



Weekly Newsletter

Barwon Heads, Ocean Grove,
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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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Holy Communion

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LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK (Easter 6)
Acts 16: 9-15, Psalm 67
Revelation 21: 10, 22-22:5, John 14: 23-29 or John 5: 1-9

NEXT WEEK (Easter 7)
Acts 16: 16-34, Psalm 97,
Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-21, John 17: 20-26

KEY VERSE

"They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads"
Revelation 22: 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 Faye on 5254 1763 or 0447 314 377 where you can leave a message and Faye will get back to you.

WITH MORE NEW MEMBERS our Ladies Friendship Group met again on Wednesday May 15th. We heard Faye speak about a young choir from Uganda, who came out to Australia. We enjoyed learning about them and listening to their beautiful singing. We finished up with afternoon tea and a happy chat.

OUR IGA "POINTS" that we convert into dollars to spend on foods for Christmas hampers for people in need have passed 9,000 points. We have another six months to reach our target of 20,000 which will give us \$150 to spend. Please remember to show your Uniting Church keytag whenever you shop at Barwon Heads IGA. If you need a new keytag or have neighbours, friends, family who would use one of our keytags to help assist people in need through a church welfare agency in Geelong, please see Margaret Parry or call her on 5254 3208.

LOOKING AHEAD to Sunday the 9th of June, when the Combined Churches of Barwon Heads will hold a Pentecost Service at All Saints Anglican Church at 7.00pm. Please note the date (which is the Sunday of the Queen's Birthday Long Weekend and plan to attend if you can. Nearer the time of the service we will be looking for people to take a reading part in the conduct of the service.

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

HOUSE SITTER AVAILABLE

If you require an experienced house sitter with references to care for your home, garden and as security whilst you are away on holidays.

Please consider calling

Heather Daniels on 0426 664 877

Member of the Barwon Heads Ladies Friendship Group.

Large pieces of furniture
can no longer be accepted by the Ocean
Grove Church for their
Recycled Treasure Sales.

If you have furniture you need to get rid of
please call Encompass (a not for profit
organisation in Geelong) who will come and
take it away.

Their phone number is 5222 3377

Do you have a spare 3 hours a week, fortnight or monthly, then
you may consider volunteering at the Ocean Grove Uniting
Church Outreach Centre Opportunity Shop
the dove.

The shop is open from 10.00am—4.00pm weekdays, 10.00am—
1.00pm Saturdays and if you volunteer you can work either in the
morning (10.00am—1.00pm) or the afternoon (1.00pm—4.00pm).

If interested, feel free to call Patricia Beesley on 5291 8364.

Volunteering is very satisfying and a great way to meet new
people.

CAN YOU HELP THE OCEAN GROVE CHURCH GARDENING TEAM?

On Thursday they went to their shed and found that it had been
“cleaned” out. You may take the words cleaned out as you like but there
is certainly a lot of gardening equipment missing! So if you can help by
donating any of the following it would be greatly appreciated.

Mattock (already have one, but another would be useful), garden hoes,
shovels and spades, pruning shears (short and long handled),
bow saws, pruning saws, hard outdoor broom, and secateurs.

The gardeners have a cuppa at about 10.30am on Thursday mornings
so if you can help them with a donation of gardening equipment, catch
up with them at that time. If not able to make it during the week,
please give your donations to either Peter Dickson, Norm Elliott, David
Reid or Barry Calcutt (when he returns from holidays) on a Sunday.
Once the equipment is replaced the shed will then be locked so that
only “authorised” people can enter.

OCEAN GROVE NEWS

RETIRING OFFERING: For May and June we will be supporting the Share Winter Appeal. The amount raised for the Share Lenten Appeal was \$618.70

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: A difficult decision has been made, but one that had to happen. The Friday morning Coffee and Chat session as well as the Knitting Circle will no longer be an activity of our church. For a number of years and going right back to the time when the Coffee and Chat session began in the home of Jean Gunn, there have been many mornings of great fellowship and laughter. The Church Council would like to sincerely thank all those ladies who not only attended, but also brought along something special for morning tea and were willing to make a cup for anyone who turned up.

UCAF NEWS: Our May meeting will be on Monday May the 27th at 10.00am in the church foyer. A representative from the Geelong Art Gallery will give a presentation about some famous paintings, which hopefully develop our artistic appreciation! Please bring a small plate for morning tea. All welcome.

THANK YOU: Meriel and I would like to thank all our church family, who have so kindly supported us in recent times. Your cards, phone and text messages; your visits; your taxi service and all the yummy food etc. has been very much appreciated and overwhelming. We are now back home together after Meriel's 4 week respite stay in Kensington Grange Leopold and my 2 and a half stint in St. John of God hospital. Meriel has also had cancers removed from her face last week. My progress has been much slower than I would have liked, but hopefully the end is in sight. Know that we value all your support, prayers and love. Meriel and Neil Derrick.

REQUEST FROM JOAN BILLINGTON:

Has anybody got an old Pressure Cooker they don't need any more?
If so would you please contact me on 5255 1938

MONTHLY ROSTERS: it would be greatly appreciated by Dianne Sapwell if you could help out with some of the small tasks required to ensure that the weekly Sunday Service runs smoothly. There is a pressing need for people to prepare the Sacraments for Holy Communion (which can be done on the Saturday prior to the 1st Sunday of the month), the serving of tea and coffee after worship, and being that person who welcomes everyone, reads the notices and begins the Service. Maybe you would like to read the Bible Readings, welcome people at the door, take up the offering, count the offering after the Service or go on the roster for Prayers of the People. Lots of opportunities for everyone to participate!

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH LAST WEEK'S RECYCLED TREASURE SALE THE AMOUNT RAISED WAS \$476.30