



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 26th September 2021

Refugee and Migrant Sunday

**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 26th 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 626** Lord of creation to you be all praise!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

WELCOME & NOTICES

WE SING **TIS 690** *Beauty for brokenness.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONFESSION

ASSURANCE

SCRIPTURE READINGS James 5: 13 – 20
Mark 9: 38 – 50

WE SING **TIS 665** *Jesus Christ is waiting.*

THE JOURNEY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SONG OF OFFERING **TIS 689** *Lord hear my praying.*

BLESSING OF OFFERING

HOLY COMMUNION

SENDING OUT & BLESSING

SONG OF BLESSING **TIS 778** *Shalom to you now (x2).*

Jane's Prayers of the people for Sunday 26th September

Loving God, as the rates of discrimination against those of diverse ethnicity; gender; disability and disadvantage rise, we pray that you will protect those who are enduring such discrimination. Guide them to places and people who will treat them with respect and see them as being more than targets for aggression, pity or ridicule and treat them human beings they are. May those who inflict bullying or discrimination of any form against those of different ethnicity; ability; gender identity and socio-economic status realise that there are more suitable ways to communicate with all people, feel compelled to change their ways and seek ways to interact with all people in more respectful ways. Open the minds of those who seek to abuse these people to the issues that those they want to belittle are going through, help them to understand how their words and actions impact not only the people they target but also their own spirit and those around them.

Patient Lord, you are aware of the needs of the community in getting vaccines to where they are needed most and who are still unable to get the vaccine, may those who are in the process of getting vaccinated have a smooth and comfortable process and those who cannot be vaccinated have the patience and persistence to wait for those who can. Give wisdom to the political leaders as they make adjustments to the guide of easing restrictions so that they will know the right steps to take at each stage of the process. Surround us all with the patience and hope that your presence brings, so that we can support our families and friends to get through this stressful time, ensure that adequate time and notice is given to businesses so that preparations can be made for eventual opening and that community organisations can safely resume activities and services.

Strengthening God, we ask that resources are available to people where and when they are really needed to protect the physical and mental health of all people in the community, provide effective connection for those who have lost touch with loved ones. Enfold us in your love, through the restoring power of the holy spirit, to see that there is hope of improvement in our lives and guide

us towards those who need the support that we can provide so that your children will be strengthened in their mental wellbeing. May we all see the wonders of spring and feel renewed in spirit and physically strong and get outdoors more to enjoy the sunshine and be with loved ones again. Give understanding to those who have become unwilling to do what is right so that they may realise the mistakes they have made and make changes to their behaviours in regards to the restrictions.

Inspiring Lord, you have given us many talents, show us the best ways to use these talents in our servitude to you. Provide us with experience so that we may learn to be compassionate towards each other, embrace gentleness and act with wisdom in all our ways. We are given all these things through the holy spirit and your love of all your children, open our minds to know how we can best serve you and embolden us to do your will with confidence to do what is necessary within our capabilities with humbleness and kindness, may we not be boastful of the things we do in your name or seek recognition but be content in the knowledge that our actions are pure and worthy of your love.

Amen.

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:

- For patience, perseverance and understanding to bring us through to life after Covid-19 lockdowns as soon as possible.
And taken from UCA National News
- Those feeling the strain of lockdown, those struggling economically and those who are sick from Covid-19. We give thanks to our healthcare workers and those who are reaching out to care for the most vulnerable right now.
- Equitable access to vaccines to ensure all in our communities are safe.

SUNDAY 3rd OCTOBER Worship Leader: Rev John Mann.

Lectionary Readings: Jb 1:1; 2:1-10; Ps 26; Heb 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mk 10:2-16

TUESDAY EVENING ZOOM GROUP: will be meeting on Tuesday 28th September at 7:30pm for fellowship, prayer and to discuss the Melbourne-based documentary, "Yom Kippur in Lockdown."

To prepare, just watch the video beforehand (approx. 28 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 a link to the video. All are welcome.

FRONTIER SERVICES will be a focus at the Sunday 3 October Service. Due to COVID-19 we again cannot BBQ together as we have in the past. To donate to this wonderful arm of the Uniting church, please go to their web page <https://frontierservices.org>

IN LIEU OF CANTERBURY COUNCIL OF CHURCHES BREAKFAST: Sadly the CCC have cancelled their annual breakfast this year, but because the subject is so important in the present environment the founder of StableOne will be a guest speaker to tell of the work done to assist the homeless through the churches. The event will be held via zoom on Tuesday, 5th October at 7.30pm. To attend this free gathering please email Lyn Jerram jlynmichael7@yahoo.com.au with heading CCC so she can forward the link on the night.

Thank you for your support, Blessings, Lyn Jerram, Secretary, Canterbury Council of Churches

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).

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.

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING DEEPER IN THE FAITH? What does baptism, confirmation or re-affirmation of baptism mean for you? Are you interested in sharing in a journey of discovery or re-discovery? Contact John M to discuss possibilities.

CONTACTS

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REGULAR SERVICES

Sunday Worship: 10.00 am: Face to face in the Worship Centre

Communion: 10.00am 4th Sunday

Taize Service: 8.00pm 4th Wednesday (Feb – Nov)

Messy Church: 5.00pm 4th Saturday of the month (Feb-Nov)