



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

10.30am Ocean Grove
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SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

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LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK (Advent 3)

Isaiah 35: 1-10, Psalm 146: 5-10 or Luke 1: 46b-55
James 5: 7-10, Matthew 11: 2-11

NEXT WEEK (Advent 4)

Isaiah 7: 10-16, Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19
Romans 1: 1-7, Matthew 1: 18-25

KEY VERSE

“And Mary said: My soul glorifies the Lord”
Luke 1: 46

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.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS: Thanks to Greg Carruthers who liaised with IGA to convert our Uniting Church “points” into packaged foods for Christmas Hampers to be distributed in the Geelong region, and to Be Smith who delivered them to Uniting at Grovedale Uniting Church along with our personally donated food items.

FOOD LABELS for Cakes and Preserves Stalls along with Food Providers Lists, are available in the church hall until Sunday 22nd December, and then at Church on Sundays, and in the church hall in the days leading up to the church Fete on Saturday January 11th.

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

STATUS REPORT ON BOB THOMAS

“I have just learned I will need surgery on my Achilles tendon, which will probably occur on Tuesday December the 17th.

I will be in hospital for two days, so this means I won't be at church on Thursday as usual, however, I expect to be available for all worship services.”

Shalom Bob

Third Sunday in Advent “Finding joy in resilience”

Is it possible to be joyful when the natural disasters that batter your island home become more destructive with every year?
Your gifts help the people of Tonga to prepare for, and stay safe through worsening disasters.

Please give to the Christmas Bowl Appeal.

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

CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES

Tuesday December the 24th
Parish Carol Service at Ocean Grove
7.30pm

Wednesday December the 25th
9.00am at Barwon Heads and Ocean Grove

Sunday December the 29th
9.00am Barwon Heads, 10.30am Ocean Grove

GREAT NEWS FOR THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Final approval has been granted for the carpark!
Presbytery approved the increased cost on the 3rd of December and PART approved the final plans on the 12th of December.

The contractor is APS of Geelong
"Rod the relieved!"

OCEAN GROVE NEWS

RETIRING OFFERING: For December we will be supporting the Act for Peace Christmas Bowl Appeal.

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

SAMMY STAMP: Please save all the stamps from your Christmas mail for Sammy Stamp. They can be placed in the marked box in the church foyer. All stamps need to be trimmed so that they have a border of envelope **3mm or 1/8 inch wide all the way around** to be acceptable for Sammy Stamp sales in Melbourne. Stamps that are heavily cancelled are also unacceptable. If you have difficulty trimming around your stamps please leave them attached to the envelopes and they will be trimmed by members of the UCAF. Please speak to Judy Greer or Joan Billington if you have any queries. Thank you all for your past support of this ongoing UCAF activity.

GOOD NEWS: David Runia is now our second representative on the Joint Nominating Committee. Thank you David for taking Neil Derrick's place.

DATES FOR 2020 CALENDARS

Recycled Treasure Sale

Setting up Friday January 17th 10.00am

Actual Selling day

Saturday January 18th 8.00am—12noon

It would be great if someone was able to run the BBQ!
Please let Dianne Sapwell know if you can help.

Book and Painting Sale

Setting up Wednesday January 22nd 10.00am

Selling days

Thursday the 23rd 10.00am—4.00pm, Friday 24th 10.00am—4.00pm

Saturday 25th 10.00am—1.00pm

Packing up 1.00pm on the Saturday.

There will be sheet for you to put your name on to help with the selling in two hour shifts.