



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

**5.00pm Barwon Heads
Contemporary Service**

9.00am Newington
The Reverend Dr. Jong Soo Park

10.30am Ocean Grove
The Reverend Dr. Jong Soo Park

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

9.00am Barwon Heads
The Reverend Dr. Jong Soo Park

9.00am Newington
Mr. Noel Patchett

10.30am Ocean Grove
The Reverend Dr. Jong Soo Park

LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK (Lent 4) Nm. 21: 4-9, Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22
Ephesians 2: 1-10, Jn. 3: 14-21

NEXT WEEK (Lent 5) Jer. 31: 31-34, Psalm 51: 1-12, or Psalm 119: 9-16
Heb. 5: 5-10, John 12: 20-33

KEY VERSE

**“ This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son.”
John 3: 16**

BARWON HEADS NEWS

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.

FUND RAISING STALL on Saturday 21st March 9—11.30am in the church grounds (or inside if wet) to sell preserves—jams, marmalades, relishes and pickles etc. Please contact Margaret Parry 5254 3208 if you are able to help on the stall on the day. Preserves to be delivered to the church hall by 8.30am on the 21st of March, or phone Margaret to make alternative arrangements. Proceeds to church funds. (Note: no cake stall on this occasion)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: April is AGM time so please start preparing your contributions for the Annual Report. Deadline and meeting details coming soon.

GST (God's Special Tasks): Our annual fundraising efforts for a range of wonderful causes continue in 2015 kick-started by 10% of the proceeds of the January fete. We aim to support an international, a national and a local activity so please pass on your suggestions to a member of Church Council.

SUCCESSFUL WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Thank you to everyone who helped in all sorts of ways to make the Combined Churches of Barwon Heads WDP flow smoothly, providing an engaging service and warm fellowship over afternoon tea. A special thank you to Marg Isom for her leading and Jan Hale for an informative and challenging talk.

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

Great news!!

The Parish website is now back on line.

When you are away from Church

*You can read the weekly newsletter and catch up with
all the news.*

Website address on the front of the newsletter.

Would you like to have a chat with Jong Soo?

Then you are most welcome to meet him at
Newington from 9.30am—12 noon on Wednesday's

**(For the Lenten period only Jong Soo
will be at Newington from 11.00am—12noon)**

Barwon Heads from 9.30am—12 noon on Thursday's
(except on the 2nd Thursday of the month time 2.30pm)

Or

Ocean Grove from 9.30am—12noon on Friday's
You may like to call Jong Soo on 0425 228 978,
just to confirm his availability.

**WESLEY HYMNFEST AND LIGHT TEA
SUNDAY MAY 24TH**

**2.30PM WESTERN HEIGHTS UCA
DOUGLASS STREET, HERNE HILL**

A service of inspiration followed by fellowship over food.

Admission by ticket only, donation \$15 per person

Contact Barry 5241 7073 or Jenice 5278 3135

Plan now to come—tickets available mid-March.

**Geelong Chaplaincy Support Group
Annual Meeting Thursday March 19th
7.00pm St Matthews Anglican Church
Community Room
230 McKillop Street East Geelong**

**Korean Lunch at the Manse
Every 1st and 4th Sunday of the month
beginning Sunday April 5th
12.30—2.30pm**

To avoid the phenomenon that only
one group of Congregation members gather together
more than 3 families from each Congregation
shouldn't put their name in a Sunday slot.

The ideal number for lunch is 5 –6 families.

If coming please bring a plate of salad or finger food,
Water and soft drinks will be served.

Each Congregation has an A3 sheet to write your name on.

OCEAN GROVE NEWS

RETIRING OFFERING: For the months March the money raised will be for the Lenten Appeal. Please take the time to read about this appeal in the appeal envelopes. Envelopes available in the foyer.

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 from 10.30am in the church foyer. Call in for 10 minutes or an hour! Enjoy a "cuppa, a chat and some laughter.

ALL are welcome!

SAMMY STAMP: Please leave any used stamps, postcards with stamps still attached or pre-stamped envelopes in the box in the foyer. **N.B.** if trimming stamps you need to keep a **border of 3mm all around the stamp.**

SUMMARY OF THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY

22ND: Judy Greer was re-elected as an Elder, for a period of 5 years. The 2014 Annual reports were received. A review was made of the 2015 budget. A motion was passed increasing the amount the Ocean Grove Congregation pays to the Parish. The budgeted amount of \$51,000 was increased to \$64,500 for 2015. Church Council had previously approved this increase.

TO ALL OUR PEOPLE in the church: Thank you for your concerns, prayers, beautiful cards, flowers. Phone calls and visits. I am still here and it is good to belong! Love Nell Brethouwer.

ROSTERS: On a table in the church foyer there is a sheet detailing all the "jobs" that needed to be completed each Sunday. If you can help fill in some gaps that would be great. **Also if you are already on the rosters, would you kindly check that your name is included. Put a tick against your name if you are able to continue or a cross if you would like to be taken off.** Thank you.

UCAF—Next meeting Monday March 23rd at 10.00am in the church foyer. Guest Speaker: Jan Johannesen: Topic: "Bali Smiles" - working with Balinese children living in poverty. Members please bring a small plate of morning tea and items suitable for the Trading Table. All welcome.

LOAVES AND FISHES PANTRY: With the advent of cooler weather, jars of Pasta Sauce would be greatly appreciated to help keep our pantry shelves filled. Sunday April the 5th will be Communion Sunday when we hope that people in our Congregation will respond to our request and bring their gifts of pasta sauce to be dedicated. With thanks from the Loaves and Fishes Pantry team.