

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

9.00am Barwon Heads

Share Sunday

11.00am Newington

Ms. Jean Murray

10.30am Ocean Grove

Mr. M. Nolan

Director Wesley Creative Centre

5.00pm Barwon Heads Ian Cover "Amazing Meteora"

9.00am Newington

The Reverend Brian Giddings

Holy Communion

10.30am Ocean Grove

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LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK (Pentecost 7) 2 Sm. 6: 1-5, 12b-19, Psalm 24 Ephesians 1: 3-14, Mark 6: 14-29

NEXT WEEK (Pentecost 8) 2 Sm. 7: 1-14a, Psalm 89: 20-37 Eph. 2: 11-22, Mark 6: 30=34, 53-56

KEY VERSE

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world and all who live in it.

Psalm 24: 1

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.

METEORA: Ever heard of this amazing place in Greece where monasteries sit high atop rocky outcrops? It was on Ian and Lydia over's itinerary during their recent trip to Greece and Italy. Ian will share pictures and stories about Meteora and other Christian encounters from the trip during next Sunday's Contemporary Service at 5.00pm at Barwon Heads. All welcome to the service followed by dinner.

JULY NEWSLETTER and CROSSLIGHT are available in the hall today. Please collect your own and take any others you can deliver to anyone not present today.

IGA POINTS accumulated on our church key tags at Barwon Heads IGA passed 10,000 at the end of June. We aim for 20,000 points by the 30th of November to convert into \$150 to purchase Christmas Cakes for UnitingCare Geelong to include in Christmas hampers for people in need. Please remember to show your church key tag each time you shop at IGA. New and replacement key tags available from Margaret Parry 5254 3208.

NEW WEEKDAY WOMEN'S GROUP SUGGESTED: Please talk to Merilyn Hansen 5254 3042 if you are interested, or know others who may be interested, in a one hour devotional and friendship group to meet fortnightly on Wednesday afternoons, 1.30—2.30pm

ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT: Friday August 21st 7.00pm till close. \$10 entry per person. Please form tables of 8 to 10 and make your booking with Lydia Cover on 5254 3328.Lydia can also help place you on a table if you don't have a group. More details next week.

Westgate Concert Band are returning to Queenscliff
Sunday August 23rd at 2.00pm
With a variety of music for your enjoyment.
Orchestral classics arranged by Concert Band, Symphonic Band music,
light foot tapping favourites and more.
Adults \$10.00, Children (under 15) \$5.00
Which includes afternoon tea at interval.
For more information please ring Dick Clark on 5258 2680

"UPDATE HUNGRY FOR CHANGE" Act for Peace Ration Challenge

Thank you all for your fantastic support in helping to relieve the awful situation for the Burmese refugees now in camps in Thailand. These unfortunate people are victims of prejudice and are unable to go home until the attitudes of their Government, the military and many of the citizens of Myanmar change toward them. With your help and encouragement and backing support from Lyn Mulligan on behalf of the OGUC JIM Group, Lesley and I have managed to raise nearly \$3500 for Act for Peace. Up until the 9th of July, the overall total that the 1,500 plus AFP Ration Challenge participants, has reached a staggering \$452, 795.00 which is an encouraging result and shows that many Australians do care and want to help make a fairer and more just world. May God bless and direct all of us as we try to show compassion and influence positive changes in our society and our world. Our sincere thanks Lesley Pope and Joan Calcutt.

NEW MENU ITEM ON THE WEBSITE

"Latest Photos"

Now you can view all that happens in the Parish as well as keep up to date with

ANNUAL LEAVE

The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park will be on Annual Leave from Tuesday July 7th until Monday July 20th. If you have any Pastoral Concerns will you please speak to either an Elder or your Church Council Chairperson so that the matter can be addressed promptly.

KOREAN LUNCH AT THE MANSE

SUNDAY JULY 26TH 12.30pm

The following people have indicated that would like to share a meal with the Park Family:

Greg and Helen Carruthers, Carol and Roger Lascelles, Glenice and Kelvin Benney, Peter Ward and Meg Carver. Please bring a plate of either sweet or savoury finger food to share.

OSL HEALING MINISTRIES

Tuesday 21st July, Grovedale Uniting Church 2.00—3.30pm You are invited to come, learn and share about the work and fellowship of the Order of St. Luke. Opportunities for praise, prayer, and ministry, plus fellowship over a cuppa and chat afterwards.

Phone Brian Giddings 5243 9655 for more info.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NEWSLETTER FOR SUNDAY JULY 26TH
WILL BE "PUBLISHED ON WEDNESDAY JULY 22ND.

All notices for this newsletter need to be at the church office by 8.30am on the Wednesday.

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 will be in recess for the next few weeks and will resume on Friday 17th July.

LOAVES AND FISHES FOOD PANTRY: would greatly appreciate your donations of **PASTA (any shape)** and jars of **PASTA SAUCE** this month. Please place you donations in the basket (marked accordingly) in the church foyer. All of your gifts are truly appreciated.

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.

THANK YOU from the members of the UCAF to all who supported the recent Fashion Parade. A total of \$1450 from entry proceeds has been sent to Share.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY AUGUST 2ND: This meeting will be held after morning worship and will be followed by a shared lunch. One of the agenda items will be elections. There is a vacancy for at least one Elder and vacancies for at least 2 Church Councillors. If you are interested in nominating for the position of a Church councillor or an Elder, please collect a nomination form from Diane Prowse (congregational Secretary or from the table in the foyer. Nomination forms are to be returned to Geoff Naylor (Congregational Chairperson) or Diane Prowse by Sunday July the 19th. If you have any items for the agenda, please have them on writing to give to Geoff Naylor by Sunday July the 19th.

THANK YOU to all who helped on Friday and Saturday with the book and painting sale. The total raised was \$538.25.

Please read the notice about the publication of the newsletter for Sunday July 26th on the previous page.