



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
The Reverend Robert Thomas

10.30am Ocean Grove
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LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK (Liturgy of the Passion)

Isaiah 50: 4-9a, Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29, Psalm 31: 9-16,
Philippians 2: 5-11, Luke 19: 28-40, Luke 22: 14-23:56 or
Luke 23:1-49

NEXT WEEK (Resurrection of the Lord)

Easter Day

Acts 10: 34-43 or Isaiah 65: 17-25, Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15: 19-26, John 20: 1-18 or Luke 24: 1-12

KEY VERSE

**“For I hear the slander of many; there is terror on every side; they
conspire against me and plot to take my life.”**

Psalm 31: 13

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.

OUR GROWING LADIES FRIENDSHIP GROUP enjoyed our meeting last Wednesday, with Jean Murray speaking. Jean asked each of us where we grew up, and where we went to school, some of whom started overseas and some who moved regularly with their father's work. A couple of our ladies, have always lived in Barwon Heads. Jean told us about her own life, moving several times with her family because of her father's profession. Jean spoke about the meaning of Lent, and we sang a couple of beautiful, appropriate hymns, before our scrumptious afternoon tea.

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.

A STREET STALL will be held next Saturday (April 20th) featuring jams and preserves as well as cakes, biscuits and slices. A sausage sizzle will also take place. Please phone Marilyn Hanson on 0438 398 506 (Cakes) and Helen Carruthers on 5254 1299 (Preserves) if you can make a contribution. Labels for Cakes and Preserves are available in the church hall. Helpers on the day will also be most welcome.

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

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS FOR BOB

Beginning on the first Thursday in May,
The Reverend Bob Thomas will have regular office hours
at Barwon Heads Church from 9.30am—11.30am,
and then at Ocean Grove Church from 1.00pm—3.30pm.
If you would like see Bob at another time
please ring 0414 266 645.

To ensure that Bob is available during the above stated "office hours" please also call his mobile.

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)

DAWN SERVICE

6.30am

Ocean Grove Lookout east side

Speaker Stuart Jamieson

With fellowship at The Wave afterwards.

9.00am Barwon Heads Uniting Church

10.30am Ocean Grove Uniting Church

BUYING EGGS THIS EASTER?

The chocolate maker, Chocolatier offers the choice of Easter Eggs from Fair Trade, who ensure that the growers and producers of the chocolate receive fair payment for their work.

One outlet for these products is via the Leprosy Mission, who are offering 100gram eggs in light or dark chocolate for \$10.00. they also have a Salted Caramel Dark chocolate egg (120gram) for \$15.00. order from the Leprosy Mission by phone 1800 537 767 or online www.leprosymission.org.au
Goods are delivered by mail. Watch out for Chocolatier brand in other outlets.

"CHRISTIANS LIKE US"

If you haven't seen the current SBS series, "Christians Like Us", on Wednesday evening at 8.35pm, it is well worth your time to tune in. You can catch up on episodes you've missed on "SBS On Demand" via your computer or smart TV.

Ten people representing the broad spectrum of belief live together in a house for a week, and viewers get to watch their interaction.

It is the kind of show that would be an excellent stimulus for discussion, so if anyone is interested in starting or being part of a such group, please see or email either The Reverend Bob Thomas or Dianne Sapwell.

Email addresses are on the front of the newsletter.

OCEAN GROVE NEWS

RETIRING OFFERING: 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. **Please note that Friday Coffee and Chat will be in recess for the school holidays and will resume on Friday 26th April**

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!

RECYCLED TREASURE SALE Easter Saturday April 20th, with setting up to be done on Thursday April the 18th at 9.30am.

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BELMONT UCAF invites us all to a Blumes Fashion Show on Wednesday May the 8th at 10.00am for morning tea followed by the Winter Fashion Parade at 10.30am. The venue is the Uniting Church Hall, 42 Thomson Street, Belmont. Cost \$7.00
Enquiries to Muriel 5244 1864 or Loris 0418 334 994

STRATEGIC PLANNING GROUP: David Runia is very keen to get a group of people together to look at where the Ocean Grove Church could be heading in the next five years. This means planning for the future, so that informed decisions can be made, and decisions are not taken purely in reaction to developments. In other words, pro-active, rather than re-active. David and Judy Greer would like to see a broad range of people be part of this group. The ideal number for the group is six including David Runia.
If you are interested please speak to Judy Greer for either more information or to actually be an active part of this important "Strategic Planning Group" for our Church.