

Weekly Newsletter

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A warm welcome is extended to all visitors today. God's richest blessings to you all.

SERVICES TODAY SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

5.00pm Barwon Heads 9.00am Barwon Heads

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10.30am Ocean Grove 10.30.00am Ocean Grove

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LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK (Pentecost 13)
1 Kings 2: 10-12,; 3: 3-14, Psalm 111
Ephesians 5: 15-20, John 6: 51-58

NEXT WEEK (Pentecost 14)
1 Kings 8: (1,6,10-11), 22-30, 41-43 Psalm 84
Ephesians 6: 10-20, John 6: 56-69

KEY VERSE

"he has caused his wonders to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and compassionate."

Psalm 111: 4

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.

ASYLUM SEEKER FOOD BANK AT THE WELCOME PLACE, Wesley Church Geelong: Donations will be accepted in the church porch until Sunday August the 26th. The Food Bank advise contributions of dried, tinned and bottles food have been substantial, for which they are grateful. Toiletries and cleaning products, as per the special list, are still needed should you wish to donate. Thank you.

OUR LADIES FELLOWSHIP had a large gathering on Wednesday 1st August to hear a special presentation by Chris Wheal about her visit to the Amish people in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, near New York. They had no electricity or cars and wore old-fashioned clothing and the children were educated to Year 8 and then had to become farmers. They drove around in old-style buggies, with horses, and had no modern conveniences. Some young ones left for more education to have better careers as doctors or lawyers, but were never accepted back into the community.

Last Wednesday we listened to Adair's talk on the beauty of the imminent Spring season. We discussed together with relevant Bible readings, hymns and poems, displays of God's renewal and grace in nature and how we can experience those aspects in out own lives. Over afternoon tea, we celebrated the Group's 3rd birthday with a special cake. A happy time was enjoyed by all during which there was a hearty vote of thanks to Merilyn for another year of thoughtful co-ordination.

THANK YOU in anticipation to Chris Wheal for her contribution to tonight's Contemporary Service. Chris has visited with the Amish people and has some interesting stories to share about the way they live and their beliefs.

150th ANNIVERSARY SERVICE: The Reverend Bruce Watson, Chair of Port Phillip West Presbytery, will share a message of celebration at this special service on Sunday October 7th. Spread the word about the service among your family, friends, members of the local community and anyone who has been associated with our Church over its long history. Let's make it an occasion to remember.

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

MORE BARWON HEADS NEWS

A NEW FLOOR has been installed in the Barwon Heads Community
Hall over the past few months. During that time, we were able to
accommodate most of their regular user groups.
Thank you to Adair Freeman, our Hall Booking Officer,
who has done a great job managing this busy time.

APOLOGIES for the recent absence of the monthly newsletter.

Normal publication will resume shortly.

Please send items to cover@pipeline.com.au

THANK YOU my dear brothers and sisters in Christ, for your

prayers, love and support whilst my beautiful Mum was in hospital and then the aged care home for a few weeks.

Thank you also then for your love and support after her passing to be with her Lord and Saviour.

I appreciate all the cards, messages, flowers, food, love and caring towards me and my family.

God has indeed blessed John and I in guiding us to this loving Church family, here in Barwon Heads.

Thank you, from your sister in Christ. Gail Young.

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.

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 at 9.30am in the church foyer. Bring your own knitting, or come and be inspired by what others are doing. Plenty of needles, wool and patterns available.

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!!

Dear Friends,

Just a few words.

Thank you to everyone for their visits to the hospital, their cards, books and just being friends.

After our son died and all the moving around to different hospitals I felt very down and lost. So I turned to the Doctor here and the nurses and they looked after me.

I promised God if He would heal my leg and my grandson I would be able to resume my normal life again and that is happening at the moment.

It was Peter birthday on August the 4th so we went to visit Point Lonsdale and Geoff came to visit us here at home and he also had been to visit his brothers grave.

So Pete is not forgotten.

Thank you to all. I don't feel so lost at the moment.

Love

Nell Brethouwer.

UCAF MEETING MONDAY THE 27TH OF AUGUST 10.00am in the church foyer. We will be exercising with Margie Mclean. No need to wear lycra! But do remember to wear flat heeled shoes. All welcome.