



# 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  
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## SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

9.00am Barwon Heads  
The Reverend Ian Porter  
Holy Communion

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## LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS 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

NEXT WEEK (Transfiguration Sunday)

Exodus 34: 29-35, Psalm 99  
2 Corinthians 3: 12-4:2  
Luke 9: 28-36, (37-43a)

## KEY VERSE

**“Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful”**

**Luke 6: 36**

## **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** is growing, and last Wednesday we were led by Cathy Coleman. She asked each of us to read a Bible passage based on the wonders of God; such as God is love, awesome, faithful, steadfast, gracious, righteous, merciful, glorified, truth etc. and gives us peace. We were all impressed by His many attributes, and enjoyed our discussion, followed by our usual lovely afternoon tea.

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

From Bishop Peter Danaher, retired Anglican Bishop Peter has invited his good friend, Imam Mohammad Ramzan, the Imam in the Geelong Islamic Community, to come and meet the Ocean Grove and Barwon Heads community. Mohammad spoke to a similar group in Newtown 18 months ago, and about 80 people were present. Bishop Peter believes most of the misunderstanding between Islam and other faiths relates to a lack of knowledge, so the Bishop invites you all to a deeper understanding.

**Mohammad will be at the Ocean Grove Pavilion 2.30—4.30pm  
Sunday March the 3rd.**

## **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](mailto: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!

Thank you to those who helped and attended the recent Literary Event  
at Queenscliff for Rural Australians for Refugees.

\$2,0149 was raised and sent to the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre.

Lyn Mulligan

## 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, and there is a basket in the church foyer for your donations. If you have misplaced the list distributed a couple of weeks ago Please see either Judy Greer or Robin Munro for a new one.

**RECYCLED TREASURE SALE.** Thank you to all who helped with this fundraising effort. The amount raised was \$798.10

*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.

**THE MARCH ROSTERS** have been distributed and thank you to all those people who have stepped up to the plate and committed themselves to taking on a "Sunday Duty"

**DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING:** on the table in the foyer there is a sheet with two dates on it for another training session with Wal Kelly. Please add your name on the preferred date so that the exact time can be confirmed.