



Welcome to Burwood Uniting Church

Grounded in Faith/Engaged in the World, BUC is called
To know God personally and God's mission for the world
To be an adventurous Christ-Centred Community
To relate through God's reconciling love, to all people
To respond faithfully to the urging of the Spirit

Sunday 12th September 2021

**A special welcome to first time worshippers.
May you be blessed through your time with us.**

This service is being livestreamed so please join us in **LIVE** [worship at 10.00am AEST](#) at this link
[BUC service live 12th September](#)

If you miss the start or wish to view it later, just open [YouTube](#) on your TV or IT device and search for "Burwood Uniting Church Melbourne".

Worship led by Rev John Mann.

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

SONG OF WELCOME **TIS 671** *Made in God's likeness.*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

WELCOME & NOTICES

WE SING **TIS 526** *Lord Jesus Christ you have come to us.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE

BELONGING

SCRIPTURE READINGS James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38

WE SING **TIS 549** *God be in my head.*

THE JOURNEY

MUSIC REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SONG OF OFFERING **TIS 398** *Come down, O love divine.*

SENDING OUT & BLESSING

SONG OF BLESSING **TIS 717** *Give thanks for the grateful heart.*

PEW SHEET : Please forward all notices to **RICHARD** richard.hedding@gmail.com by Wednesday 5.00pm. Please state for which date/s you need your notice to be listed. Neither the church email, nor the Office will be accessed for this process, so do not leave any messages in the Office.

PRAYER NETWORK: For the month of September please forward prayers to be circulated to Max at 9913 8380 or mandf.procter@gmail.com by midday on Mondays. Additional prayers will be circulated as needed.



BUC Prayer Focus:

- Open eyes to the blessings of the week giving thanks; lift your struggles to the Lord.
- Lord show us where care and encouragement is needed; give us the words and actions for the moment.

SUNDAY 19th SEPTEMBER **Worship Leader:** Rev John Mann.

Lectionary Readings: Prv 31:10-31; Ps 1; Jas 3:13–4:3,7-8a; Mk 9:30-37

TUESDAY EVENING ZOOM GROUP: will be meeting on Tuesday 14th September at 7:30pm for fellowship, prayer and to discuss a two-part video series, by British theologian Paula Gooder, on the Gospel of Mark.

To prepare, just watch the video beforehand (approx. 25 minutes) and come along with some thoughts on what you found interesting and, if you want to, some questions you'd like to explore. The discussion is informal and takes place in a relaxed, supportive environment, so just prepare and contribute as you wish. If you would like to join us, please contact Mary or Margaret and we will send you the Zoom link as well as links to the video series. All are welcome.

MONASH INTERFAITH HAPPENING: Date: Thursday 23 Sept 2021 Time: 6.50pm for 7pm to 8:30pm. Hear FIVE WOMEN, FIVE FAITHS, ready to share FIVE INSPIRING STORIES of how they live their faiths in fascinating ways. You will receive a link for this online Gathering if you register using the try booking link <https://www.trybooking.com/BTTNH>

OUR VISION FOR A JUST AUSTRALIA: The new update of the Uniting Church statement “Our Vision for a Just Australia” expresses our hopes for Australia to be a nation that is just, compassionate, inclusive and courageous. To be updated on these challenges and hopes please go to <https://uniting.church/a-vision-for-a-just-australia/>

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YARRA YARRA PRESBYTERY MEETING 28th AUGUST, 2021. From John Campbell Burwood U.C. representative.

- Presentation by Peter Thomas, Synod Director of Property Services, on Essential Safety Measures for Congregations. This is mainly concerned with Fire and Emergency systems in our buildings and further details will be provided by Synod to the Church Council.
- Advanced notice was given that the 2022 Synod meeting will be held from 30th June to 3rd July.
- The Presbytery will establish a Covenanting Working Group in order to develop our understanding of and the relationship between Australia’s First and Second Peoples.
- The Presbytery is currently working with eleven people in various stages of their Period of Discernment.

COMMITMENT GIVING: Thanks to all those who have successfully arranged for their regular offering to be paid directly into BUC's Commonwealth Bank account following the cessation of the direct giving arrangement formerly offered through U Ethical. If anyone still needs assistance to make this change or has any other questions in relation to their regular commitment giving, please contact our Treasurer, Alan Bailey.

SOCIAL JUSTICE DATES: SEPTEMBER 2021: (Synod).

15th. International Day of Democracy.

21st. International Day of Peace.

26th. Migrant and Refugee Sunday, and International Day for the total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons.

DONATIONS: of Food and Toiletries continue to be required in our community. Please remember others when you do your own shopping. When worship gatherings resume you will then have a stock ready to bring. The need will be great.

A NEW COMMUNION SERVICE AT BUC: We are looking to introduce a Communion service for people who find it difficult to get to church on a Sunday morning. The service would probably take place on a weekday and we would endeavour to provide transport if needed. If you are interested or if you know someone who may be interested, please contact John M or Fran W.

