



# 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

The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park

10.30am Ocean Grove

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## LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK (Second Sunday of Advent)

Baruch 5: 1-9, Malachi 3: 1-4

Luke 1: 68-79, Philippians 1: 3-11, Luke 3: 1-6

NEXT WEEK (Third Sunday of Advent)

Zephaniah 3: 14-20, Isaiah 12: 2-6,

Philippians 4: 4-7, Luke 3: 7-18

## KEY VERSE

**"And all mankind will see God's salvation"**

**Luke 3: 6**

## **BARWON HEADS NEWS**

**WEEKLY NEWSLETTER ITEMS:** Please ring or send directly to Dianne Sapwell before 8.30am Friday each week. Email [oguc107@gmail.com](mailto: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** celebrated Christmas last Wednesday, 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 Marilyn for organizing 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!**

**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.

**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.**

**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"**

**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](mailto:hloader@bigpond.com)**

**The Barwon Heads Fine Music Society  
Presents an Afternoon of Chamber Music**

**Sunday December 9th 2.30pm**

**All Saints Anglican Church**

**Featuring Brigid Mantelli and Regina Thomae performing the  
Martinu flute Sonata and other works.**

**Members \$10, Visitors \$15**

**Enquiries Jenny 5254 2580**

**Please join us for afternoon tea following the concert.**

**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.**

## OCEAN GROVE NEWS

**RETIRING OFFERING:** For November and December will be for the Christmas Bowl Appeal. **"Creating peace through education"** Through your Christmas Bowl gift, you can give more children the chance to go to school, escape poverty and create peaceful, productive lives.

**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.

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

**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 Eril 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 Eril 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, Eril 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.