



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
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SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

5.00pm Barwon Heads
Contemporary Service followed by
a meal in the hall.

10.30am Ocean Grove
The Reverend Robert Thomas

LECTIONARY READINGS

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

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

KEY VERSE

**“ My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth”
Psalm 121: 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.

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.

OUR LADIES FRIENDSHIP GROUP met last Wednesday 4th March. We appreciated very much Jeannette's presentation on Religious Art. As well as preparing interesting background information about famous stained glass windows, art works and religious icons, she brought to the group many art books from her own collection which we enjoyed browsing. This was interspersed with readings and hymns. Afternoon tea followed and discussion about the day's topic and outstanding examples of it continued. We all felt our faith had been enhanced in a most beautiful way. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 18th March 1.30pm in the Vestry.

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

LENTEN STUDY GROUP

The Lenten study group on "The Records of the Life of Jesus" will convene for the first time at the home of Lyn Mulligan, 16 Finch Close, Ocean Grove on Wednesday March the 11th 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, and will be the first in a series of six.

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 toughing those things touched by everyone, e.g. door handles, hymn books etc.

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 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

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:

**Church Council Thursday March 12th 4.30pm
to be held in the church foyer.**

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. There is also a need for some-one to man the BBQ. Please let Dianne Sapwell know if you are interested in being the "Chef" for the day.