



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

9.00am Barwon Heads
The Reverend Robert Thomas
Holy Communion

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LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK (Lent 4)
Joshua 5: 9-12, Psalm 32
2 Corinthians 5: 16-21, Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32

NEXT WEEK (Lent 5)
Isaiah 43: 16-21, Psalm 126
Philippians 3: 4b-14, John 12: 1-8

KEY VERSE

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way should go; I will counsel you and watch over you"

Psalm 32: 8

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.

GETTING READY FOR THESE EASTER STREET STALLS:

Labels for Cakes and Preserves Stall are available in the church hall. Please collect what you need.

Please also phone Marilyn Hanson 0438 398 506 (Cakes) and Helen Carruthers 5254 1299 (Preserves) to give them some idea of what you are able to provide.

OUR LADIES FRIENDSHIP GROUP will meet next Wednesday at 1.30pm. We look forward to hearing from Jean Murray, who is always a wonderful speaker.

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.

ADVANCE NOTICE: The newsletter for Sunday April the 21st (Easter Sunday) will be prepared on either Wednesday April the 17th or Thursday April the 18th so kindly have your notices for the newsletter to the church office by 8.30am Wednesday April the 17th.

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

PARISH LENTEN WALKS

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

The third walk will be at **9.30am on Wednesday April 3rd.**
Meet at The Heads Restaurant carpark, Barwon Heads, and walk along
the western side of the river foreshore, towards the bluff (Point Flinders)
and to the Bluff Lookout (maybe) and return to The Heads Restaurant
for coffee. Hope you can join us.

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@inet.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.

EASTER SERVICES
MAUNDY THURSDAY (April 18th)
7.30pm Ocean Grove Uniting Church
GOOD FRIDAY (April 19th)
9.00am Barwon Heads Uniting Church
10.30am Ocean Grove Uniting Church
EASTER SUNDAY (April 21st)
9.00am Barwon Heads Uniting Church
10.30am Ocean Grove Uniting Church

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 Robin Munro 4202 0323

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 together with lists of the items required. Please note that all items need to be new. No colouring books please—strictly exercise books as per the list and regular bath soaps which fit in normal soap holder. Thanks to all who have made contribution.

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 the 15th and Saturday the 16th of March. The result was \$493.15 **and don't forget that the next one will be on Easter Saturday April 20th, with setting up to be done on Thursday April the 18th at 9.30am.**

THANK YOU ALL for being so kind over the last 3 weeks while I was in hospital. I received so many visitors, cards and phone messages. I am now home.

Blessings to you all
Rob Burns.

APRIL MEETINGS

Elders 10.00am April the 4th in the church foyer

Church Council 4.30pm April the 11th in the church foyer.

If you are not able to attend either of these meetings please email your apology to the church office. Thank you.

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