



# 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  
Mrs. Michelle Hardy

10.30am Ocean Grove  
The Reverend Dr. Jong Soo Park

## LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK (Easter 3) Acts 3: 12-19, Psalm 4,  
1 John 3: 1-7, Luke 24: 36b-48

NEXT WEEK (Easter 4) Acts 4: 5-12, Psalm 23  
1 John 10: 11-18

## KEY VERSE

**“....Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”**

**Luke 24: 36b.**

## 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](mailto: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:** The AGM will be held on Sunday 26th April following the 9.00am service. The Annual report including financial statements will be presented. The election of Church Council members will also take place. Ian Cover, Greg Carruthers and Fay Greaves have accepted nominations for re-election and other nominations are welcome.

**GST (God's Special Tasks):** Our 2015 projects will be finalised at the AGM. Church Council has reached agreement in principle to provide on-going support for existing causes but would welcome any new suggestions.

**ANZAC DAY SERVICE:** Arrangements are in place for a BHUC representative to lay a wreath on behalf of the Combined Churches of Barwon Heads at the cenotaph outside the Community Hall. The wreath laying follows the march along Hitchcock Avenue which starts at 8.45am.

**ROSTERS:** Sally Hobbs is currently preparing the roster for May– August. Can you please let her know if you are unavailable for any of these dates.  
Phone: (M) 0448 817 110 (H) 5243 0653

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

## OFFICE HOURS FOR THE REVEREND DOCTOR JONG SOO PARK

**Wednesday's at Newington 9.30am—12noon**

**Thursday's at Barwon Heads 9.30am—12noon**  
Except the second Thursday of the month when office hours  
will be 2.30pm—5.00pm

**Friday's at Ocean Grove 9.30am—12noon**

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

**If you have not added your name to the list please do so before  
the 26th of April.**

**“Sacrededge”**

Spirituality in Diversity

A festival of arts, music & spirituality

Queenscliff Uniting Church May 1,2,3

Festival enquires 5258 1986 (Office Hours)

Registration 5258 2854 (Office Hours) Cost \$159.00

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

**Monday April 27th**

**Parish Executive Meeting**

7.30pm in the foyer of the Ocean Grove Church

**Saturday May 2nd**

**“Safe Church Seminar”**

**1.30—5.00pm**

**Ocean Grove Church**

Please see the notice on your church noticeboard for registration details.

**“The Once and Future Bible: Reading the Scriptures today”**

Progressive Christian Theologian Rev. Dr. Gregory Jenks will present this talk on Sunday 26th April at St. Luke’s Uniting Church, Highton at 3.00pm at a special meeting of the Geelong Section of the progressive Christian Network of Victoria.

Rev. Dr. Gregory Jenks, an Anglican Australian religion scholar, is Academic Dean at St. Francis Theological College Brisbane. He has been Visiting Professor at St. George’s College, Jerusalem, and is co-director of the Bethsaida Archaeological Excavation in Israel.

Rev. Dr. Jenks notes: “The Scriptures have shaped generations of believers.

They have been invoked to defend traditional practices and also to justify radical change. Once seen as God’s revelation to humanity they are often now seen as human wisdom searching for the divine. How can we use these sacred texts with integrity and imagination so they serve as wellsprings of life?”

(See Geoff Naylor (5256 1420) for more information)

## OCEAN GROVE NEWS

**RETIRING OFFERING:** For the month April and May the money raised will be for the **Frontier Services**. The total for the Lenten Appeal was \$719.25 Thank you to all who give so generously.

**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**.

**LUNCH AT THE MANSE:** Have you included your name on a date? Then please do so. Jong Soo and Yoo Mi are looking forward to meeting you all in an informal setting. The list will always be available on a table in the foyer.

**ADVANCE NOTICE: On Saturday July 4th we will be having a "Book and Painting Sale"** to help clear out the Taj. Setting up will be done on the Friday prior so please note the two dates on your calendars now so that you keep these days free and are able to help.

**SAFE CHURCH SEMINAR: please take the time to read the coloured notice on the table in the foyer. If you would like to register, but do not have access to the website, please write your name on the sheet and a bulk registration will be made on your behalf.**

**UCAF:** The next meeting will be held on Monday May 4th at 10.00am in the church. Activity for the meeting will be Stamp trimming so please bring your stamps and scissors. Also if you are attending the 25th of May Gathering at Leopold would you please let Judy Greer or Robin Munro know before the end of April.

**DIRECT DEBIT:** Do you use this system for your offering for the work of the church? If so would you kindly check your bank statements that you are paying what you have indicated on the commitment form completed last year. One person has found out that the increase in their giving had not been done! If this is so contact Gillian Ryan to rectify the matter. Also on the cane table in the foyer are small cards that state "I give by Direct Debit" that you may like to use in the on Sundays in the offering bowl.