

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 The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

10.30AM OCEAN GROVE. A PARISH SERVICE TO MARK THE CONCLUSION OF PLACEMENT.

The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park & The Reverend Charles Gallacher

10.30am Ocean Grove The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park

LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK (Baptism of the Lord) Isaiah 43: 1-7, Psalm 29 Acts 8: 14-17, Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

NEXT WEEK (Epiphany 2) Isaiah 62: 1-5, Psalm 36: 5-10, 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11, John 2: 1-11

KEY VERSE

"The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace"
Psalm 29: 11

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.

GST PROJECTS: Church Council has approved donations of \$400 each to SecondBite, WellWishers, Kondanani Zambia, and a Cambodian Clean Water Program from money raised this year. We also use these funds to support Leonardus, our World Vision sponsored child. The distribution is less than in previous years due to the absence of the Annual Trivia Night this year but it is planned to return in 2019.

THE CHRISTMAS BOWL Appeal was the focus of giving at the Community Carol Service. (\$553.95) and our Christmas Day Service offering (\$1597.35) for a total of \$2151.30. thank you everyone for your generous support.

TODAY is The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park's final service with us at Barwon Heads. Jong Soo, Yoo Mi. Celine and Helen have been a big part of our lives over the past 4 years and they will be greatly missed. Our gratitude, love and best wishes are extended to them as they set out on an exciting new journey. Everyone is invited to Ocean Grove next Sunday for a combined service at 10.30am to mark the conclusion of Jong Soo's placement, so note that there will be no service at Barwon Heads next week. The service will be followed by a shared lunch. Finger food only please.

THANK YOU everyone for all your efforts in staging our annual fete yesterday. A huge amount of work goes into the event which runs for just a couple of hours. There will be a further report next Sunday. Until then, thank you again everyone.

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

Please note that the weekly Newsletter is being published each week, but there maybe some delay to it appearing on the website.

The Editor is hoping that this matter can be rectified shortly.

DATES FOR 2019 CALENDARS

Annual Leave for Jong Soo: Jan. 22nd—31st

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.

Parish Executive Meeting:

Monday January 21st 4.00pm in the foyer of the Ocean Grove Uniting Church.

Time Out
Because we can't see Him
Face to face,
Other things in our lives
Seem to take first place.

Sure, we know He's there, All day in everything we do. When do we find the time To pray and read our Bibles too?

Kids, meals, dishes, washing, So many things about As we work for ourselves, Who's there to say "Time Out"

"Time out", should come in our lives, At least once a day. Just a little word with God. We need the time to pray. M. Hanson

OCEAN GROVE NEWS

RETIRING OFFERING: For November and December the Retiring Offering was for the Christmas Bowl Appeal. The amount raised will be published next week. Thank you to everyone who gave so generously.

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 NOW 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!

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER will be available each week so if you have something you would like published, then please have it to the church office by 8.30am on Friday mornings. You can email it, write a note and leave it in the folder marked "newsletter" under the clock in the foyer, or phone and leave a short message.

UCAF NEWS: The planning meeting for UCAF will be held on Monday the 28th of January at 10.00am in the church foyer. Please bring along your ideas for speakers/activities etc. for our monthly 2019 meetings.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who helped with the recent Book and Painting Sale held last Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Special thanks to the hard working team who arrived on Wednesday to set up. Now your help is needed next Friday and Saturday. Yes we have begun our monthly Recycled Treasure Sales for 2019 and boy do we need all hands on deck on Friday to set up. If you have already seen the amount of goods outside The Taj you will understand that why it is important that even if you can only spare half an hour on Friday it would be greatly appreciated. Setting up will begin at 10.00am. People will also be needed to "take the money" on the Saturday, so please help in anyway possible. The fundraising committee is only 5 people and two of them are out of action for January. It was always the intention of the Committee to just be a planning one with the hope that the members of the Congregation would support their ideas in whatever way possible. All money raised through fundraising is directed to the maintenance of all church buildings and surrounds and due to the fact that the buildings are now getting old they certainly need a lot of yearly maintenance!