



# Weekly Newsletter

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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 (Easter 3)  
Acts 9: 1-6, (7-20) Psalm 30  
Revelation 5" 11-14, John 21: 1-19

NEXT WEEK (Easter 4)  
Acts 9: 36-43, Psalm 23  
Revelation 7: 9-17, John 10: 22-30

## KEY VERSE

"Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him "Who are you?" they knew it was the Lord."

John 21: 12

## **BARWON HEADS NEWS**

**WEEKLY NEWSLETTER ITEMS:** Please ring or send directly to Dianne Sapwell before 8.30am Friday each week. Email [oguc107@gmail.com](mailto: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** met last Wednesday, and we heard Louise talk about the rainbow and hope. We each received a copy of the many Bible readings based on hope which we too turns to read out. Louise spoke about a young man singer who had a dreadful accident, and eventually had the hope to sing again. Jeanette read a beautiful prayer about rainbows and the colours of your life. We will meet again in two weeks,

**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? ASYLUM 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 May and June we will be supporting the Share Winter Appeal. The amount raised for the Share Lenten Appeal will be published next week.

**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 May the 10th.**

**KNITTING CIRCLE will resume on Friday May the 10th 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

**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped with the Recycled Treasure Sale held on Saturday April the 20th. It was another great success with \$802.75 raised. Next one: Saturday May the 18th with setting up on Friday May the 17th at 12noon. Hope you can help with this important part of our fundraising efforts.

**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. Please bring a small plate for morning tea. All welcome.

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING** will be held on Thursday May the 9th at 4.30pm in the church foyer. Would all Councillors check their emails for the agenda and all other relevant paperwork. If you are unable to attend please send your apology to the church email address.