



# 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  
Holy Communion

10.30am Ocean Grove  
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## SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

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December 10th

“International Human Rights Day”

## LECTIONARY READINGS

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

NEXT WEEK (Advent 2) Isaiah 40: 1-11, Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13  
2 Peter 3: 8-15a, Mark 1: 1-18

## KEY VERSE

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass”  
Mark 13: 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](mailto: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.

**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 member 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.

**CHRISTMAS HAMPERS:** Thank you to all who contributed in cash or by tinned and packaged foods for Christmas Hampers for people in need in the Geelong region. All food items, including those purchased through our IGA points were delivered by Be Smith who is a volunteer with Uniting. IGA were very generous with discounts, enabling us to get extra value for our points. Thanks too to Greg and Helen Carruthers who made arrangements with IGA. Now we start earning points towards next year’s Christmas Hampers by presenting our Uniting Church IGA key tag every time we shop at Barwon Heads IGA. If you need a replacement or extra key tag, ask Margaret Parry (5254 3208) for one.

**Our Ladies friendship Group** is looking forward to our final meeting this year, on Wednesday December the 6th 1.30pm. We will be celebrating with an Advent Service, singing carols, led by the Bellarine Community Choir. We look forward to hearing Jean Murray speak, as she always gives a wonderful message. Afternoon tea will be held in the hall, due to increased numbers. All ladies welcome to attend.

**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 December the 6th  
Kel Parry—Ministry  
Wednesday December the 13th  
Doug Whan—Accounting  
Wednesday December the 20th  
Alan Cover—"My Story of my faith journey"  
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.*

CAROLS IN THE PARK  
Sunday December the 10th  
7.00pm start with gates ope at 6.00pm  
Ocean Grove Community Park.  
Come and sing your heart out and is possible bring along an unwrapped present to place under the Christmas Tree.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EVENT  
You are welcome to share a time with the Playgroup and the Ocean Grove Choir on Friday December the 8th  
Singing carols or just listening to the pre-schoolers "make and enjoyable noise"  
11.15am

## 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 Helen Baum on 5255 1487. Helen would like to thank Robin for helping out of the past few weeks.

**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.

**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.

*"I would like to thank you all for the kindness and care you showed to a refugee family who recently relocated to our area. Mehfuz and Ting arrived with very few possessions, and in need of accommodation and support, to start anew chapter in their lives. Your wonderful group was able to help with clothing, food, and even a store gift card for much needed personal items. Queenscliff RAR wishes to thank our wonderful OGUC and dove friends for their support and care and love to those in need. The family you helped were overwhelmed by the kindness of "strangers who have now become friends.*

*Thank you all!*

*Cathie Bond for QRAR*