



# 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

10.30am Ocean Grove  
The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park

## SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

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Holy Communion

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November 27th  
“Buy Nothing Day”

## LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK (Pentecost 25) Ez. 34:11-16, 20-24, Psalm 100  
Ephesians 1: 15-23, Matthew 25: 31-46

NEXT WEEK (Advent1) Isaiah 64: 1-9, Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19  
1 Corinthians 1: 3-9, Mark 13: 24-37

## KEY VERSE

“ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left”  
Matthew 25: 31

## BARWON HEADS NEWS

**WEEKLY NEWSLETTER ITEMS:** Please ring or send directly to Dianne Sapwell before 8.30am Friday each week. Email oguc107@gmail.com 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.

**SINCERE THANK YOU** for all the visits, phone calls, love and prayers during my recent illness, with love and blessings, Merilyn  
Psalm 16: 3 "How excellent are the Lord's faithful people! My greatest pleasure is to be with them."

**JANUARY FETE:** help is needed for our Annual Fete on **Saturday 13th of January**. A list of stalls and convenors will be placed in the hall and you are asked to consider how you can help in the lead-up and on the day. This is an important event in the life of our Church and its place in the local community while serving as a major fundraiser. So, let's all get involved.

**CONFIRMATION SERVICE:** it was a wonderful occasion last Sunday when Rachael and Sarah Hobbs were confirmed as part of our final 5.00pm service for 2017. It was great to see them receive so much support from family and friends. It was also great to see John Whiting join us. Thanks to everyone who has assisted during the year in so many ways: as a group leader, setting up the hall, preparing the meals, washing up etc.

**FROM RACHAEL AND SARAH HOBBS:** Thank you so much to everyone who came to our Confirmation Service last Sunday night. Thanks also for all your prayers, cards, gifts and kind wishes, and a very special thanks to Jenny Harwood for being our wonderful mentor.

**CHRISTMAS BOWL** appeal envelopes are in the pews and your support is invited so that the Christmas Bowl can help people threatened by conflict and disaster all over the world. Last year our Congregation sent \$2780 to the appeal (which included the gold coin entry to the Community Christmas Carols, the Christmas Day offering at church as well as personal contributions from individual members) towards the Australia –wide total of more than \$2 million raised by Congregations of members of Churches of the National Council of Churches in Australia. With so many crisis situations around the world the need is greater than ever. Please remember the Christmas Bowl as you plan your Christmas spending.

**All welcome to morning tea  
in the Church Hall after the service.**

Uniting Christmas Cards  
for sale in the foyer of the Ocean Grove Church  
Each pack of 10 cards is only \$9.00  
Uniting is the community services arm  
of the Uniting Church in Victoria and Tasmania

ADVENT STUDY "STORY PATCH 2"

Wednesday November the 29th

Judy Greer—Community Service

Wednesday December the 6th

Kel Parry—Ministry

Wednesday December the 13th

Doug Whan—Accounting

Wednesday December the 20th

David Reid—Church Architecture

7.00pm

Ocean Grove Uniting Church

*On behalf of all my family I would like to express my sincere thanks to this church community, for without your prayers and support, the last 7 weeks of Doug's life at home would have been extremely difficult.*

*It was a welcome break to for us to have visitors instead of Doctors and Nurses and to those who stayed with Doug while I had some "free" time I thank you..*

*Your cards, flowers, food and just a hug were appreciated so much.*

*My amazing husband will be missed so much by us all and I thank God for the contribution Doug made to all our lives.*

*Lesley and family.*

## OCEAN GROVE NEWS

**RETIRING OFFERING:** For the months of November and December we will be supporting the Christmas Bowl Appeal.

**PRAYER CONTACT:** If you would like our prayer team to pray for you or others (with their permission) please contact **Robin Munro on 4202 0323**

**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.

**LOAVES AND FISHES PANTRY :** to help stock our pantry it would be helpful to receive **TINS** of soup, tuna and packets of pasta (not spaghetti) and rice. Thank you for continuing support of the Food Pantry, it helps provide a number of people in our Ocean Grove Community with food security.

**UCAF NEWS:** If you are coming to the **ANNUAL COMBINED UCAF CHRISTMAS SERVICE AND LUNCH** on the 27th of November. Helpers are needed to set up the hall at 11.00am on the day and will be greatly appreciated. **The Christmas Service will begin at 11.30am and will be followed by lunch in the hall.**

**THE CHURCH CHOIR** will meet every Thursday until December the 21st from 12noon to 1.00pm. We would welcome some extra voices to help us with some beautiful Advent/Christmas music. We know who you are...We can hear you on Sunday mornings!!!. Let Margaret Hughes know (5256 2195) if you would like to join the choir over the next few weeks!!!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Judy Greer who was nominated by Rotary friends and our UCAF Branch for The Victorian Premier's Volunteer Champions 2017 Award in the Service category. Judy will be presented with a service award on December the 3rd at Government House. She is a very worthy recipient of this award. Well done Judy!

**SPECIAL THANKS TO JEAN KONINGS** who has been a valued member of the Fundraising Committee for the last couple of years. There is now a vacancy for at least one person, but the rest of the Committee which is only 4 would like to see more people join this Committee so that plans for fundraising for 2018 can be organized. If you would to join, please see Judy Greer.

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER THE 18TH** was the date for the last Recycled Treasure Sale for 2017 and \$404.40 was raised. Thanks to everyone who has helped over the past year and here's hoping you are prepared to do the same in 2018.

**MEETINGS FOR DECEMBER: Church Council Thursday December the 7th at 4.30pm and Elders Thursday December the 14th at 10.00am**Both meetings will be held in the church foyer.

**ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 2017 WILL BE ACCPTED ANY TIME YOU HAVE THEM READY!!** The UCAF have already handed theirs' in.