



# 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  
The Reverend Robert Thomas  
Holy Communion

10.30am Ocean Grove  
The Reverend Robert Thomas  
Holy Communion

## SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

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## LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK (Advent 1)  
Isaiah 2: 1-5, Psalm 122  
Romans 13: 11-14, Matthew 24: 36-44

NEXT WEEK (Advent 2)  
Isaiah 11: 1-10, Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19  
Romans 15: 4-13, Matthew 3: 1-12

## KEY VERSE

**“So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at  
an hour when you do not expect him”**

**Matthew 24: 44**

## **BARWON HEADS NEWS**

**PRAYER CHAIN:** If anyone would like to prayer, could you please contact Marilyn Hanson on 0438 398 506, and she will add you to our prayer chain.

**THE ANNUAL FETE** will be held on **Saturday 11th January 2020**. a list of stalls and activities has been posted in the hall. Please fill in how and when you can help. Family members and friends are welcome to lend a hand in the lead up or on the day. Any questions or ideas, please ring Fete Co-ordinator Lydia Cover on 0418 547 644.

**OUR 5.00PM** services for the year have concluded and it's time to say thank you to everyone who has helped with providing the meals and other kitchen duties.

**CAROLS SERVICE:** The Combined Churches of Barwon Heads will present the Annual Carols Service in the Barwon Heads Community Hall on **Saturday 15th December at 6.30pm**

**MISSION CONVERSATION:** Please read the notice on the next page about this important meeting on **Sunday December the 8th at 5.00pm**.

**LADIES FRIENDSHIP GROUP:** Last week our group very much enjoyed Louise's presentation on "Confronting changes in our lives", how she has been able to deal with them in her own life, always feeling God's close presence. We can all relate to needing God's guidance when the need for change arises in our own lives. After prayer, singing of the 23rd Psalm and the hymn "Come as you are" we enjoyed a chat and afternoon tea. **Our final meeting for the year will be next Wednesday 4th December at 1.30pm. Jean Murray is our Guest Speaker and the Bellarine Women's Community Choir will entertain us. All welcome.**

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

Our Church Community is grieving with  
Paul, Kathy and Sam  
following the tragic loss of Ally  
on Thursday December the 28th.  
Please pray for them and  
keep them in your thoughts

### **MISSION CONVERSATION**

**Barwon Heads and Ocean Grove Uniting Churches  
5.00pm Sunday 8th December  
Ocean Grove Uniting Church.**

Please join us for a shared meal and conversation about our future together. This will be an opportunity to share our achievements, our dreams and to plan how we do mission together.

Bring your stories, your hopes and your ideas.

Facilitated by Will Nicholas (St. David's Newtown) and Charles Gallacher (Queenscliff) on behalf of the Presbytery of Port Philip West and the Joint Nominating team reps from Barwon Heads and Ocean Grove.

This is part of the process of calling a Minister. Your input will help to give a picture of our Ministry needs and shape the leadership qualities that we seek in future Ministry.

Shared meal at 5.00pm (Please bring a plate of finger food for sharing) followed by a facilitated conversation from about 6.00pm.

### **BELLARINE TRAINING AND COMMUNITY HUB**

Are having our first  
**COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LUNCH.**

Don't spend Christmas alone! Please come and join us for a 3 course lunch and make some new friends.

Details:

Christmas Day 25/12/2019

Time 12noon—2.30pm

Where 1 John Dory Drive Ocean Grove

RSVP: Essential on 5255 4294

Cost: Free

Volunteers are welcome but need to register prior on 5255 4294

### **Bicycles For Humanity**

A shipping container that can hold 500 bicycles is not quite full and so more bikes are needed.

This will be the last container to be sent to Nambria this year and it is hoped that it can be filled to capacity.

If you have any bikes no longer being used and would like to donate them please phone  
Lyn Mulligan on 5255 2638

## OCEAN GROVE NEWS

**RETIRING OFFERING:** For September and October we supported Uniting Education Program and a cheque for \$67.60 was given. Thank you to all who gave so generously. For November and December we will be supporting the Act for Peace Christmas Bowl Appeal. "Hope is scarce for mothers like Nyevero, who couldn't feed her family after losing her crops to merciless drought. Your gifts help women like her to farm through the toughest seasons, lifting their families out of poverty and giving them hope for the future.

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

**RECYCLED TREASURE SALE:** Thank you to everyone who helped on the Friday and Saturday. The result of this fundraiser was close to \$700.00

**JOINT NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** For health reasons Neil Derrick has resigned his position on the Joint Nominating Committee and so we need someone to take his place. If you feel you would like to have a active part in the process of calling our new Minister please see either Pat Reid or Dianne Sapwell. The Church Council takes this opportunity to thank Neil for accepting the position in the beginning and we deeply regret the fact that he cannot continue on the Joint Nominating Committee. THANK YOU Neil.

**YOU ARE INVITED BY THE CHOIR** to join them and the Playgroup in a short time of Christmas Carol Singing. This activity has been a very popular event with the playgroup and will be held on Friday December the 6th at 10.15am in the church. If you enjoy watching small children play musical instruments and be amazed with the Nativity Scene, then please fell free to join in.

**At the last CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING** - matter of calling a Minister was discussed at length and the Church Council decided that the following recommendation to the Congregation be put forward on Sunday December the 8th immediately after worship. "The Church Council recommends that Ocean Grove Uniting Church Congregation proceeds to call a full time Minister in co-operation with Barwon Heads. In faith we will pay 60% of the Ministers Stipend."

**ELDERS MEETING: Thursday December 5th 10.00am**

**CHUCH COUNCIL MEETING Thursday December 12th. 4.30PM**