



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
Holy Communion

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LECTIONARY READINGS

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

NEXT WEEK (Pentecost 5)
Amos 7: 7-17, Psalm 82
Colossians 1: 1-14, Luke 10: 25-37

KEY VERSE

**“O Lord my God, I called to you for help and you healed me.”
Psalm 30: 2**

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.

SUE TINDAL has decided to return to worship with her Church in Melbourne. It would be greatly appreciated if someone could help the other person on morning tea duty when Sue was rostered on August 25th. Many thanks Sally Hobbs.

TRAVEL TALK: Jenny and Mark Harwood along with Faye and Ken McLean have enjoyed sunny interstate trips recently. Now it's the turn of Marilyn and Ian Hanson who have headed off for several weeks and we pray they have an enjoyable time together.

BIG BIRTHDAY: Lydia and Ian Cover are heading north this week to celebrate the 100th birthday of Ian's father Allen on Saturday the 13th of July. It will be a wonderful family occasion as the Cover clan gather on the Sunshine Coast and give thanks for the many blessings God has bestowed upon Allen during his faith-filled life. Please keep Allen and his family in your prayers.

PRAY also for God's healing hands to be upon Helen and Greg Carruthers' daughter Tara as she recovers after her recent surgery.

THANKS to Doug Whan and Geoff Tamblyn for their rose pruning skills. We look forward to a colourful and abundant blooms come Spring time.

SAMMY STAMP group meets in the church hall on the 4th Wednesday of the month 1.30-approx. 3.00pm to trim and sort used stamps which are forwarded to Melbourne to be sold to stamp dealers and private collectors to fund various church and community projects. We are almost out of stamps and urgently need new stamps to work on!. Please bring any used stamps you have and place them in the red box in the church porch, or if more convenient leave them at the Op Shop marked Uniting Church c/- Margaret Parry by 21st July ready for our next meeting on the 24th. Stamps should be cut or torn from envelopes with a margin of approx. 5mm or more or even left on the original envelopes if this is easier. Thank you in anticipation. Margaret Parry 5254 3208

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL MEMBERS
BOTH CONGREGATIONS.

This week the Ocean Grove Uniting Church Council received the following letter dated the 1/7/19 from Judy Greer.

*“Dear Church Councillors,
It is with regret that I have made the decision to notify you all of my immediate resignation from my roles as both an Elder and Church Councillor and, therefore my position as Chair of the Church Council.
Recent months in particular have, and are continuing to greatly affect my health as a result of stress and a general overload of responsibilities. I have been advised to cut back on my commitments. Our impending move also adds to a busy time ahead.
I intend to continue my commitment to my Pastoral Care activities, UCAF, assistance at the Recycled Treasure Sales and rosters.
Again I do this with much regret and after much thought.
Kind regards
Judy Greer.”*

At the next Church Council meeting (Thursday July the 11th 4.30pm) this letter will be discussed.

Until further notice would everyone kindly direct any issues they need to be discussed by the Ocean Grove Church Council to the Secretary. This can be done via email (see front of newsletter for details) or by leaving a written note in the “Newsletter” folder under the clock in the foyer of the Ocean Grove Church.

Please be assured that the work of the Church Council will continue on a regular basis irrespective of whether the matter of appointing a new Chairperson of the Council is rectified next week or not.

Please pray for Judy and Rod as they begin a new chapter in their lives and for the Church Council who have another important decision to make.

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.

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 **TODAY** so that it will arrive in time for Alan's big celebration.

CHURCH COUNCIL meeting Thursday July the 11th 4.30pm in the church foyer. Please watch your inbox for agenda and Treasurers report.

ADVANCE NOTICE: Property Committee meeting Monday July 22nd. Time and place to be notified by Chairperson Rod Greer.