



Weekly Newsletter

Barwon Heads, Newington, Ocean Grove,
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A warm welcome is extended to all visitors today.
God's richest blessings to you all.

SERVICES TODAY	SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY
9.00am Barwon Heads The Reverend Dr. Jong Soo Park	9.00am Barwon Heads Mr. Ian Cover
9.00am Newington Mr. Noel Patchett	9.00am Newington Combined Service at either Barwon Heads or Ocean Grove
10.30am Ocean Grove The Reverend Dr. Jong Soo Park	10.30am Ocean Grove Palm Sunday

LECTIONARY READINGS

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

NEXT WEEK (Palm Sunday) Is. 50: 4-9a Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29, Phil. 2: 5-11,
Mark 11: 1-11 or John 12: 12-16

KEY VERSE

**“ He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.”
John 12: 33**

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.

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.

ANZAC DAY SERVICE: It is our churches turn to lay a wreath on behalf of the Combined Churches of Barwon Heads at this local service. If you would like to do this on our behalf, on this special Centenary event, please phone or speak to Ian Cover (5254 3328)

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

Parish Easter Services

Maunder Thursday: 7.30pm Ocean Grove Uniting Church

Good Friday: 9.00am Barwon Heads, 10.30am Ocean Grove

Easter Sunday:

6.00am Ocean Grove Beach Lookout
Followed by breakfast at Ocean Grove Uniting Church

9.00am Barwon Heads and Newington Uniting Churches

10.30am Ocean Grove Uniting Church

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.

Earth Hour: Cath James Environmental project Officer JIM sends her greetings to us and thanks us for ongoing support. Cath and family visited us last year taking part in a Church service for Environmental Day and later at lunch gave us a presentation on her sustainable home. Earth Hour started in Sydney in 2007. the event saw 2.2 million homes and businesses turn their lights off for one hour to make their stand against climate change that year. It has become a global sustainability movement with 162 countries and over 7000 cities and towns participating. Cath invites us to participate on Saturday March 28th 8.30—9.30pm by switching off all lights for the hour. The focus this year is on how climate change is harming Australian food and farmers. We hope you might like to join us. Joan Calcutt & Lyn Mulligan JIM

Last Lenten Walk: Wednesday march 25th 9.30am Barwon Heads. Meet at The Heads Restaurant and walk along towards the Barwon Heads Bluff and return. Car parking close to the restaurant. Maybe time for a coffee afterwards.

“Inspired by Nature”

Art Exhibition by Annie Finkelde & Jo Reitze

Ocean Grove Uniting Church hall

Official Opening Wednesday April 1st 6.00pm

Tickets \$10 RSVP by 25th March by phoning Lyn 5255 2638

Opening function proceeds and 10% commission on sales will support Fair Trade scholarship programmes in East Timor.

Opening Hours 2nd-6th April are as follows:

Thursday 10.00am—5.00pm, Friday 1.-5.00pm,

Saturday 10am—5.00pm, Sunday 1—5.00pm Monday 10am—3.00pm

OCEAN GROVE NEWS

RETIRING OFFERING: For the month 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**.

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.

Pots, pans, floor rugs a toaster and a lawn mower are required for newly settled refugees in the Geelong district. If anyone can donate these items the recipient would be most grateful. Please contact Lyn Mulligan on 5255 2638.

MEETINGS: Elders and Worship Team Thursday 9th April at 10.00am in the church foyer and Church Council at 7.30pm on the same day and at the same place!