



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
The Reverend Robert Thomas

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

9.00am Barwon Heads
The Reverend Robert Thomas
**5.00pm Contemporary Service
followed by a meal in the hall.**

10.30am Ocean Grove
The Reverend Robert Thomas

LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK (Epiphany 5)
Isaiah 58: 1-9a, (9b-12), Psalm 112: 1-9 (10),
1 Corinthians 2: 1-12 (13-16), Matthew 5: 13-20

NEXT WEEK (Epiphany 6)
Deuteronomy 30: 15-20, Psalm 119: 1-8
1 Corinthians 3: 1-9, Matthew 5: 21-37

KEY VERSE

**"In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see
your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."
Matthew 5: 16**

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.

LATE NEWS FROM JANUARY

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone for contributing to another wonderful Fete. It was embraced as a community event and as a fundraiser for the Church and Uniting Bushfire Appeal. The total raised exceeded \$6300.00 with 10% being directed the Appeal. Further donations have resulted in \$1000 being forwarded to the Appeal.

TWO SERVICES of Worship were held on Sunday January the 12th concluding a busy and meaningful weekend in Barwon Heads. In the morning we celebrated Jesus' Baptism followed by the evening Confirmation Service for Laura Hobbs. The latter was followed by a delicious dinner prepared by Jenny Harwood and Lydia Cover to whom we extend much appreciation.

MAC COOPER'S life was celebrated at a Memorial Service at Belmont Uniting Church on Wednesday January 15th. Max was an integral part of our Church and he will be missed enormously by so many people. Please keep Gwen and Sharon and the family in your prayers.

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

**CONCERT AT ST. PAUL'S GEELONG
SUNDAY MARCH 1ST 3.00PM
Olivier Bonnici and Wendy Rechenberg
St. Paul's Anglican Church, LaTrobe Terrace Geelong**

Relax, dream and be inspired as violinist Olivier Bonnici and pianist Wendy Rechenberg play Bach, Mozart, and Kreisler.

Cash at the door \$20/\$15
Enquiries 0451 960 768

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

UNITING

OPPORTUNITY ROCKS OP-SHOP

10 Wendover Avenue, Norlane

EASTER CARBOOT SALE

11th April 9.00am—2.00pm

Free Easter Egg Hunt for the Kids,
Sausage Sizzle

Carboot Site \$15.00

Bookings to be made before

April the 9th

Please call Alan to book a site on

0431 771 076

ST LUKE'S UNITING CHURCH

Cnr. Barrabool & Scenic Roads Highton

GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 22ND

8.00AM—12NOON

Furniture, Collectibles, Antiques,
Cakes, Tools, Books,
Devonshire Tea, Sausage Sizzle, Plants

Sites available

Contact Ian 5243 4832

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

CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW CARPARK began on Monday January the 13th and is progress well. There will be limited parking and the only way to enter the church premises will be through the hall entrance way. Please make sure you give yourselves a bit extra time on Sundays to find a park! It is hoped that all works will be completed within a very reasonable time frame.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Sunday 23rd February

This meeting will be held in the hall immediately after worship. Please bring a plate of food to share. One of the agenda items will be elections. If you are interested in nominating for Councillor or Elder, please collect a nomination form from Diane Jones (Congregational Secretary or David Runia (Congregational Chairperson).

If you have items for the agenda please hand them in writing to David Runia or Diane Jones by Wednesday February 19th. Nomination forms are to be returned to the same people by the same date.

ANNUAL REPORTS NEED TO BE HANDED IN BY NEXT FRIDAY.
Please send them via email if possible.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY FEBRUARY 13TH 4.30pm
in the church foyer.

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.

THANK YOU to everyone who sent cards, phoned or visited me while I was "away on holidays". Not really but it is great to be back home, even though I have to use a walker in the house and crutches going up and down stairs. Will see you all at church sometime soon, as I cannot drive with a moon boot on my left foot and a manual car!