



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

10.30am Ocean Grove
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LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK (Pentecost 12)
Jeremiah 2: 4-13, Psalm 81: 1, 10-16
Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16, Luke 14: 1, 7-14

NEXT WEEK (Pentecost 13)
Jeremiah 18: 1-11, Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18,
Philemon 1: 1-21, Luke 14: 25-33

KEY VERSE

"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Luke 14: 11

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.

THE CURRENT AUGUST/SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF CROSSLIGHT magazine is available in the church porch and in the hall. Among the highlights are 6 pages of comment on whether to interpret the Bible literally or figuratively—or both. The Reverend Dr. Sally Douglas, who many years ago was a “student Minister” conducting worship once a month in our Barwon Heads Congregation, says, “We need to take it seriously rather than literally.” See her photo on page 12. Our previous Minister The Reverend Dr. Jong Soo Park is photographed on page 12 in a report about the recent Synod meeting in July. An article “See Change provides 5 pages of questions and answers about the need for the Uniting Church to change if it is to be relevant in today’s society. And lots more interesting stuff and personal life stories. Pick up your copy today.

OUR LADIES FELLOWSHIP GROUP will meet again next Wednesday at 1.30pm. We will enjoy hearing Jeanette speak. All ladies are welcome.

ANDREW AND FIONA BALAAM have returned from their overseas trip which saw them help daughter Mimmi settle in to student life at the University of Miami in Florida. Please pray for Mimmi as she embarks on this exciting and challenging time.

JOHN AND GAIL YOUNG have moved into their new home at Buninyong. They will be missed after being a lively presence in our Congregation over the past three years but they have promised to catch up when visiting family in Geelong.

LYDIA COVER says “thank you” for the card and good wishes on the occasion of her milestone birthday last week.

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

**JUSTICE AND INTERNATIONAL MISSION CONFERENCE
“ A CLIMATE OF CHANGE
TOMORROW’S MORAL IMPERATIVE TODAY”
Saturday 7th September at Centre for Theology and Ministry
29 College Crescent Parkville (Melways Map 28 D4)**

This year’s conference will explore the theme of our impact on the planet, with a special focus on climate change.

- ❖ How do we respond to the threats facing the natural environment as Christians?
- ❖ How do we find hope in our faith to take what actions we can?
- ❖ How do we empower our Communities to face the threat of climate change?

Cost \$30 for concession and non-metropolitan participants.
If interested speak to Yvonne Hargrave
for program, workshops and registration.

BELMONT UNITING ADULT FELLOWSHIP
Invite all ladies to a
Blumes Fashions Summer Collection Showing
Monday September the 9th
10.00am for morning tea followed by the show at 10.30am
Belmont Church Hall
42 Thomson Street, Belmont
Donation \$7.00 which includes door prize.
Enquiries to Muriel on 5244 1864 or
Loris on 0418 334 994

SAD NEWS

After the recent joy surrounding
Allen Cover’s 100th Birthday celebrations,
it is not so happy to report that Allen suffered
a broken hip in a fall in Queensland last week.
He is recovering from hip replacement surgery
in Buderim Hospital,
and his family asks
that you keep Allen in your prayers.

OCEAN GROVE NEWS

RETIRING OFFERING: For May and June we supported the Share Winter Appeal and the amount raised was \$72.90. Thank you to all who gave so generously.

PRAYER CONTACT: If you would like our prayer team to pray for you or others (with their permission) call Robin Munro on 4202 0323

CHURCH ROSTERS: if you happen to know when you will be away it would be appreciated if you let Dianne Sapwell know so that your name is not put on a date when you will not be here. Also there is always room for more helpers, so please consider being prepared to help with Sunday Worship with some necessary duties.

THANK YOU TO ALL who helped with the recent Recycled Treasure Sale. The amount raised was \$690.30. Next one is on Saturday September the 21st and would some one please be prepared to be the BBQ Chef. If interested in cooking the Sausages and onion , please see Dianne Sapwell. We will be setting up for the sale on Friday September the 20th from 12noon. Selling begins at 8.00am on the Saturday morning and packing up begins at 11.45am on the Saturday. Please see if you can spare sometime over the two days to help with this our only fundraising efforts for this year.

MEETINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

Thursday 5th

Special meeting with John Evans 43.0pm in the church foyer.

Thursday 12th

Church Council meeting 4.30pm in the church foyer.

STILL FEELING THE COLD! Then why not have a look at the display of knitted winter woollies on sale on the Trading Table in the Church Foyer. Great variety and all reasonably priced. Please use the Honesty Box when paying.