOBER THE 4TH.
PLEASE PUT YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD ONE HOUR AT 2.00AM SO
THAT YOU ARE ON TIME FOR CHURCH!!!**

ANNUAL LEAVE

The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo park will be on Annual Leave from October the 20th until October 28th. If you have any Pastoral Concerns during that time, please see an Elder in your respective Congregation.

ADVENT STUDY GROUPS

Beginning on Tuesday December 1st and Wednesday December 2nd Jong Soo will be holding Advent Study groups on the booklet "Having a Dickens of an Advent: The Gospel According to Scrooge"
The Tuesday group will meet at 2.00pm and the Wednesday group at 7.00pm with a minimum of 5 people. The booklet will cost \$5.50 and the session will run for 4 weeks. If you are interested please email the church with your response or speak to Jong Soo asap so that the required number of booklets can be ordered.

Please note that until further notice there is no fax machine available at the church office. Please send all notices via email.

DATES FOR CALENDARS

Saturday October 3rd: Exhibition and sale of photographs and cards at the home of Lyn Mulligan 16 Finch Close Ocean grove 11.00am—4.00pm. Donation entry \$7.50, with 10% of sales for the children of South Sudan.

Tuesday October 6th: Luncheon and Variety Concert, Ocean Grove Senior Citizens Centre., 101 the Terrace Ocean grove. Lunch will be served at 12noon and bookings can be made by ringing 5255 2996 , leaving your name, phone number and number of people attending.

Tuesday October 6th: Annual report Evening for UnitingCare Geelong, Grovedale Uniting Church from 5.30pm.

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

JUSTICE FOR REFUGEES UCA PETITION CLOSE NAURU DETENTION CENTRE!

The UCA is renewing its call for the immediate closure of the Nauru detention centre after another damning report into the centre's operations.

The centre belongs to us and we are responsible for all that happens there.

The UCA is asking us to support this call to close Nauru detention centre and to transfer children and families back to Australia for care and processing and to sign the formal petition to be lodged with the House of representatives Standing Committee on Petitions.

Copies of the petition are available in all three churches , so please take the time to consider signing this important document.

KOREAN LUNCHESES AT THE MANSE

October 4th—Rod and Judy Greer, Helen heard, Jean Konings Dianne Sapwell, Shona, David, Holly & Tyson Reidy, Rose and Tom.

October 25th—Helen and Kaye Baum, Lois Matheson, Rhonda Browne, Faye and Ken MacLean.

It would be appreciated if you could bring a plate of either savoury or sweet finger food to share.

OCEAN GROVE NEWS

RETIRING OFFERING: For the months of September and October all money raised will be directed to the Synod JIM Group and an Asylum Seeker Project. Thank you for your generosity.

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!!! **Please note there not will be Friday Coffee and Chat until after the school holidays, resuming Friday 9th of October**

LOAVES AND FISHES PANTRY: Thank you for your great response to our request for packets of flour in September. Next Sunday 4th October—Communion Sunday we are asking for **jars of pasta sauce** to help stock our shelves. Earlier this year the focus of our worship service was the Uniting Church **Share Appeal**, when we learnt about the valuable contribution money raised from the Share Appeal makes towards supporting various agencies of our church. Recently our food pantry were the recipients of a generous donation of \$500 from *the dove*—this was duly sent off to the Share Appeal office and through the generosity of many people, we received food vouchers to the value of \$1,000. these will be used to purchase food staples for our pantry and to provide emergency food support to people who come to our church seeking our help. Thank you all for continued support and encouragement.

UCAF meeting planned for Monday 28th September at 10.00am has been canceled. Please note that the meeting to be held tomorrow morning has been cancelled due to there being a funeral service in our church. The next meeting will be in October. Thank you.

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE OCEAN GROVE JIM TEAM? Some folk have indicated that they are not aware of what the JIM (Justice and International Mission) group do, so there is a summary of discussion and reports of what has been going on the table in foyer. Feel free to take a copy.

FETE CONVENORS MEETING ON MONDAY OCTOBER 5TH AT 2.30PM IN THE CHURCH FOYER. If you are unable to attend please either let Neil or Dianne Sapwell know of any concerns or ideas you may have. The fete date is Saturday October 31st.

THANK YOU to those who gave their time and provided warm efficient service of drinks and food for us all on the day of Mum's funeral. It was wonderful to have the use of the hall so thanks also the church organisation for making that available to us. We also appreciated Jong Soo's sensitive contribution to the group of people he'd never met before. It all helped during the emotional time of Mum's funeral. It was lovely to see some old friends of Mum's whom I had come to know quite well too during the time I lived down there. You have a special bunch of people in your congregation. Janet Brearley.