



# Weekly Newsletter

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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  
Ms. Jean Murray

10.30am Ocean Grove  
Ms. Jean Murray

## LECTIONARY READINGS

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

NEXT WEEK (Lent 5)  
Ezekiel 37: 1-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8: 6-11, John 11: 1-45

## KEY VERSE

“The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.”  
Psalm 23: 1

## 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.

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.

**OUR LADIES FRIENDSHIP GROUP** met last Wednesday the 18th of March. We enjoyed Cathy's extensive Bible knowledge and comprehensive presentation on the topic, the Moon. In a selection of readings from the Old Testament through to verses in the book of Revelation, the moon's light is mentioned many times but God's light shining in our lives is stronger still. Hymns were sung, a favourite being "Christ be our light". Afternoon tea followed. Tentative plans were made to meet again on Wednesday 15th April at 1.30pm, but if this changes, members will be advised.

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

## LENTEN STUDY GROUP

"As it is currently prudent to gather publicly as little as possible, the Wednesday afternoon Lenten Study has been postponed until further notice. "

Bob Thomas

## UPDATE FROM THE JOINT NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Joint Nominating Committee (JNC) has made important progress in its deliberations.

It now invites both the Ocean Grove and Barwon Heads Congregations to a Missional Planning Day to be held at the Barwon Heads Church on Sunday 19th April.

The day is a follow up to the recent Mission study held in November last year.)

The planning day will begin with a Parish Church Service at 10.30am at the Barwon Heads Uniting Church, conducted by The Reverend Bob Thomas.

After a shared lunch, the JNC will outline three possible models for future Ministry.

Following a discussion each Congregation will separately identify their preferred model.

## 2020 PARISH LENTEN WALKS AND COFFEE

**Next walk: Wednesday 25th March**

**Meet: "The Garage" restaurant on the corner of LeLean Street and Wallington Road.**

**Walk along the river, returning to "The Garage" for coffee.**

### **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

## 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

**ROBERT COX** has actually mowed their small front lawn last week, but even though he just walked behind the new self-propelled mower, he had to rest on the bed after doing it. His 10th chemo session happened last Tuesday and then he has only 2 to go!. Please continue to pray for Robert and Barbara during these most difficult times.

**UCAF: Members please note that the next meeting planned for Monday March the 23rd has been cancelled. At this stage our next meeting is tentatively scheduled for April the 27th.**

## COVID-19 OGBH NEIGHBOURHOOD HELP

During this virus crisis there are many in our community who are going without due to panic buying or who are self isolating to protect themselves and others.

To this end, a group has been created to connect those in our community who may need some assistance with those who want to help. The purpose is to ensure everyone is okay.

If someone is in need of basic essentials to get by, they can ask the group and members will endeavour to provide what they need, whether it's a few rolls of toilet paper, Ventolin, some fresh milk or a home cooked meal.

We have also been in contact with "Feed Me Bellarine" and are working to connect those who might need a free meal delivered.

We have people prepared to provide transport to and from shops or to do weekly shopping. You are welcome to request only members who have a current Working with Children Check and/or Police Check to assist with these things.

If you are on Facebook you can directly request assistance by joining our group COVID19 OGBH neighbourhood help

If you are not on Facebook or would prefer to remain anonymous, please contact me directly and I can post on your behalf

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Stay safe!

Lisa