



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 Bob Thomas

10.30am Ocean Grove
The Reverend Robert Thomas

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

9.00am Barwon Heads
Ms. Jean Murray

10.30am Ocean Grove
Ms. Jean Murray

LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK (Pentecost 2)
1 Kings 19: 1-4, (5-7), 8-15a
Psalm 42 and 43, Galatians 3: 23-29 Luke 8: 26-39

NEXT WEEK (Pentecost 3)
2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14, Psalm 77: 1-2, 11-20
Galatians 5: 1, 13-25, Luke 9: 51-62

KEY VERSE

**"As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you,
O God."
Psalm 42: 1**

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.

CROSSLIGHT is now published in magazine format 6 times a year. June issue is now available in the church porch and in the hall. This issue has an interview with the incoming Moderator of Synod, stories of refugee people who have made their home in Australia, ways in which the Uniting Church helps people in times of crisis, questions and answers about attitudes to people labelled with disability or mental illness, a brief thought provoking article by Rev. Dr. Sally Douglas (who was a "student Minister" with us many years ago) and much more. Pick up a copy today and take one for anyone else who may be interested.

NOTICE OF MEETING: A Congregational meeting will be held after the service of worship on **Sunday 7th July** to discuss the Placement process for a new Minister and the appointment of representatives to a Joint Nominating Committee (JNC). Please make a note of this important meeting and make every effort to attend.

UNITINGWORLD UPDATE: the latest issue is available containing stories and information about the vital work of this International aid and partnerships agency of the UCA. It also has a donation form if you would like to assist their programs.

THANK YOU to the members of the church who attended the recent wedding of Xiao and Siew (Jaden) Tan conducted by The Reverend Bob Thomas. The happy couple, who are from Malaysia, do not have many family members in Australia so it was wonderful that our church family was able to support them on the big day.

TALKING FAMILIES: Lilli Balaam has commenced work in Canberra as an advisor to the newly-appointed Minister for Families and Social Services, Senator Anne Ruston. Please pray for Lilli as she undertakes this new challenge and the responsibilities of the job.

OUR LADIES FRIENDSHIP GROUP met again last Wednesday, and we were inspired by Joy Chellev's talk about Grace. We each read a passage from 14 places in the Bible, that mentioned grace. Then Joy told us that grace kept her safe when she had difficult times, spreading God's word in Africa. Joy has led an amazing, faithful life. We all wish Marilyn, who began these meetings, a wonderful, relaxing holiday with Ian as they head off, caravanning for 3 months. We will continue our meetings after the school holidays.

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

OXFAM AUSTRALIA
Run by Volunteers from Ocean Grove Group
BOOK SALE
Saturday
June 29th 9.00am—1.00pm
All new books. Current publications
Ocean Grove Uniting Church Hall

THE PRESBYTERY OF PORT PHILIP WEST &
THE BETHEL CENTRE
Invite you to attend a workshop
Bullying: How does it happen in your church Community”
Thursday June the 27th 9.30am—1.00pm
St David's Uniting Church
Cnr. Aphrasia & Talbot Street Newtown.

REFUGEE WEEK 15th to 23rd of June.
On Sunday the 23rd of June the Ocean Grove JIM Group will
mark the week with a panel discussion
“The Migration Experience”
Join in after the service at 11.30am in the church hall to hear
some remarkable experiences.
Light refreshments will be served

UNDERSTANDING DEMENTIA

Wednesday 3rd of July, 7.00pm
Ocean Grove Bowling Club.

This presentation will increase awareness and understanding of
what it is like to live with Dementia.

It will be followed by a question and answer session
and is presented by Dementia Australia
Community Educator, Nola Wood.

The forum is supported by Ocean Grove Community Association,
Ocean Grove Rotary Club and Ocean Grove Surfside Probus
Club.

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 on 4202 0323

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH THIS MONTHS RECYCLED TREASURE SALE THE AMOUNT RAISED WAS \$391.75

UCAF SCHOOL BACKPACK PROJECT: thanks to all who have contributed items or cash donations tot this ongoing project. If you haven't contributed but would like to do so we are currently in need of the following: Scrapbooks (N.B. **NOT** colouring-in type books!), 32 page blue-lined Exercise books, 30cm rulers, medium sized scissors (not plastic kinder scissors), pencil sharpeners, pkts 12 coloured pencils (long ones). Please note items **MUST BE NEW** and can be placed in the labelled basket in the church foyer.

SAMMY STAMP– Don't forget to save your used postage stamps and place them in the box in the foyer. A reminder—when trimmed stamps need to have a 3mm/1/18 inch border **all** the way around to be saleable! If appropriate please leave stamps on postcards.

SUNDAY JUNE THE 30TH there will be a Congregational meeting immediately after worship. This is an important meeting for you all to attend as we need to begin working on electing our Representatives on the Joint Nominating Committee (JNC) deciding on what we are looking for in a new Minister, and our financial position in calling a Minister. **Please bring a plate of finger food to share for lunch and remember to bring the copy of the Agenda in this newsletter to the meeting.** If you would like to speak to about the items on the agenda please feel free to do so (each item has the name of the person speaking on the day) and if not able to attend send your apologies to the church office.

UCAF—Next meeting: Monday 24th June at 10.00am in the church foyer. Our program for the meeting is "What's in your cupboard?". Members are asked to bring some family treasure or item of interest to share with the group. Please bring a small plate of morning tea and any Trading Table items. All are welcome and the foyer will be warm!

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