

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

The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park

Holy Communion

9.00am Barwon Heads

9.00am Newington 11.00am Newington

Mr. Doug Gorwell The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park

Holy Communion

10.30am Ocean Grove

The Reverend Doctor Jong Soo Park Justice & International Mission Group

Holy Communion

10.30am Ocean Grove

LECTIONARY READINGS

THIS WEEK (Pentecost 15) Song 2: 8-13, Psalm 45: 1-2, 6-9 Jas.2: 1-10, (11-13), 14-17, Mark 7: 24-37

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

KEY VERSE

"Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, they more they kept talking.

Mark 7: 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 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.

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 and please sign the petition that is in the church foyer and in the hall.

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 7 CROSSLIGHT are available in the church hall today. Please collect your own and take any you can deliver to people not here today.

THE RACE AGAINST DEMENTIA: An Alzheimer Australia memory Walk and Jog will be held at Eastern Park Geelong next 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

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

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.

Have you every looked on the church website?

Then please take the time to do so.

There is a new page called "Latest Photos" that is worth looking at.

Website address on the front of this newsletter.

Position Vacant: Director, Wesley Centre for Life Enrichment. Work type: Part time (20 hours per week). The Centre is looking for a director, committed to social justice and community welfare, qualified and capable of taking initiative to lead the activities & programs of the agency. Applications close September 21st. For full position description contact office@wesleychurchgeelong.net

DATES FOR CALENDARS

Friday September 11th: Australian Octet "Souvenir of Florence" Sublime music for strings by Tchaikovsky and Bruch 7.30pm at McAuley Hall, Sacred Heart College Newtown. For tickets please rings GCMS 5243 6931 or GPAC 5225 1200

Saturday September 12th: JIM Unit Convention 2015 "What kind of Australia do we want to be? 9.30am –4.30pm Centre of Theology & Ministry Melbourne, \$20 for those attending. This promises to be a challenging yet informative day with outstanding speakers and workshops. Some transport is available. For more information and registration forms please contact Lyn Mulligan (5255 2638) or Joan Calcutt (5250 3789)

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

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.

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

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR ROBERT& BARBARA COX:

robertcox62@gmail.com and 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

ELDERS meet Thursday September 10th at 10.00am in the church foyer.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH CHURCH SERVICE will be led by members of the Justice & International Mission Group. Guest speaker will be from the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre. A light luncheon will follow the service where our guest speaker will give a presentation and answer any questions you may have. It would be appreciated if church members could bring a plate of finger food to share.

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 may 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.