



Weekly Newsletter

Barwon Heads, Ocean Grove,
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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
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Holy Communion

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LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK (First Sunday of Advent)
Jeremiah 33: 14-16, Psalm 25:1-10,
1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13, Luke 21: 25-36

NEXT WEEK (Second Sunday of Advent)
Baruch 5: 1-9, Malachi 3: 1-4
Luke 1: 68-79, Philipians 1: 3-11, Luke 3: 1-6

KEY VERSE

**"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass
away"**

Luke 21: 33

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.

COMMUNITY CAROLS: The Combined Churches of Barwon Heads invite everyone to the Community Hall for the annual Christmas Carols service on **Sunday December the 16th starting at 6.30pm**. Donations will be collected on the night to aid the Christmas Bowl appeal.

HELP IS REQUIRED from 10.00am to set up the Community hall for the Carol Service that evening.

OUR LADIES FELLOWSHIP GROUP will be holding their last meeting for 2018 on Wednesday December the 5th. We look forward to singing carols, and a talk by Jean Murray. Our prayers were answered and Jean is okay after her fall. We will celebrate Christmas together, followed by a great afternoon tea, and we thank Marilyn for bringing all our Christian ladies together for these wonderful afternoons.

JANUARY FETE: Our biggest fundraising event is less than two months away. That's right, it's on **Saturday January the 12th at 3.00pm**. Thanks to Ken and Faye McLean who have started the organisational ball rolling. A list of activities/convenors/helpers will be placed in the hall so please write your name where you can help. Family members and friends are always welcome to assist. **Please note the amendment to the date!**

UNITING is the new name for more than 22 community service organisations of the Uniting Church in Victoria and Tasmania. What we previously knew as UnitingCare Geelong is now Uniting Barwon based in Grovedale.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS. Uniting Barwon asks for our continued help in providing non-perishable, tinned, packet and bottled foods for hampers to be distributed to people in need. Sunday 9th of December is the last opportunity to donate. Be Smith will deliver the items to Grovedale. These will be supplemented by approximately \$130 of foods purchased by our accumulated "points" at Barwon Heads IGA.

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

SUNDAY DECEMBER THE 2ND
At 2.00PM
OCEAN GROVE UNITING CHURCH

CHRISTMAS CONCERT BY THE
U3A GEELONG CHOIR.

TICKETS \$10
Includes AFTERNOON TEA.

Bring your family and friends and be entertained by this talented Choir.

INDUCTION OF THE REVEREND TUPE IOELU

Please pop Saturday December the 8th
at 2.00pm into your diary, as this is the designated time and date of the
Induction of Tupe.

It will be a wonderful time of celebration as we welcome Tupe and his
family into our community and we hope to have as many friends as
possible at this happy event.

Wesley Uniting Church

**DO YOU LIKE TO HEAR THE SOUND
OF SMALL CHILDREN SINGING!**

Then you are most welcome to join the Choir and the children and
parents of the Playgroup that meet in the church hall on

**FRIDAY DECEMBER THE 7TH AT 10.30AM
And then stay for a cuppa in the church foyer.**

**CAROLS IN THE PARK
SUNDAY DECEMBER THE 9TH
Gates open at 5.00pm
Carols begin at 7.00pm.
Sausage Sizzle, Pancakes, and
hot and cold drinks available.**

**Entry by donation with gate takings to be forwarded
to the "Light of Day Foundation"**

OCEAN GROVE NEWS

RETIRING OFFERING: For November and December will be for the Christmas Bowl Appeal. **“Bringing hope in times of disaster”** Your gift to the Christmas Bowl will bring hope to families in Vanuatu to help them plan, prepare, and act when a disaster strikes

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!

HEARING LOOP: Thanks to the efforts of both Robert Quarrell and Geoff Naylor the church now has a “hearing loop” facility. If you would like to take advantage of either headphones or a receiver that can be tuned into your own hearing aids, have a chat to Robert or Geoff on a Sunday Morning. It might be wise to come a bit early if you are using this system for the 1st time so that you are able to have the devices fitted and explained.

A REMINDER: if at any time you move furniture from one place to another, would you kindly ensure that it is returned to where you got it from.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING: Thursday December the 6th 4.30pm in the church foyer.

ELDERS MEETING: Thursday December the 13th 10.00am in the church foyer.

WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN HELPING AT THIS YEAR’S CAROLS IN THE PARK? If the answer is yes then please see Dianne after today’s service. There is a need for people to help man the gates which open at 5.00pm. See notice inside for details of the event.

IT IS NOT ONLY NEARLY CHRISTMAS it is also nearly the end of the year, and that means time to be thinking about Annual Reports. Why not get this job done before you go into holiday mode!

PLEASE KEEP JEAN MURRAY in your prayers. Jean had a fall this week but thankfully did not break anything. If coming to today’s concert by the U3A Geelong Choir you may be able to have a chat with her.