

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 SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

5.00pm Barwon Heads 9.00am Barwon Heads Contemporary Service The Reverend Ian Porter

9.00am Newington 9.00am Newington
The Reverend Dr. Jong Soo Park Mr. & Mrs. B. Shaw

10.30am Ocean Grove
The Reverend Dr. Jong Soo Park
Baptism of Tyson Reidy

10.30am Ocean Grove The Reverend Ian Porter

LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK (Pentecost 4) 1 Sm. 17: (1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49 or 1Sm. 17: 57-18:5, 10-16, Psalm 9: 9-20, or Psalm 133, 2Cor. 6: 1-13, Mark 4: 35-41

NEXT WEEK (Pentecost 5) 2 Sm. 1: 1, 17-27, Psalm 130 Eph. 2: 19-22, Jn. 17: 1-11

KEY VERSE

"We put no stumbling block in anyone's path, so that our ministry will not be discredited."

2 Corinthians 6: 3

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 377where you can leave a message and Fay will get back to you.

SHARE WINTER APPEAL: brochures are in the pews today, requesting urgent help by June 30th. At a times of increasing need—combined with government cutbacks—the need is urgent. Read about one family's experience: Richard's wife died, then he had a workplace injury which meant he was not able to work. A reduced income on benefits meant he could not pay his mortgage so he lost his house and was homeless with two children, living rough in the park or in a shipping container until a UnitingCare agency found them and provided crisis accommodation, food, clothing and medical help. Homeless children and families in desperate need are being turned away due to reduced funding. Your gift to the Share Winter Appeal will help UnitingCare agencies struggling to cope with the need for help. Please take brochure and respond as you are able.

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

"Retrospective" - a concert given by Geelong Musicians to honour the music of Dr. Malcolm John
Sunday 21st June 2.00—4.30pm
St. Luke's Uniting Church
Cnr. Barrabool & Scenic Roads Highton
Tickets \$15 & \$12 includes afternoon tea.
Bookings Anne Pilgrim 0412 524 316 or just come.

"The 7 Stars & 7 Candlesticks"

A musical interpretation of Revelation 1: 3 with the Winchelsea Combined Choir and special guest musicians and singers.

Globe Theatre Winchelsea

Sunday June 21st 4.00pm

Admission \$10 includes afternoon tea.

Enquiries 0419 53490

HUNGRY FOR CHANGE

The Ocean Grove JIM Group are promoting the ACT FOR PEACE RATION CHALLENGE. This is to help provide basic food for refugees like those displaced Burmese people in camps in Thailand. We are asking for sponsors or donations for one of our members who has registered for the Ration Challenge for 1 week in June and will eat the same basic rations as the refugees. This will consist mainly of very small amounts of rice, split peas, a little flour, fish, salt and oil. If enough money is raised through the people participating there may be sufficient for not only food but also tools and seeds which could help the refugees to assist in their provision for future needs.

We want to make a difference, help change attitudes towards the refugees in Australia and save lives.

If you would like to help by sponsoring or making a donation you could speak to Lyn Mulligan (5255 2638) or Joan Calcutt (5250 3789) or follow this link (rationchallenge.everydayhero.com/au/joan) for further details.

Thank you from Joan Calcutt and the JIM Team.

Thank you to all those kind folk who have already sponsored me or already donated for the ACT FOR PEACE RATION CHALLENGE. I am very pleased that Lesley Pope has also responded to the Ration Challenge and will live only on refugee rations for this coming week, to help raise more support for the people in the Thai Refugee Camps. Between us, with encouragement and support from family, our church family and friends we hope that our contribution will make a difference.

Message from Robert Renton
Presbytery Minister for the Presbytery of Port Philip West.

Dear Church Councillors,

It is with great pleasure that I advise you that Mr. Chris Machar will commence a new ministry in Geelong starting on the 22nd of June. His role is a half-time Geelong Fresh Expression ministry. The funding for this ministry is supported by the St. Andrews and St Albans Park Congregations and the Presbytery of Port Philip West.

Although this may be of only direct relevance to Church Councils and Congregations in the Geelong area end of our Presbytery, I felt that it would be valuable for all Church councils to become aware of new developments in our Presbytery.

Cheers. Robert Renton

OCEAN GROVE NEWS

RETIRING OFFERING: For the months of June and July will be for the Share Winter Appeal. Each week, hundreds of homeless parents and children are seeking assistance. And government cuts have left several Share-funded programs struggling to cope with the demand. Homeless children and families in desperate need are being turned away. This is happening right here in our Community. For the sake of these families...please support Share's Winter Appeal. Appeal envelopes are available on the small round table in the foyer.

PRAYER CONTACT: If you would like our prayer team to pray for you or others (with their permission) please contact Carol Lascelles (5256 3034) from June 22nd until July 8th.

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!

LOAVES AND FISHES FOOD PANTRY: We are **always** happy to receive non-perishable food items such as pasta sauce, pasta, long life milk, tins of tuna. Please leave them in the basket provided in the foyer. All donations will be dedicated on the 1st Sunday of the month.

UCAF next meeting Monday June 22nd at 10.00am in the church foyer. Guest Speaker Pam Lake from the Leprosy Mission. Members please bring a small plate of morning tea and items suitable for the Trading Table. All welcome—men too!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW what happens at Church Council Meetings? Then please take the time to read a copy of the minutes on the Noticeboard near the office door.

SECONDHAND BOOK AND PAINTING SALE: Setting up will begin at **9.00am on Friday July 3rd** and the actual sale begins at **8.00am on Saturday July 4th.** Remember "many hands make light work" so if you spare any time at all, Neil and Dianne would be very pleased to see you. If there is some who would be prepared to make a cuppa at about 10.30am for all the workers that would be great.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING: Thursday July 2nd 4.30pm in the church foyer.