



Weekly Newsletter

Barwon Heads, 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

5.00pm Barwon Heads

The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park

10.30am Ocean Grove

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SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

9.00am Barwon Heads

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LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK (Lent 5) Jeremiah 31: 31-34, Psalm 51:1-12 or
Psalm 119: 9-16, Hebrews 5: 5-10, John 12: 20-33

NEXT WEEK (Palm Sunday) Isaiah 50: 4-9a, Psalm 31: 9-16,
Philippians 2: 5-11, Mark 14: 1-15;47 or Mark 15: 1-39, (40-47)

KEY VERSE

**“Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit
within me.”**

Psalms 51: 10

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.

OUR LADIES FELLOWSHIP will meet next Wednesday at 1.30pm. We look forward to hearing a presentation by Cathy Coleman, who is an important member of the Anglican Church. We then enjoy afternoon tea and a chat. All ladies are welcome.

CALLING TWELVE MISSING HYMN BOOKS: Have you “relocated” somewhere in our church buildings a copy of the melody line edition of Together in Song or perhaps take a copy home to use in preparation for a church service? We are missing 12 copies. If you can find a copy please return it as soon as possible to the book shelves in the church porch.

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

Asylum Seeker Event
Sunday April the 22nd
St Andrew's Uniting Church Portarlington
9.00am Church Service:
special focus on Refugees and Asylum Seeker issues
12.30pm Authentic Iraqi buffet style 2 course meal
In the church hall.
Prepared, cooked and served by Siham and Abdul.

After lunch guest speakers
Alison Corke and Para Paheer authors of
“The Power of Good Surviving Sri Lanka's Civil War”

Cost \$25 per person with prior bookings essential
Call Marilyn Bertram 5251 1102 or Joy Porter 5291 8177

"Lenten Space" for prayer and reflection

Ocean Grove Uniting Church
Friday March 23rd 10am—2pm

Barwon Heads Uniting Church
Thursday March 22nd
10am—1pm

Music and materials for prayer and reflection will be available.

LENTEN WALK

Tuesday March 20th

Meet at the RSL Memorial, Ocean Grove Park, The Avenue, at 9.30am. Parking in the public car park opposite. Walk around the park, meet for coffee at KYOSI Shop 91 The Parade

EASTER SERVICES

Maundy Thursday Service (March 29th)
7.30pm at Ocean Grove Uniting Church

Good Friday Service (March 30th)
9.00am Barwon Heads Uniting Church
10.30am Ocean Grove Uniting Church

Easter Sunday (April 1st)

Easter Dawn Service 6.00am at the Ocean Grove Lookout

Barwon Heads Uniting Church 9.00am
Ocean Grove Uniting Church 10.30am

Thank you to all our church friends for being there for us at this most difficult time. Special thanks to Barry for the beautiful music played and the flowers arranged at our son's funeral. Special thanks also to Robin and Velda, Judy and Rod and Joan who supported us on the day and days after. At the time of writing this I am back in hospital, so could not send individual notes of thanks.

Nell and Hank Brethouwer.

OCEAN GROVE NEWS

RETIRING OFFERING: The money that has been given for the months of January and February will now be passed onto Uniting World to help with the relieve efforts in Tonga. For March and April we will be supporting the Share Lenten 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.

FRIDAY COFFEE AND CHAT: Fridays 10.30—11.30am in the church foyer for Friday March the 23rd, but will be in recess from Friday March the 30th (Good Friday) to Friday April the 13th inclusive and will resume on Friday 20th of April.

UCAF Backpacks for Primary School Children: do you remember that the UCAF collected various items for this worthy cause, They have decided to do it again this year and invite all members of the Congregation to participate. Each backpack requires a certain number of items so if you would like the list please see either Judy Greer or Dianne Sapwell for a copy. Donations of cash are also welcome so that items can be bought. The biggest expense will be the actual School bags. These bags can be secondhand but they must be in exceptional and very clean with all zips working i.e. they need to be as good as **NEW**.

LOAVES and FISHES PANTRY are asking for donations of 1kg. Bags of plain rice and tinned tomatoes. If you can added these items to your personal grocery list it would be most appreciated. Thank you to everyone who gives on a regular basis. Your donations are truly appreciated.

UCAF—next meeting Monday March the 26th at 10.00am in the church foyer. Activity—**Annual Commitment Service** followed by a short general meeting. Please bring any item suitable for the Trading Table and a **small** plate of morning tea.

WITH LOVE TO THE WORLD— \$20 is now due from those who receive this daily devotions booklet. - 4 issues per year. Anyone who would like to receive this material please see Judy Greer.

A **BIG THANK YOU** to all members of Neil's "Team Terrific" who did such a great job at resurfacing the hall floor last Sunday afternoon. We only have a very small window of opportunity to sand, clean and re-coat the floor between users. Last Sunday was one such opportunity and so it was great to have such a willing team who completed the task. An excellent result and we are very grateful.

Rod Greer
Secretary Property Committee