



Weekly Newsletter

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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 (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

NEXT WEEK (Easter 2)
Acts 5: 27-32, Psalm 118: 14-29 or Psalm 150
Revelation 1: 4-8, John 20: 19-31

KEY VERSE

**"Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen
the Lord!"
John 20: 18a**

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 will met again on Wednesday May the 1st, after Easter and the School Holidays. We look forward to hearing Louise Francis' presentation.

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.

**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.

“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.

HEAR THE FACTS

You are invited to an information session which will help to answer the myriad questions which many of us have about the refugee situation in Geelong.

REFUGEES? ASYLEM SEEKERS? VISA HOLDERS?

Guest speaker: Linda Cusworth, is a volunteer team leader at the Wesley Uniting Church Welcome Place, and a member of the Combined Refugee Action Group. She has several year's experience is supporting people seeking asylum as they navigate the complicated visa application process. St Luke's Uniting Church has supported many refugees and several of them will join us for this meeting.

WHEN: Sunday May 5th at 5.00pm

WHERE: Belmont Uniting Church, Thomson Street Belmont.

LISTEN: be informed—ask questions

STAY: enjoy a light meal and tea/coffee. Suggested donation for the meal is \$5. any funds raised will be forwarded to St. Luke's to help support their refugee programs.

A QUOTE FROM A VISITOR TO THE WESLEY UNITING CHURCH WELCOME PLACE

" With a warm greeting once stepping inside, it's obvious how safe the Wesley Centre is. Clean and fresh surroundings with staff whom are at ease, soon help you feel comfortable. There's a knowing of no judgement with all the staff and rise in self-esteem with grace from the staff.

A genuinely humble place to sit and chat and feel empowered

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!

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.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday April 24th 7.30m in the church foyer. If you would like to join the Property Committee you are most welcome to attend this meeting. In fact the Property Committee would be delighted to have some new faces around the table!