



# Weekly Newsletter

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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  
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## SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

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## LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK (Lent 1)  
Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7, Psalm 32  
Romans 5: 12-19, Matthew 4: 1-11

NEXT WEEK (Lent 2)  
Genesis 12: 1-4a, Psalm 121  
Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17, John 3: 1-17 or Matthew 17: 1-9

## KEY VERSE

**“ I will instruct you and teach you in the ways you should go;  
I will counsel you and watch over you.”**

**Psalm 32: 8**

## 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.

**COUNCIL** looked at maintenance issues in and outside the Church and the hall as well as for the grounds with a view to compiling a list of priorities. Please pass on any suggestions to Council members (i.e. Ian and Lydia Cover, Greg and Helen Carruthers, Andrew Balaam, Doug Whan and Geoff Tamblyn).

**FOLLOWING** the success of the Combined Service last October, it was agreed the next Combined Service will be held again at Barwon Heads Uniting Church on **Sunday the 17th of May at 5.00pm** followed by dinner in the hall.

**THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** will be held at Holy Family Catholic Church on **Friday March the 6th at 2.00pm. All welcome.**

**LADIES FRIENDSHIP GROUP:** Our second meeting for the year was held on Wednesday 19th February. We welcomed back Fay after her illness last year. It is good to have her with us again. Several in our group read Bible passages or prayers that were meaningful to them and others chose their favourite hymns. Thanks to Helen who provided a keyboard accompaniment. One of Marilyn's talents is writing beautiful poems and she read one to us before we enjoyed afternoon tea and concluded our time of special fellowship. **We meet again on Wednesday 4th March at 1.30pm in the Vestry.**

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

## 2020 PARISH LENTEN WALKS AND COFFEE

Due to popular demand the Parish Lenten Walks and Coffee are returning this year—a time of contemplation, meditation, sharing and walking in the wonderful environment that surrounds.

The format is a series of 4 gentle walks followed by coffee (or just join the group for coffee).

The first walk will be on Wednesday 11th march.

Meet at the Western end of Blue Waters Lake, Ocean Grove and park off Blue Waters Drive near the corner of Rivera Crescent.

Coffee at the home of Geoff and Carol Naylor,  
85 Lake Avenue Ocean Grove.

The full program for the subsequent walks will be available soon.

Hi Dianne, Ocean Grove and Barwon Heads  
How is everyone doing? We all hope you had a happy new year! Celine has just started year 9 and I have started year 7. We miss you all very very much and want to come see everyone soon.  
Mum and Dad are doing well in church as well and we are praying for all of you and miss you all very much. We all miss the fetes, garage sales, the opp shop and especially the Congregations. We will pray that everyone is safe and healthy! Hope everyone is doing well and we will try come visit you all very soon. Miss you all very much.  
Love Helen Park and family.  
If you would like to email Helen her address is  
hhp2007@icloud.com

We are fast approaching Lent (it begins on March 4th.) Bob can offer something reasonably unique in the way of Bible Study as he is (he thinks) the last surviving accredited facilitator in the Synod for the Nexus program, which was run by the UCA's Division of Field Services in the 90's. if anyone wants to gather people together for a series of six-weekly 2-hour sessions, he is available to lead. Groups need to have a minimum of 8 people to function well, but not more than 20. bob can be available on any day, including Sunday, and he prefers meeting in homes rather than in the church buildings.  
Please contact Bob asap if you are interested.  
Contact details on the front of the newsletter.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
KORUS CONNECT  
GEELONG SCHOOLS CHAPLAINCY SUPPORT GROUP  
Thursday 19th March 7.00pm  
St. John's Anglican Church  
269 Roslyn Road Highton

Senior Constable Noggler will speak about his role in working with youth and others serving young people in the Geelong Area.  
Reports will also be given by our school Chaplains.  
Queries: Barry White 0400 797 737

## OCEAN GROVE NEWS

**RETIRING OFFERING:** A decision on what worthy causes we will be supporting this year will be made at the next Elders Meeting. If you have a cause you think we should support please let one of the Elders know. Thank you to all who gave so generously last year.

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

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER church service will be held on Friday March the 6th at 10.00am in the church.** Morning tea will be served at the conclusion of the service. This is an ecumenical service so invite your friends, neighbours and family to this special world wide time of worship.

**SAD NEWS:** Gillian Ryan has had a fall and broken her wrist. When we received this message she was in University Hospital and with another setback of an infection in her gall bladder has had two surgeries in a very short time. By the time of printing this notice Gillian should be at McKellar Centre for Rehab. Please keep Gillian, Don and their family in your prayers.

**NEW COMMITTEE for *the dove* Opportunity Shop:** At the AGM held on Friday February the 7th a new Committee was elected. The members are Chairperson: Dianne Sapwell, Secretary: Gonni Runia, Treasurer Maria Mueleman, Internal Shop Co-Ordinator Patricia Beesley, General Committee members Jon Harvie, Robin Munro, Lesley Pope. Lesley is also Roster administrator. Thank you to all retiring Committee for their tireless work on behalf of the dove. Diane Prowse, Gayle Sydenham, Rita Nash, Heather Spry, Noelene Hames, Irene Cooke, David Reid and Lorraine Burbridge.

### MEETNGS:

**Property Committee Monday March 2nd 7.30pm**  
**Elders Thursday March 5th 10.00am**  
**Church Council Thursday March 12th 4.30pm**

**All meetings to be held in the church foyer.**

**UPDATE ON ROBERT COX:** As of last week Robert is now 2/3rds through his doses of Chemo and should be off chemo completely and returning to "normal" by Easter. What great news to hear that Robert's ordeal is finally coming to an end. Please keep Robert and Barbara in your prayers.