



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

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The Reverend Robert Thomas

10.30am Ocean Grove
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Holy Communion

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LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK (Pentecost 11)
Jeremiah 1: 4-10, Psalm 71: 1-6,
Hebrews 12: 18-29, Luke 13: 10-17

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

KEY VERSE

“When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.”
Luke 13: 17

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.

WIN O'BRIEN . Is now out of hospital and is with her daughter Gail at Willow Grove in Gippsland. Win appreciates the many messages she has received from Barwon Heads people and thanks you for them

THANK YOU to Andrew Balaam and Lydia Cover who have been appointed to be our representatives on the Joint Nominating Committee which will be to carry out the important task of calling a new Minister.

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 may 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 met last Wednesday and enjoyed Faye’s interesting presentation. She spoke about the significance of the moon. In history and in the present. We heard of the lesser known story from Apollo 11, when Buzz Aldrin took communion in the stillness, after the Lunar Module landed. The profound spiritual effect of being so small in the universe, giving thanks to God, and understanding that scientific knowledge is a gift from God.

**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

**OCEAN GRVE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 1ST**

This meeting will be held in the hall straight after morning worship. One of the agenda items will be elections.

There are vacancies for Church Council Chairperson and Councillors and Elders. If you are interested in nominating for any of these positions, please collect a nomination form from Diane Jones (Congregational Secretary) or David Runia (Congregational Chairperson) and have them returned to either Diane or David by Wednesday August the 28th.

If you have any items for the agenda, please hand them in writing to David or Diane also by Wednesday the 28th.

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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

Congratulations to Ben and Jess Corden-McKinley who welcomed their daughter Annabelle into the world on Wednesday July the 24th at 8.54pm Annabelle arrived with quite a bit of dark brown hair and weighed 5lb 6 oz.

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.

UCAF next meeting will be on Monday 26th August at 10.00am in the church foyer. Marg McLean will be leading us in gentle chair exercises for Seniors. No need to wear lycra but please wear flat shoes and maybe consider bringing a small plate of "healthy" food for morning tea.

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 please be prepared to be the BBQ Chef. If interested in cooking the Sausages and onion , please see Dianne Sapwell.

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.