



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

5.00pm Barwon Heads
Ian Cover and
The Reverend Charles Gallacher

10.30am Ocean Grove
"Favourite Hymn Service"

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

9.00am Barwon Heads
The Reverend Helen Robinson

10.30am Ocean Grove
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LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK (Lent 2)

Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18, Psalm 27
Philippians 3: 17-4:1 Luke 13: 31-35 or Luke 9: 28-36 (37-43a)

NEXT WEEK (Lent 3)

Isaiah 55: 1-9, psalm 63: 1-8,
1 Corinthians 10: 1-13, Luke 13: 1-9

KEY VERSE

"Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord"
Psalm 27: 14

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.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Congregation will be held on Sunday April 14th following the 9.00am service. The AGM includes the presentation of the Annual Report and financial statements for 2018 as well as the election of Church Council Members. It is also proposed to discuss the fete and other fundraising ideas. All welcome to get involved in this important meeting of our church.

STREET STALLS: Church Council has agreed that we should stage two street stalls on Easter Saturday (April 20th) similar to our Melbourne Cup weekend event. It is proposed that jams and preserves feature on one stall and cakes, biscuits and slices on the other. A sausage sizzle will also take place. Please start thinking about what you can produce for this fundraising effort.

LADIES FRIENDSHIP GROUP meets this Wednesday at 1.30pm and we look forward to hearing Jeanette's address. At our last meeting, we were inspired by Adair's talk about Shrove Tuesday, the season of Lent and the meaning of Lent. Instead of giving up coffee or chocolate, we need a contrite heart to concentrate on what is important in our lives, our faith and families.

LENTEN OFFERING: Information about the Uniting Church's Lenten projects are available in the pews. The leaflet includes an offering slip for those who wish to support his year's projects.

PARISH LENTEN WALKS

A time of contemplation, meditation, sharing and enjoying our natural surroundings.

The first walk will be at **9.30am on Wednesday March the 20th.** Meet at the western end of Blue Waters lake, Ocean grove and park off Blue Waters Drive, near the corner of Riviera Crescent. Coffee afterwards at the home of Carol and Geoff Naylor, 85 Lake Avenue. Hope you can join us.

PARISH EXECUTIVE

Has sent in a request to Presbytery
for Supply Ministry
to begin on April the 1st.
Our request has been approved and
The Reverend Robert (Bob) Thomas
will begin Supply on April the 1st.

Sacrededge Spirituality in Diversity

Sacrededge has become a familiar fixture in
the late Autumn calendar for Queenscliff,
and kicks off the Lowlight Festival on the
weekend of May 3rd–5th.

Anyone interested in volunteering should
contact Margot Busch
sacrededge@iinet.net.au
Or phone 0411 232 297

JUSTICE DAY

SUNDAY APRIL 28TH

ST ANDREW'S UNITING CHURCH PORTARLINGTON

12.30PM Authentic Iraqi buffet style 2 course meal

Speaker on refugee issues

Cost \$25.00 per head

Booking essential Limited seats

Call Joy Porter 5291 8177

Profits to Lentara Uniting Asylum Seeker Project.

OCEAN GROVE STAMP CLUB ANNUAL STAMP AND COIN FESTIVAL SATURDAY MARCH 23RD 10.00am—2.00pm

Senior Citizens Clubrooms

101 The Terrace, Ocean Grove

Dealers in attendance for valuation and buying

Entry by gold coin donation

OCEAN GROVE NEWS

RETIRING OFFERING: For January and February the Retiring Offering was for Uniting Barwon and the amount was \$147.95 For March and April we will be supporting the Share Lenten Appeal

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.

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 then there are copies of it in the basket marked UCA Backpacks in the foyer. Thanks to all who have already made a contribution to this project. We are off to a good start!

NEW CLEANER: Can you recommend any person or company that the Property Committee could contact in regards to the weekly cleaning of the church and hall? Our previous cleaner has resigned due to health issues and so there is a need for new cleaners. If you can help us please email or put in writing contact details.

KNITTING CIRCLE will resume on Friday April the 26th at 9.30am in the church foyer. Time to get that wool and needles out again. Plenty of great knitting books available on the library shelf in the foyer if you are looking for inspiration!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who helped with the Recycled Treasure Sale on Friday and Saturday. The result will be published next week.

UCAF: Next meeting—Monday 25th March at 10.00am in the church foyer. Guest speaker Robyn Clark and her topic will be “Patch-working”. Please bring a **small** plate of morning tea and anything home-grown, home-baked, home-made for the Trading Table please. All welcome!

AT THE MEETING OF CHURCH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY MARCH THE 14TH the following matters were discussed and decided on:

The policy “The Church Council approves of same gender marriages being conducted on the Ocean Grove Uniting Church property”
Work has begun on the sale of Newington with a “Getting Started” form being sent to Presbytery.

We welcomed our newly appointed Congregational Chairperson David Runia who spoke about formulating a “Strategic Plan” for the next 5 years. A small working committee will be formed to put this idea in place.

Approval given for the purchasing of 5 copies of the newly released “Songs of Grace” supplement to Together in Song.