



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
Holy Communion

10.30am Ocean Grove
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LECTIONARY READINGS

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

NEXT 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

KEY VERSE

“But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected.”

John 12: 4

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 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.

**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 fourth walk will be at **9.30am on Wednesday April 10th**. Meet at Tarnalla Place, The Parks Estate off Tareeda Way, Ocean Grove. Turn at the Shell Road runabout into Tareeda Way, continue north, turn right into Parkview Avenue, turn left into Tarnalla Place and find a parking spot to the right (treed area). We shall walk thru the estate over gravel and grassy walkways to the Ocean Grove Market Place for coffee and return to Tarnalla Place east along Shell Road.

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

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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.

WELCOME TO THE REVEREND ROBERT (BOB) THOMAS

We extend a very warm welcome today to Bob who commences a period of Supply Ministry at Barwon Heads and Ocean Grove. Appropriately, the theme for his first services is "new things"
Ordained in 1980, Bob's Ministry journey took him to rural and regional Victoria and New South Wales as well as the United States before he retired in 2011.

Bob has since provided Supply Ministry at several Uniting Churches including Cressy, Drysdale, Lara, Portarlington, Rokewood and St. Leonards. He has spent the past two years as the Intentional Interim Minister at Leopold Uniting Church.

A member of choirs since he was seven years old, Bob has wasted no time joining the choir at Ocean Grove. He also plays the guitar and banjo so he could find himself in demand for the band at both churches.

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**

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.**

APRIL MEETINGS

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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HAVE NOTHING TO DO THIS AFTERNOON? Then you are warmly invited to attend the Induction of The Reverend Kathryn Stoel-Cousineau at the Leopold Uniting Church, Bellarine Highway Leopold at 2.00pm.