



Weekly Newsletter

Barwon Heads, Newington, 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 Ian Porter
Holy Communion

9.00am Newington

10.30am Ocean Grove
The Reverend Ian Porter
Holy Communion

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

9.00am Barwon Heads
Mr. Ian Cover

9.00am Newington
Mr. Doug Gorwell

10.30am Ocean Grove
Mr. Doug Gorwell

LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK

THIS WEEK (Christmas 2) Jer.31: 7-14, Psalm 147: 12-20
Ephesians 3: 1-14, Jn.1 : (1-9), 10-18

NEXT WEEK (Baptism of Jesus) Gn. 1: 1-5, Psalm 29
Acts 19: 1-7, Mark 1: 4-11

KEY VERSE

**“ From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another”
John 1: 16**

BARWON HEADS NEWS

NEW ARRANGEMENT FOR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER ITEMS: Please ring or send directly to Dianne Sapwell before 8.30am Friday each week. Email oguc@tpg.com.au or phone 5256 2477 and leave a message.

PRAYER CHAIN: If you would like prayer through the week, to activate the prayer chain, please contact Fay on 5254 1763 or 0447 314 377 where you can leave a message and Fay will get back to you.

FETE: Preparations are under way for the Annual fete to be held on Saturday January 10th 2015. Ken Mclean is putting the finishing touches to a list of stall convenors and helpers and would welcome assistance from family members and friends. Check the draft list in the hall at morning tea. We had great support on the day last year and pray that we will attract similar help again. Contact Ken (5254 2876) or Don Freeman (5254 2732) for all fete inquiries.

ROSTER: The roster for January—April 2015 has been completed and emailed. Please let Sally Hobbs know if you need a hard copy. Many thanks to all those who help.

FRUIT NEEDED: Do you know of people with fruit trees e.g. Apricot, cumquat, plus who would be prepared to donate fruit to be made into jam as the fruit ripens. Phone Margaret Parry on 5254 3208 if you know of anyone. Thank you..

SAMMY STAMP is looking forward to an influx of used postage stamps at the Church fete. Bring your stamps (torn or cut from the envelope with a margin of at least 1cm.). Put your name and phone number on your package and "post it" in the red box at the fete. At 5.00pm one package will be drawn from the box and the person named will receive a book of new stamps as a "thank you"

**All welcome to morning tea in the church hall
after the service.**

GRATEFUL THANKS FROM JEAN MURRAY

I WISH TO SINCERELY THANK EVERYONE IN THE Barwon Heads, Newington and Ocean Grove Congregations for the warm acceptance, encouragement and friendship you have all shared with me over the past 9 months. It truly was a delight and a privilege to be with you all. Thank you, too for your kind words, cards and gifts. Peace be with you all.
Jean Murray

2 VERY IMPORTANT PARISH CHURCH SERVICES.

**Friday January 16th
Induction Service
for The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park,
7.00pm
Ocean Grove Uniting Church.
Shared supper to follow the service.
Please bring a small plate of finger food to share with a cuppa.**

**Sunday January 18th
10.30am Ocean Grove Uniting Church
The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park.
Followed by morning tea.
Please bring a small plate of finger food to share with a cuppa.
This will be the only Service for the Parish.**

**WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
WILL BE PUBLISHED DURING
JANUARY.**

If you have anything interesting to add to the weekly newsletter please ensure that it is sent to the office (email, fax and phone number on the front of the newsletter) by 8.30am Friday mornings. Name and phone number helpful!!

NAME BADGES

If you would like a new name badge then please call Kaye Baum on 5255 1487 to place an order.

We may know each other, but it would be helpful to Jong Soo if everyone in the Parish had a name badge!!!

OCEAN GROVE NEWS

RETIRING OFFERING: for November and December will be for the Act for Peace Christmas Bowl Appeal. This year Act for Peace Christmas Bowl Appeal is celebrating 65 years! Appeal envelopes are available near the retiring Offering basket, if you would like to read more about this important work.

PRAYER CONTACT: If you would like our prayer team to pray for you or others (with their permission) please contact Helen Baum on 5255 1487.

FRIDAY COFFEE AND CHAT: Please note that this social time is now in recess until the 1st Friday in February.

DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS HAMPERS: Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to this appeal. With the help of funds from *the dove*, Rotary and Seachange Patchwork Group donations of food from the Ocean Grove Primary School and Anglican Church just on 40 hampers were packed and distributed on Friday December the 19th afternoon and evening. What a marvelous effort.

ANNUAL REPORTS: yes it is that dreaded time of the year again. Annual Reports can be given to Dianne Sapwell as soon as they are prepared. It would be helpful to have them before the 15th of January, but if that is not possible please make sure that they are done no later than the 26th of January.

SPECIAL NOTICE FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL, ELDERS AND CONGREGATIONAL CHAIRPERSON AND SECRETARY: On Saturday January 17th at 5.30pm at the home of David and Pat Reid we will be having an informal gathering with the Park Family and Jean Murray. BYO meat and drinks and if your surname begins with the letter A-M you are asked to bring something sweet to share and if your surname begins with the letters N-Z you are asked to bring a salad to share. No RSVP required, but any enquiries can be directed to Dianne Sapwell.

WORSHIP TEAM FOR 2015: Would you like to be part of this important area of Ministry? New faces, ideas and input are always welcome. Please see either Pat Reid or Lauris Kidd if you are interested in helping plan worship with our new Minister.

REMEMBERING JOSEPH KEITH CARBINES 11.01.1928—20.11.2014

We would like to thank our church family for the loving support expressed in so many ways since Keith's death. To those who attended the funeral, as well as those who have visited sent, messages and flowers as expressions of sympathy, we offer our heartfelt thanks.
Gwen and Family.