



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. J. 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 (Pentecost 10)
2 Samuel 11: 1-15, Psalm 14
Ephesians 3: 14-21, John 6: 1-21

NEXT WEEK (Pentecost 11)
2 Samuel 11: 26-12: 13a, psalm 51: 1-12,
Ephesians 4: 1-16, John 6: 24-35

KEY VERSE

**“But he said to them, “It is I, don't be afraid”
John 6: 20**

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 GROUP will meet next Wednesday at 1.30pm—3.00pm, to hear about Chris Wheal's very interesting visit with the Amish people. She will show slides of the way they live, and explain their beliefs.

WELCOME to Jean Murray who is leading our service today. We appreciate Jean's involvement when Jong Soo is on leave and enjoy her sharing of many uplifting stories.

THANK YOU to Jenny Ames for her presentation at the recent evening service in which she told us of her experience of working with Indigenous communities in the Northern Territory. Jenny is a midwife in Geelong and provides volunteer health services in remote parts of the Territory. Pray for Jenny as she prepares for her next trip.

BELATED thanks to Doug Whan, Geoff Tamblyn and Don Freeman who have been busy pruning in the rose garden. According to the trio, we can look forward to a bright display of blooms in the first week in November.

DOUG has also been busy counting the coins in the coin jars which people have been bringing along as part of our fundraising to support our GST projects. Thanks to all.

THE GEELONG CHAPLAINCY SUPPORT GROUP and **THE SHARE WINTER APPEAL** are both seeking donations to continue their important work. Information leaflets are available on the table in the hall if you would like to assist.

DIARY DATE: SUNDAY 7TH October is proposed as the day we celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Christian worship linked to our church in Barwon Heads. There will be a special service to mark the occasion so please spread the word among your families and friends and anyone who has been associated with our Church over its long history.

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

PARISH LIBRARY

Thanks to some very generous recent donations the Parish Library has been tidied up and has some very interesting new reading, devotional and study material, and DVD's.

Take the time to have a look one day, you may be surprised what you see!

ADVANCE NOTICE

OCEAN GROVE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY AUGUST THE 26TH.

This meeting will be held in the hall straight after morning worship. One of the agenda items will be elections. There are vacancies for Congregational Chairperson, Elders and Church Councillors. If you are interested in nominating someone for these positions please collect a nomination form from either Diane Jones (Congregational Secretary) or Geoff Naylor (Congregational Chairperson) Forms must be returned to either person by Wednesday August the 22nd.

If you have any items for the agenda, please hand them in writing to Geoff Naylor or Diane Jones by Wednesday August the 22nd.

MORE BARWON HEADS NEWS

ASYLUM SEEKER FOOD BANK AT THE WELCOME PLACE, WESLEY CHURCH, GEELONG

This has been set up to provide assistance for those living in the Geelong area who have Temporary Protection Visas, but no ongoing work or for those who have had their Status Resolution Support funds withdrawn.

A container has been placed in our Church Porch for collection of tinned, packet and dried food and other items should you feel you would like to contribute. A list of culturally appropriate food items for donation to the Food Bank has been left with the container, together with a leaflet giving a fuller explanation. Some suggestions include chickpeas, lentils, red kidney beans, chopped tomatoes (plain), Basmati rice, tomato paste, sultanas and dates.

The container will remain in the porch until Sunday August 26th. Your support, as you are able, would be greatly

OCEAN GROVE NEWS

RETIRING OFFERING: For July & August we will be supporting the Uniting Winter Share Appeal that will help families move from crisis to stability this winter.

PRAYER CONTACT: If you would like our prayer team to pray for you or others (with their permission) call Helen Baum on 5255 1487

FRIDAY COFFEE AND CHAT: Fridays 10.30—11.30am in the church foyer. Come for a cuppa, a chat and a laugh!

KNITTING CIRCLE: meets every Friday 20th July at 9.30am in the church foyer.

FORWARD THINKING/PLANNING: As a special attraction at the Recycled Treasure Sale on Saturday September the 15th we will be having a plant stall. In order for this to be a success please begin potting up cuttings now. It is always helpful if the name and or colour of the flower can be included some way with the pot. Let's make this fundraising idea a "blooming" success!!

LOAVES AND FISHES PANTRY are always grateful for your donations of packets/tins of food, especially in these colder months. Tinned soups, tomatoes, and beans etc., and packets of rice, cup of soups, etc. are just some suggestions you may like to add to your weekly shopping list, for this outreach program of your church.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING: Thursday August 2nd, 4.30pm in the church foyer.

EDLERS MEETING: Thursday August 9th 10.00am in the church foyer.

Dear Friends,

Please accept my grateful thanks for your generous support for me in raising \$1,000.84 towards the AFP work throughout our world. The Ration Challenge engaged over 35,000 people and their total exceeded \$2 million and much of this has already been used for food, medical supplies, hygiene kits and education in the refugee camps. Funds are still coming in, so if any kind person would like to add a donation for AFP, what ever amount, it would be most acceptable. If you use Facebook, AFP have a little video of the responses of some Syrian refugees who were asked the question, "What will the war never take from you?" it is well worth a look.

God bless you all.

Joan Calcutt.