



Weekly Newsletter

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CHURCH CLOSED

Due to restrictions imposed by the government services of worship can longer happen in the Ocean Grove and Barwon Heads Uniting Churches.

This does not mean that you have to miss out on worship though.

The Reverend Bob Thomas is posting his sermons and a liturgy for worship on the website. Please see above for the address.

This will enable you and your family to worship in the comfort of your own home.

Just a reminder:

The weekly Lectionary Readings are printed on your UCA 2020 Calendar for your convenience.

BARWON HEADS NEWS

PRAYER CHAIN: If anyone would like to prayer, could you please contact Merilyn 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.

THE EASTER STREET STALL has been cancelled in accordance with COVID-19 advice.

THE WORKING BEE ON SATURDAY 18TH April and the Annual Congregational Meeting (Sunday 26th of April) are postponed until further notice.

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."

2020 PARISH LENTEN WALKS AND COFFEE

CANCELLED UNTIL LENT 2021

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.

The above mentioned Missional Planning Day has been cancelled.

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

This is the last edition of the weekly newsletter as we have known it.

Thank you to Dianne Sapwell for her work over many years to the Ocean Grove, Barwon Heads and former Newington Congregations of the Uniting Church.

Looking forward Ocean Grove will have a newsletter published on the website on a regular basis with hardcopies available to members via the distribution of Crosslight. This will include local and wider community activities.

Barwon Heads news and information will be shared via email.

The Parish Executive.

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

THANK YOU to everyone who helped in variety of ways with the last Recycled Treasure Sale. The total raised was over \$800 with \$400 of that amount being made by pre-sale sales thanks to Neil Derrick.

PLEASE in this time of crisis think of each other, and reach out to others by either making a friendly phone call or sending an email. Stay safe and if you need help or advice do not hesitate to email or ring the church office and someone will endeavour to answer your query as soon as possible.

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