



# 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

9.00am Barwon Heads  
The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park

11.00am Newington  
The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park  
Holy Communion

10.30am Ocean Grove  
Justice & International Mission Group

## SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

**5.00pm** Barwon Heads  
Contemporary Service

9.00am Newington  
The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park

10.30am Ocean Grove  
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## LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK (Pentecost 16) Proverbs 1: 20-33, Psalm 19  
Jas.3: 1-12, Mark 8: 27-38

NEXT WEEK (Pentecost 17) Proverbs 31: 10-31, Psalm 1  
Jas.3: 13-4:3,7-8a, Mark 9: 30-37

## KEY VERSE

**“What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul?”  
Mark 8: 36**

## **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.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** Helen Carruthers has kindly offered to co-ordinate this year's collection. Boxes will be available from the Church each Sunday over the month of September. All filled boxes need to be returned by mid October. If filling a box is not your thing you may like to give a cash donation to aid in the delivery of the boxes, currently \$9 per box. For more information ring Helen n 5254 1299

**TRIVIA NIGHT RESULTS:** Thank you to all who attended, helped with preparations, made supper and donated silent auction items, making once again this event an enjoyable and profitable fundraiser for our GST (God's Special Tasks) projects. This year we raised \$2,288.35. Special thanks to Ocean Grove and Newington Churches and All Saints Anglican Church for their participation. Congratulations to the Barry's Newington group who took out first prize.

**FAIR FOOD PETITION:** Workers on farms all over Australia are being forced to work up to 22 hours a day for cash payments as low as \$4 an hour, picking and packing the fresh fruit and vegies that we buy at the supermarket. Read more at [www.fairfoodaustralia.au](http://www.fairfoodaustralia.au) and please sign the petition that is in the church foyer and in the hall.

**THE RACE AGAINST DEMENTIA:** An Alzheimer Australia memory Walk and Jog will be held at Eastern Park Geelong today Sunday 13th September to raise funds and awareness about dementia. All ages and fitness levels encouraged. You can walk, run, jog as far as you wish. Adults \$25, Concession \$15, Family \$60, Corporate \$85. More information phone 9816 5746 or [memorywalk.com.au](http://memorywalk.com.au)

**OUR IGA POINTS** at the end of August had reached 13,500 which means we be struggling to reach our target of 20,000 points to use to buy Christmas Cakes for UnitingCare Geelong to distribute in their Christmas Hampers to people in need. Please remember to show your church IGA key tag whenever you shop at barwon heads IGA.

**CONTEMPORARY SERVICE:** Rev. Cam Butler will be "in conversation" with Ian Cover at our 5.00pm service on Sunday 20th September. Cam spent 16 years as Chaplain at Melbourne Football Club and is now National Director of Sports and Chaplaincy Australia. He will talk about his Christian faith, the Chaplain's role around sports clubs and facing the challenges of tragedies involving Peter Brock, Phil Hughes and Phil Walsh. Bring the family, invite a friend, enjoy the service and join us for dinner. Enquiries to Ian Cover 0418 581 900

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "The church is not an organisation you join, it is a family, where you belong!" Nicky Gumbel

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

**Please note that until further notice there is no fax machine available at the church office. Please send all notices via email.**

#### DATES FOR CALENDARS

**Wednesday September 16th:** “Fostering and Deepening Faith” Wesley Uniting Church Geelong 6.00pm soup and bread, 7.00pm Seminar with Father Elio Capra. RSVP Peter 0417 425 188 or Leanne 5229 8866

**Saturday September 19th:** “Call to Prayer for the Nation” 9.30am—12.30pm Church of Christ 17Tareeda Way, Ocean Grove.

**Sunday September 20th:** Coryule Chorus presents a pleasant afternoon of Choral Music 2.00pm Uniting Church Hall, Newcombe Street Portarlington. Tickets \$10 includes afternoon tea.

**Friday September 25th** you are invited a seminar on the Synod Disability Action Plan with special guest Ms Colleen Pearce, Public Advocate 3.30pm at Uniting Church Centre 130 Little Collins Street Melbourne RSVP to Ann Byrne 9251 5404 before Friday 18th September.

**Tuesday October 6th:** Luncheon and Variety Concert, Ocean Grove Senior Citizens Centre., 101 the Terrace Ocean grove. Lunch will be served at 12noon and bookings can be made by ringing 5255 2996 , leaving your name, phone number and number of people attending.

#### JUSTICE FOR REFUGEES UCA PETITION CLOSE NAURU DETENTION CENTRE!

The UCA is renewing its call for the immediate closure of the Nauru detention centre after another damning report into the centre’s operations. President of the UCA Mr. Stuart McMillan said, “It is Australia’s moral responsibility to ensure that asylum seekers are safe in these centres, but they are not safe. How many more reports and allegations of the abuse and sexual assault of women and children do we need before the government takes action?”

The Senate Select Committee is clear that the centre is the responsibility of our government and we cannot hide behind the excuse that it is Nauru’s responsibility. The centre belongs to us and we are responsible for all that happens there. The UCA is asking us to support this call to close Nauru detention centre and to transfer children and families back to Australia for care and processing and to sign the formal petition to be lodged with the House of representatives Standing Committee on Petitions.

**Copies of the petition are available in all three churches , so please take the time to consider signing this important document.**

## OCEAN GROVE NEWS

**RETIRING OFFERING:** For the months of August, September and October all money raised will be directed to the Synod JIM Group and an Asylum Seeker Project. Thank you for your generosity.

**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. Come for a coffee/tea, chat and more than often a good giggle!!!

**WOOL PLEASE:** The UCAF knitters are in need of **8ply** knitting yarn for our Rug Project—our supplies have come to an end! **Yarn can be wool or acrylic.** It takes about 750grams of yarn to make a good size knee rug or 15 x 50gram balls of wool. In the last month we have supplied 14 rugs to UnitingCare in Corio for people in the community struggling to keep warm this winter. Please place any wool donations in the marked container in the foyer.

**NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR JUDY GREER:** [jgreer3226@gmail.com](mailto:jgreer3226@gmail.com)

**NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR ROBERT & BARBARA COX:**  
[robertcox62@gmail.com](mailto:robertcox62@gmail.com) and [barbcox999@gmail.com](mailto:barbcox999@gmail.com)

**THANK YOU** for your cards, phone calls and prayer while I was in hospital over the last 8 weeks. I am now in permanent residence at Seaview Manor and my phone number is 5256 2901. Jean Gunn

**LOAVES AND FISHES PANTRY:** many thanks to everyone for your continued support of our Loaves and Fishes Pantry. It has been an exceptionally cold winter and our people have all been most appreciative of the opportunity to select nutritious food staples. The high cost of heating has made it very difficult for many people to stay warm and purchase adequate food supplies. **For the months of September and October it would be great to receive 500g packets of flour (both plain and Self Raising), to help boost our selection of groceries.**

**SAMMY STAMP:** The UCAF is also ready to take your stamps and trim them. There is a box in the foyer marked accordingly so please collect up the stamps and bring them along. If you are not sure on how to trim, then kindly leave them on the envelopes. Postage paid envelopes need to be left in tack, phone cards and postcards are also accepted. Help keep the UCAF busy by supporting another part of the UCA Synod of Vic. & Tas.

**THANK YOU** to all for your visits, phone calls and get well cards during my recent stay in hospital and now at "White Haven", Newcomb. Much appreciated. Nancy Dohnt.