



# 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  
Ms. Jean Murray

10.30am Ocean Grove  
Ms. Jean Murray

## SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

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## LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK (Epiphany 6)  
Jeremiah 17: 5-10, Psalm 1  
1 Corinthians 15: 12-20, Luke 6: 17-26

NEXT WEEK (Epiphany 7)  
Genesis 45: 3-11, 15, Psalm 37: 1-11, 39-40  
1 Corinthians 15: 35-38, 42-50, Luke 6: 27-38

## KEY VERSE

**“Looking at his disciples, he said: “Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.”**

## **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.

**AFTER THE FETE** a bike that was unsold was given to Lyn Mulligan who was delighted to forward it to her contact with Bicycles for Humanity in Melbourne. This worthwhile charity is entirely volunteer run. Donated bikes are restored or recycled to help those in need in Namibia, by supporting the Bicycle Empowerment Network BEN. A pamphlet with complete description of how the organisation works will be available on the information table in the hall. Maybe you have a bike unused, in the garage that you could donate? You can also learn more about the organisation by accessing the website [bicyclesforhumanity.com](http://bicyclesforhumanity.com) or email [info@bicyclesforhumanity.com](mailto:info@bicyclesforhumanity.com)

**OUR LADIES FELLOWSHIP** was well attended for our first meeting in 2019, on Wednesday 6th February. We enjoyed Marilyn's talk about Jesus love of children, and her delightful Christian grandson. Marilyn gave each of us a beautiful laminated Bible passage, and also a copy of her prayer for her grandchildren. We look forward to hearing Cathy Coleman speak at our meeting next Wednesday, at 1.30pm.

**All welcome to morning tea  
in the church hall after the service**

**PARISH EXECUTIVE MEETING  
TUESDAY FEBRUARY THE 19TH  
4.00PM  
IN THE FOYER OF THE  
OCEAN GROVE CHURCH.**

## **BELONGING**

Those who belong to God and know themselves  
to be loved unconditionally by God  
find great confidence and freedom.

There is nothing that God does not know.

There is no place where God is not present.

There is nothing that can separate us from God's love.

Nothing!

Ever!

Br. David Vryhof, Society of Saint John the Evangelist.

## **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:**

hosted by the

Bellarine Church of Christ,

17 Tareeda Way, Ocean Grove

**Friday 1st March at 10.00am.**

The theme of the service is "Come— Everything is Ready"  
and it has been prepared by the Women of Slovenia.

All are welcome to attend.

Hi, Ocean Grove and Barwon Heads Uniting Church,  
It's Helen Park!!

Our family has settled in well and Celine and I have started  
school. We have made friends but miss Ocean Grove and Barwon  
Heads so much.

Everything is going smoothly and we have unpacked everything  
and started browsing the area!

I already miss the beach, and the church but we will come and  
visit.

Again thank you for having us for 4 years and we will always have  
you in our thoughts and prayers and never forget the amazing 4  
years.

Anyone that would want to contact me (Helen) can do so at  
hhp2007@icloud.com This is my email and Celine would love to  
talk to all you guys so I will send you hers if you wish.

Thank you again

Love Helen and the Park Family!

## OCEAN GROVE NEWS

**RETIRING OFFERING:** For January and February the Retiring Offering will be for Uniting Barwon. If you would like to know more about this organisation and the wonderful work they do, please speak to either Carol Naylor or Pat Reid.

**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:** 10.30am in the church foyer. Come for a chat and coffee and most probably a laugh! All welcome.  
**Please note there will be no Coffee and Chat on Friday 1st March due to the Annual World Day of Prayer Service.**

**UCAF SCHOOL BACKPACK PROJECT:** the UCAF has decided to support this project again in 2019. A complete list of items required will be available soon however with school commencing for the year you may see some good "specials" such as packets of coloured pencils, pens (red, black and blue), crayons, glue sticks, textas, sharpeners, erasers, lunch boxes and drink bottles which can be left in the labelled basket in the church foyer. Monetary donations for the purchase of items would also be welcome and can be given to Judy Greer or Robin Munro.

There is an insert in this newsletter that you may like to "stick" on your fridge so that you have a complete idea of what is needed to fill a backpack.

**RECYCLED TREASURE SALE.** Thank you to all who helped with this fundraising effort. The amount raised will be published next week.

*Dear friends,*

*Thanks so much for thinking of me during my recent period of ill health. I've been overwhelmed with cards, emails, texts and phone calls that I've received from so many people over the past weeks. The prayers and concerns of our church family really supported me during a low time in my life. Now I'm home gradually recovering, and look forward to eventually participating fully in the activities I enjoy so much.*

*Love to you all,*

*Robert Cox.*

**UCAF**—will meet on Monday 25th February at 10.00am in the Church Foyer. The activity will be our Annual Commitment Service. Please bring a **SMALL** of morning tea. There will be a "Self Serve" Trading Table for any suitable items e.g. produce from the garden, homemade jams/chutneys, slices etc. if available. All are welcome to join us.