



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
Ms. Jean Murray

10.30am Ocean Grove
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SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

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

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LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK (Easter 5) Acts 8: 26-40, Psalm 22: 25-31
1 John 4: 7-21 John 15: 1-8

NEXT WEEK (Easter 6) Acts 10: 44-48, Psalm 108,
1 John 5: 1-6, John 15: 9-17

KEY VERSE

"I am the true vine , and my Father is the gardener"
John 15: 1

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 FRIENDSHIP GROUP last met on Wednesday April the 18th. We were inspired and uplifted by "A Tale of Three People" by Jean Murray. She spoke about "doubting Thomas, who was actually a "Believing, Courageous Missionary". Next was Mrs. Janet Swan, the first woman Justice of Peace, who helped prisoners build their lives when they left goal. Then there was Irena Sendler (code name Yolanda) who saved the lives of over 2,500 Jewish children from prison camps. They were amazing stories, followed by a chat and afternoon tea. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday May the 2nd.

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

UNITING BARWON EDUCATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Join us to hear about this program which, each year, helps hundreds of students in the Geelong area.

**BELMONT UNITING CHURCH
THOMSON STREET BELMONT
SUNDAY APRIL 29TH AT 5.00PM**

Speakers will include volunteers who run the program plus a school wellbeing staff member.

A light meal will be provided and a contribution of \$5 is suggested. All money collected will be donated to the Education Assistance Program.

Music at the Basilica presents
“Windfire” Festival of sacred music in Geelong’s Churches
4th—13th May

Gala opening concert Friday May 4th, 8.00pm
St Mary’s Massed Choirs of Geelong with Orchestra Geelong.
You will know someone in this event! Come and see!

Concerts at Christ Church, Wesley Church, St David’s Church,
All Saints Church, St Luke’s Church, St Pauls Church.

Plants of the Bible Exhibition,
Workshops on Icons and Stress Management.
Free organ recitals each weekday 12.30—1.00pm

Tickets at door or from Tryingbooking.com
For full details go to mucicatthebasilica.org.au or
Phone 0407 095 408

THANK YOU

Thanks to the team who braved the elements on Saturday April the 14th to attend the working bee at Newington Church. We managed to get a truck load of pruning's and successfully tidied up the yard.

A number of members of the Presbyterian Congregation attended, but they were much smarter as they stayed indoors and cleaned up inside the church!

Rod Greer

Secretary Ocean Grove Property Committee

THANK YOU

The Ocean Grove UCAF would like to thank everyone who has so generously donated either financial support or school materials per the list, to their School Backpack Project.

Please note we can already take rulers, erasers and pencil sharpeners off the list—we have enough!

OCEAN GROVE NEWS

RETIRING OFFERING: For March and April we will be supporting the Share Lenten Appeal. Appeal envelopes are available in the foyer next to the Retiring Offering Bowl if needed.

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 Friday mornings.

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 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 tins of soup, lentils, red kidney beans chick peas, peas, carrots & peas, jars of pasta sauce. and oats. 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, but please note that **tins of tomatoes, tuna, baked beans, spaghetti or packets of pasta are no longer needed until further notice.** Your donations are truly appreciated.

Please take the time to check your details for the new directory. It is important that you alter any changes and place a tick beside your name so that the Elders are aware that you have confirmed the details printed. This list will be on the table near the fire extinguisher from today. Once details are checked then new photos of everyone will be taken!

MAY MEETINGS

Thursday May 3rd: Church Council **7.00pm** in the church foyer. **Please note the change of time for this meeting.**

Thursday May 10th: Church Elders 10.00am in the church foyer.