

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

9.00am Barwon Heads The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park

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

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

5.00pm Barwon Heads Contemporary Service Mrs. Yoo Mi Park

9.00am Newington The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park

10.30am Ocean Grove The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park

LECTIONARY READINGS

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

NEXT WEEK (Pentecost) Acts 2: 1-21, or Genesis 11:1-9, Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b, Romans 8: 14-17 or Acts 2: 1-21 John 14: 8-17, (25-27)

KEY VERSE "The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice" Psalm 97: 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 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.

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 18th, and Wednesday June 1st. 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.

SAMMY STAMP: Our stamp trimmers are always on the look out for used stamps to trim. Next "trimming day Wednesday may 25th from 1.30—3.30pm.

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

NEXT SUNDAY IS PENTECOST SO YOU MAY LIKE TO WEAR RED CLOTHING TO WORSHIP!!!

NEWINGTON UCAF Meets at 1.30pm On Wednesday 11th May Yoo Mi Park will speak to us about life in Korea. Visitors welcome.

Do you have any computer or mobile phone problems? Then Robert Cox may be able to help. Ring 5255 4881

His "talents" are available for the month of May only.

Greta Bradman come to Geelong Monday may the 9th 7.30pm St Mary's Basilica, Yarra Street Geelong As part of her regional tour, acclaimed Australian soprano, Greta Bradman, presents a beautiful concert of sacred music with songs from her album "My Hero"

Tickets \$45 /\$40 at the door or phone 1300 762 545

Geelong Chamber Music Society Concert PAAVALI JUMPPANEN and ANAM MUSICIANS Play Poulenc, Debussy and Beethoven Friday May 20th 7.30pm McAuley Hall, Sacred College, Newtown For tickets please ring GCMS on 5243 6931 or GPAC on 5255 1200

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.

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.

AUTUMN CHURCH CLEAN: 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.

ELDERS MEETING THURSDYA MAY 12TH 10.00am in the church foyer.

Please keep Peter Ward and his family in your prayers. When this newsletter was being prepared Peter was in the Alfred Hospital with paralysis from the chest down. His condition was critical but stable.