



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

5.00pm Barwon Heads
The Reverend Robert Thomas
Contemporary Service followed by
a shared meal.

10.30am Ocean Grove
The Reverend Robert Thomas
Baptism of Georgia Belle Roberts

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

9.00am Barwon Heads
The Reverend Bob Thomas

10.30am Ocean Grove
The Reverend Robert Thomas

LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK (Pentecost 23)
Isaiah 65: 17-25, Psalm 12,
2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13, Luke 21: 2-19

NEXT WEEK (Pentecost 24)
Jeremiah 23: 1-6, Luke 1: 68-79,
Colossians 1: 11-20, Luke 23: 33-43

KEY VERSE

**"By standing firm you will gain life."
Luke 21: 19**

BARWON HEADS NEWS

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER ITEMS: Please ring or send directly to Di-
anne Sapwell before 8.30am Friday each week.
Email oguc107@gmail.com or phone 5256 2477 and leave a message.

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.

UPDATED REPORT ON OUR FRIEND FAY GREAVES: Fantastic
news! Our lovely friend Fay Greaves will be returning to her home in
Barwon Heads. Initially her son and daughter will be assisting. Fay was
discharged on Wednesday 6th November from a rehab centre in
Caulfield. We thank God for her progress and thank the many friends
who have been praying for Fay. We continue our prayers for her as she
returns home.

LADIES FRIENDSHIP GROUP: We look forward to Louise's
presentation at our next meeting on Wednesday 20th November at
1.30pm.

COIN JARS: if you have been using a GST (God's Special Tasks)
coin jars, please bring it to Church on any Sunday this month and place
it on the Communion Table.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS: We will be collecting non-perishable basic
food items for Christmas Hampers for people in need in the Geelong
region. Most requested items are cereals, long life milk, tea and coffee,
tinned salmon/tuna/ham, rice and pasta and curry sauces, tinned fruits
and packet biscuits. Please bring your donated goods to church on any
Sunday until the 1st of December. Thank you for remembering people
facing hard times this Christmas.

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

Rotary Ocean Grove
Invites you to a free Community Forum on
Identifying Family Violence
Tuesday 19th November 7.00pm—8.30pm
The Pavilion, Shell Road Ocean Grove
Supper provided.
All welcome.
For more info visit www.rotaryoceangrove.org.au

CHAOTICA

Jack Bayley Art Exhibition 11th– 30th November 2019

Opening Night
Monday November 11th
5.00—7.00pm
Rachinger Gallery
Eastern Hub Community Centre
285a McKillop Street
East Geelong Victoria

OXFAM BOOK SALE SATURDAY

30TH NOVEMBER

OCEAN GROVE
UNITING CHURCH
9.00AM—1.00PM
All new books
Current publications

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.

THINKING AHEAD

In order to make next year's autumn **Harvest Thanksgiving Service** special, **why not plant something** right now?

Even if you are not a gardener or do not have a garden, plant something in a pot. Even if you grow only one zucchini or one potato, the point is that you will have grown it and harvested it, and be truly thankful for the gifts of sun, soil, rain and the magic of God weaves into a seed that makes it sprout and grown and bear fruit.

If your "crop" comes too early, then bottle, pickle or otherwise preserve it for the Thanksgiving Service.

But **start NOW.**

Shalom

OCEAN GROVE NEWS

RETIRING OFFERING: For September and October we will be supporting Uniting. Thank you to all who give 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

RECYCLED TREASURE SALE: Thank you to everyone who helped on the Friday and Saturday. The result of this fundraiser will be published next week.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING: Thursday November the 21st 4.30pm in the church foyer.

IN CASE YOU ARE WONDERING the Joint Nominating Committee have begun to meet to discuss the way forward in relation to calling a new Minister. This will not be an easy quick process, but you will be kept informed of developments as they happen. **Please read the notice on page three and add the info to your calendars.**

CARPARK CONSTRUCTION: After initially having our application to construct the carpark refused by Property Services of Synod we have had several meetings to show them that our plans are sound, affordable and meet all requirements. They have now come on board and are positive to us resubmitting an amended plan to include asphalt on the disabled access parking. Now we amend the plans and resubmit, but this time with a lot more support within Property Services. The process is now underway. As for a time line, I am hopeful that we can get some digging done early in 2020! Rod Greer. Chairperson Property Committee.

UCAF NEWS: At our AGM the following have been re-appointed to office for the next year: President Judy Greer, Secretary Robin Munro and Treasurer Marjorie Barry. Our next activity will be the **Annual Combined Bellarine UCAF Christmas Service and Luncheon** which we are hosting. The church service will commence at 11.15am followed by lunch in the hall to be served at 12.30pm. The cost of lunch is \$27.95 (2 courses) per person with RSVP and payment by Friday 13th November to Robin Munro or Judy Greer. All welcome to this annual event.

SCHOOL BACKPACK PROJECT: Sincere thanks to all who contributed to this project. This year we have been able to send 6 packed bags to the Mission Liaison Group in Melbourne for distribution to children in the Pacific Islands.