



# 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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## SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

**5.00pm** Barwon Heads  
Contemporary Service followed by  
a meal in the church hall.

10.30am Ocean Grove  
The Reverend Robert Thomas

## LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK (Day of Pentecost)  
Acts 2: 1-21 or Genesis 11: 1-9, psalm 104: 24-34, 35b  
Romans 8: 14-17, John 14: 8-17 (25-27)

NEXT WEEK (Trinity Sunday)  
Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31, Psalm 8  
Romans 5: 1-5, John 16: 12-15

## KEY VERSE

**“But the Counsellor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in  
my name will teach you all things and will remind you of everything  
I have said to you.”**  
**John 14: 26**

## **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 Faye on 5254 1763 or 0447 314 377 where you can leave a message and Faye will get back to you.

**COMBINED CHURCHES OF BARWON HEADS Pentecost Service at all Saints Anglican Church tonight 7.00pm.** Please plan to attend if you can and share in this time of worship with other Christians in our community.

**OUR LADIES FRIENDSHIP GROUP** enjoyed Be's talk last Wednesday. When young she was inspired to do nursing, but sometimes was worried feeling incapable. Then she had a warm feeling of being blessed with the Holy Spirit, and was able to go on. Be also mentioned how we run to Jesus when in need, but often don't think of him when all is well. We sang some beautiful hymns, and then chatted over afternoon tea.

**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.

**TOMORROW** (Monday June the 10th) the Barwon Heads Church will be the venue for the wedding of Xiao and Jaden, whom some of you will have met at church. They have very kindly invited all the members of the church, not only to the wedding, but also to stay for a small reception in the church hall. Given that most of the couple's family live in Malaysia, it will be a small wedding, so any added support that members of the church can offer will be much appreciated.

The Reverend Bob Thomas

**All welcome to morning tea**

**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**

Can you donate any warm bedding?  
Doonas and blankets  
are urgently required for the  
"Asylum Seeker Refuge Centre".  
To donate contact  
Lyn Mulligan on 5255 2638

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.

**TAMIL WELCOME FEAST**  
**A THREE COURSE SRI LANKAN TAMIL MEAL OF DELICIOUS**  
**AROMATIC SPICY AND SWEET FOOD**  
**SATURDAY JUNE 22ND 7.00pm**  
**IN THE BAY ROOM QUEENSCLIFF UNITING CHURCH**  
**\$40 PER PERSON WITH BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**  
<https://www.trybooking.com.BBZCG>

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

## 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.

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH THE LAST RECYCLED TREASURE SALE THE AMOUNT RAISED WAS \$476.30.** Now it is time to think of the next one. Setting up will be Friday June the 14th at 12noon and the actual date for the Sale is Saturday June the 15th 8.00am—12noon. Remember that many hands make light work!

**MEETING:** Church Council: Thursday June the 13th 4.30pm in the church foyer. Agenda and Treasurer's report will be sent via email well before this meeting so keep you eye on your inbox. If you are not able to attend these meetings would you kindly send an apology to Dianne Sapwell via email.

**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.

**KEEP THIS DATE FREE:** 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, deciding on what we are looking for in a new Minister, and our financial position in calling a Minister. You will be given written information for you to read prior to the meeting.