



# 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  
Contemporary Service followed by  
a meal in the hall.

10.30am Ocean Grove  
The Reverend Robert Thomas

## SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

9.00am Barwon Heads  
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## LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK (Lent 3)  
Exodus 17: 1-7, Psalm 95  
Romans 5: 1-11, John 4: 5-42

NEXT WEEK (Lent 4)  
1 Samuel 16: 1-13, Psalm 23  
Ephesians 5: 8-14, John 9: 1-41

## KEY VERSE

**“ And because of his words many more became believers”  
John 4: 41**

## **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.

**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.

**OUR LADIES FRIENDSHIP GROUP** met on Wednesday 18th March at 1.30pm in the Vestry.

April is shaping up as a busy month in the life of our Church. Please note the following events.

**AN EASTER STREET STALL** will be held on **Saturday 11th April from 9.00am**. Jams, relishes, cakes, biscuits and slices are needed to stock the stall. Please advise Lydia Cover or Geoff Tamblyn if you can assist in the lead-up and/or on the day.

**A WORKING BEE** is being arranged on **Saturday 18th April from 9.00am**. Church Council has identified a number of jobs both inside and outside the church and Hall which need attention.

**THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will take place after the 9.00am worship service on **Sunday the 26th of April**. Contributions for the Annual Report will be required soon.

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

## **2020 PARISH LENTEN WALKS AND COFFEE**

**Next walk: Wednesday 18th March  
Meet: "The Heads" Restaurant carpark,  
Barwon Heads  
Walk along the foreshore towards the Bluff,  
returning to "The Heads for coffee.**

## CORONAVIRUS CONCERNS

Due to concerns, we will take some basic precautions.

Given the a major means of contagion is through the hands, members are encouraged to refrain from shaking hands during the passing of the Peace and after the service at the door with the Minister.

Members also are encouraged to wash hands often and thoroughly, which will reduce the chance of viruses being passed by touching those things touched by everyone, e.g. door handles, hymn books etc.

## LENTEN STUDY GROUP

The Lenten study group on "The Records of the Life of Jesus" will convene at the home of Lyn Mulligan, 16 Finch Close, Ocean Grove on Wednesday March the 18th at 2.00pm.

All are welcome, even if you have not advised of your intention to participate.

The study will last about an hour and a half.

## OCEAN GROVE STAMP CLUB ANNUAL STAMP AND COIN FAIR SATURDAY MARCH 21ST 2020

Senior Citizens Club rooms  
101 The Terrace  
Ocean Grove

Dealers in attendance for valuation and buying.  
Great range of Australian and Worldwide philatelic material as well as coins and bank notes.

Entry by gold coin with door prize.

Tea/coffee & biscuits available for a gold coin donation.

## 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

**UPDATE ON Gillian Ryan:** Gillian is home and walking about, but does have her arm in plaster. As well as a hip replacement Gillian has undergone surgery and had some gall stones removed. Please continue to keep her and Don in your prayers.

**ROBERT COX** is still not having an very good quality of life. Has lost lots of weight and seems to be constantly fatigued. At least he continues to post the weekly newsletter into space, but has little energy for very much more. Please continue to pray for Robert and Barbara during these most difficult times.

**RECYCLED TREASURE SALE:** Saturday March 21st 8.00am—12noon. Helpers need to set up on the Friday (March 20th) from 12noon and selling on the Saturday morning. Don't forget if you are not able to help on either the Friday afternoon or the Saturday morning, maybe you can turn up at 12noon on the Saturday and help pack up. **Thank you Fred Andrews for offering to be the Chef for the Day.**

**UCAF:** Next meeting will be held on Monday 23rd March, 10.00am in the church foyer. The guest speaker will be Ena Roach who will tell of her interest and love of poetry. Members please bring a small plate of morning tea and suitable items for the Trading Table. All are welcome

### **EASTER SERVICES MAUNDY THURSDAY April 9th Parish Service**

7.30pm Ocean Grove Uniting Church

### **GOOD FRIDAY April 10th**

9.00am Barwon Heads Uniting Church

10.30am Ocean Grove Uniting Church

### **EASTER SUNDAY April 12th**

9.00am Barwon Heads Uniting Church

10.30am Ocean Grove Uniting Church