



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

9.00am Barwon Heads
The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park

10.30am Ocean Grove
The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

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LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK (Third Sunday of Advent)
Zephaniah 3: 14-20, Isaiah 12: 2-6,
Philippians 4: 4-7, Luke 3: 7-18

NEXT WEEK (Fourth Sunday in Advent)
Micah 5: 2-5a, Luke 1: 46b-55 or Psalm 80: 1-7
Hebrews 10: 5-10, Luke 1: 39-45, (46-55)

KEY VERSE

**“Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be
known to all the world”**

Isaiah 12: 5

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 celebrated Christmas on Wednesday, December the 5th singing carols. A large number enjoyed our music, and inspiring address by Jean Murray, who is okay, but on a walking stick. We received a blessing from our Minister, and we thanked Merilyn for organising our meetings, and Marjorie on the piano, before an fantastic afternoon tea.

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!**

STEWARDSHIP: thank you to everyone for your prayerful consideration of our need for financial sustainability. Please let Ian Cover or Doug Whan know if have any ideas of other ways we can raise funds in addition to your personal commitments.

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

CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES

**Christmas Eve
7.30pm Carol Service at Ocean Grove**

**Christmas Day
9.00am Barwon Heads
9.00am Ocean Grove**

SYNOD SERVICES DAY

Friday 14th December 9.30am—2.00pm

Hoppers Crossing Uniting Church

235 Derrimut Road Hoppers Crossing

This is your chance to ask questions directly to the people who know the answers.

Information sessions include: Business and Administration Support, Property Services, Mission, Grants and Insurance.

RSVP: Tuesday 11th December to hloader@bigpond.com

BARWON HEADS COMMUNITY CAROLS

Sunday December the 16th

6.30pm Barwon Heads Community Hall

Entry by gold coin donation to the Christmas Bowl Appeal.

Bring the whole family and celebrate Christmas by singing all your favourite carols together with the local community.

Featuring the Barwon Heads Chorale.

DATES FOR 2019 CALENDARS

Annual Leave for Jong Soo:

Jan 8th— 11th and Jan. 22nd—31st

Book and Painting Sale at Ocean Grove:

Setting up Jan. 9th from 10.00am,

Selling Thursday (10th) and Friday (11th) 10.00am—4.00pm,

Saturday 10.00am—1.00pm and then packing up begins.

Annual Fete at Barwon Heads:

Saturday January 12th 3.00pm

Recycled Treasure Sale at Ocean Grove:

Setting up Friday January 18th from 12noon,

Selling Saturday January the 19th 8.00am—12 noon.

Say good-bye to The Park Family:

Service of Worship Sunday January 20th 10.30am at Ocean Grove

Lunch to follow. Please bring a plate of finger food to share.

OCEAN GROVE NEWS

RETIRING OFFERING: For November and December will be for the Christmas Bowl Appeal. “**Love in action for Syrian Refugees**” Through the Christmas Bowl, we heed the urgent call to bring transformative love to the people of Syria by providing emergency food, healthcare and training for families most in need.

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: is now in recess until school resumes in 2019

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.

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!

To our church family and friends:

Thank you from the JIM team. We were delighted with the response to our fundraiser for our Coffee, Cards and Cake event at Lyn Mulligan's home last Saturday. Sunny day, good food and an ideal place to enjoy conversation with new and old friends in an ideal garden setting.

Talented Melbourne photographers Eiril Deighton and Ruth Akje, offered their beautiful Australian photograph cards for sale and donated all of the money raised on the day for support for Asylum Seekers in need of support. Total raised was over \$920. Some of this will support Asylum Seekers in Camberwell who are currently occupying a manse loaned to them and are being helped by Eiril and Ruth in how to take care of themselves and understand housework and cooking.

Cathy Bond from Queenscliff RAR has been tirelessly endeavouring to prepare refugees for their daunting task of completing their application forms which consist of 116 questions in formal English. This is stressful for them to answer questions in their 2nd language without explanations or an advocate to simplify the language so they understand what is required of them. ASRC indicated that the application form, for protection in Australia, is designed to promote failure. To give the Asylum Seekers a chance to successfully complete their applications RAR and ASRC are trying to raise funds to employ lawyers to assist. Some of the funds raised will help in this way.

Our gratitude goes to Lyn and friends for delicious food and kind hospitality, Eiril and Ruth for their generosity and to all who supported this event in so many ways

Thank you all

Joan Calcutt On behalf of the JIM Group.

COMMITMENT PLAN FOR 2019: Please return your plan to the box on the table in the foyer asap. If you did not receive one last week, Dianne Sapwell will be able to give you a copy. It is important that all members of the Congregation read and prayerfully consider how they can commit to the ongoing work of the church in 2019.