



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
Ms. Jean Murray

10.30am Ocean Grove
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The Reverend Robert Thomas
Holy Communion

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LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS 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

NEXT WEEK (Pentecost 4)
2 Kings 5: 1-14, Psalm 30
Galatians 6: (1-6), 7-16, Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20

KEY VERSE

**"The entire law is summed up in a single command: "Love your
neighbour as yourself"
Galatians 5: 14**

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 on Wednesday the 19th of June and we were inspired by Joy Chellew'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.**

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 Probud Club.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO A FREE COMMUNITY LUNCH
TO BE HELD AT
THE CHURCH OF CHRIST HALL
17 TAREEDA WAY OCEAN GROVE**

**ON TUESDAY 9TH JULY
FROM 11.30AM—2.00PM**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME JUST COME!!!

Enquiries 5258 3691

MEETINGS AT OCEAN GROVE CHURCH

THURSDAY July 4th 10.00am Elders

THURSDAY July 11th 4.30pm Church Council

Both meetings will be held in the church foyer and please send apologies and items for the agenda to Dianne Sapwell as soon as possible.

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

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.

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PLEASE NOTE THAT GILLIAN AND DON RYAN have changed their telephone number. It is now 5250 3895 so kindly make this alteration in your church directory.

ON THE THIRD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH we will be having our Recycled Treasure Sale and would like to incorporate a Sausage Sizzle. If you are prepared to commit yourself to one Saturday in the coming months please write your name next to your preferred month on the roster sheet which is one the table in the church foyer.

SOMETHING ELSE TO WRITE ON: On the 13th of July Alan Cover will turn 100 and the Elders have decided to send Alan a card while he is away in sunny Queensland. The card will be on the table in the foyer, so please ensure that you sign it asap so that it will arrive in time for Alan's big celebration.

NEXT RECYCLED TREASURE SALE: Saturday July the 20th 8.00am—12noon with setting up on the Friday (July 19th) from 12noon.