

Ashburton-Burwood Uniting Church

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Purpose: *Welcome all. Nurture faith. Grow disciples.*

Vision: *A welcoming missional community, nurturing faith and growing disciples, sharing God's love intentionally, serving God's world compassionately and striving to be faithful followers of Jesus*

Sunday 17 August 2025 Pentecost 10 Year C

Service of Worship will be held at 10am at AUC in The Lighthouse

As Sunday's Service, 10.00am 17th August, at Ashburton will be held in the Lighthouse, we will be trialling a YouTube Live Stream.

All are welcome to Tune in to the worship using the following link :

<https://youtube.com/live/1xJRJyRcGUU>

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ZOOM LINK as follows –Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83665396506?pwd=blU2YjZoTHVnV25RM3F2TIV4TFk2Zz09>

Meeting ID: 836 6539 6506 Passcode: 916429

FROM REV BARB:

Hello everyone, if you would particularly like a telephone call or a visit while I am your Supply Minister, please feel free to contact me (0439 643 297 or barbstrickland@fastmail.fm). I will usually be available for this either on Wednesdays or Fridays, but can be contacted on other days, except for Monday. Or, you can speak to me on Sundays.

ORDER OF SERVICE

BLESSING OF ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL

Minister: Rev Barbara Strickland; Minister's Steward: Michael Donnelly

Welcome

Acknowledgement of Country

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

SING TiS 100 (5 vv) 'All creatures of our God and King'

Holy Scripture - Genesis 1:24-31

Psalm 104:10-25

Luke 12:22-31

SING TiS 135 (2 vv) 'All things bright and beautiful'

GIVING THANKS THROUGH PERSONAL STORIES

'Cracker Jack' – Dolly Parton

Further GIVING THANKS THROUGH PERSONAL STORIES

'Consider the Other Kingdoms' – poem by Mary Oliver

St Francis of Assisi – short video

'Stop Still and Listen' – Digby Hannah

Offering

Notices

Thanksgiving Prayer – for creatures and creation

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

SING TiS 666 (1 v) 'We are living in the love of God'

Blessing

ROSTER – 17 August 2025 at AUC – Pentecost 10

Minister's Steward:	Michael Donnelly
Narthex & Count Steward:	Howard Hamlyn
Door & Offering:	Dale Gully, Pam Degenhardt
Readers:	Alison Wright, Robin Foote
Sound:	Libby McLauchlan
Music:	Music Team
Computer	Libby McLauchlan
Power Point:	Michael Donnelly
Morning Tea:	Dawn Sullivan, Elaine Gloster, Jill Capstick
On line Communications:	Christine Chappell/Dawn Sullivan

Genesis 1: 24

*And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind."
And it was so.*

SUNDAY 24 August: at Burwood UC

10.00 am Worship Leaders: Rev Barbara Strickland, Glenys Borland & worship team,
Lectionary Readings: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6; Heb 12:18-29; Lk 13:10-17



SUNDAY 24 AUGUST following Worship, an **Interment Service** for Dale Stuart-Smith will be held in the BUC Memorial Garden. You are welcome to join the family.

WORSHIP IN SONG - Sunday 31st August

Barbara will be away on this Sunday (31st), attending Synod. In her absence, I will be putting together a service from our favourite and meaningful hymns and songs. This is your invitation to contribute!

Please contact me with a suggested song, along with an explanation of why it is meaningful to you. Please also provide a hymn number or source for the music, if at all possible (if you are struggling with this, please still get in touch and we will try to figure it out together).

Anne Campbell, email: acampbell06@iinet.net.au, phone: 0487 750 442



Presbytery Consultation Report -

Following the Congregational Workshop conducted by our Presbytery representatives Chris Barnett and Nancy Cox on July 20, a draft interim report was presented to Council this week. This process has been known previously as a 'Mission Study'; in our case the workshop and report builds on the Memorandum of Understanding/Covenant agreed to by the Congregation in October 2024 which resulted in our official amalgamation in April this year. Please note this report is from Chris and Nancy to the Presbytery Pastoral Relations Committee (PRC). It is written about us, it is not written to us.

The report is one of the steps on our journey toward calling a Ministry Agent/Minister. The next steps include

- Minor revisions based on the discussion with Church Council this past week
- Presentation of the report to the PRC in early September
- If accepted by PRC, we will be given permission to form a Joint Nominating Committee (JNC) whose task it will be to define our needs for a minister and work through the process of calling a minister.

The report has highlighted some issues which Council would like to explore further with the congregation. These include: Re-focusing on Agreed Priorities, Connecting our Longed-for Future with Present Reality, Planning for Financial Sustainability, Understanding what is causing anxiety, and Leadership Support. *Please help us with this.* We will be asking you, formally and informally, to help us understand what is behind the comments raised in the workshop and what you would like to see the Council, in leading the congregation, doing to address the issues.

Thank you in advance for your honesty and commitment to our future.

In Christ,

Alison, Council Co-Chair, on behalf of Church Council

From Graeme and Eileen

It is with both a sad heart and a heart open to a new future that we need to tell you, who have been our church family, through thick and thin, for over 40 years, that we are moving on.

Most of you have heard us talk about the desire to be part of a church community closer to home after moving to Glen Waverley 20 years ago. It's been hard to pull ourselves away, but early last year we decided that we would leave in the middle of this year, and in the meantime have been worshipping in Glen Waverley at least once a month.

Thank you, for being a loving, supporting, nurturing family. We love you, and intend to join you in worship from time to time. The new AUC/BUC family will be in our prayers as you continue to discover your new identity and minister to each other and the wider community together.

(PS The Prayer chain will continue and an updated message will be sent out later.)

SOME HAPPENINGS IN AUGUST

TUESDAY MEN'S GROUP Weekly on Tuesdays at 8pm on Zoom. Please contact Paul Mattiske or Michael Donnelly.

WEDNESDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP meets weekly at BUC using "With love to the World". 9am-10am. All are welcome.

SPECIAL MORNING TEA – **Wednesday 20 August at 10.30am** in the Lighthouse at AUC. Come along to enjoy a cuppa and some company.



BARRY'S PLACE at Burwood UC is open on **Thursdays**, between 10 and 11.30am; share in a cuppa and relaxed conversation.

RE THE FUNERAL FOR TREVOR REEVES – Trevor was a member of a very active and vital young adults group at Ashburton in the 70's into the 80's. Unfortunately we don't yet have confirmed details for the funeral of Trevor but it is likely to be Friday August 22 at Ashburton. The service will be led by Rev David Withers; the funeral reception is likely to be somewhere other than the Light House. When the details are confirmed with Barbara and/or Patsy, we can share them with the congregation (if they come through later today we will get them to you ASAP). It is expected there will be many people there.

COMMUNITY FORUM ON LONELINESS AND CONNEXION

Imagine a world where everyone feels connected and belongs

Sunday 24th August, 3:00pm - Stonnington Community Uniting Church, 57-59 Burke Rd, Malvern East (Corner Coppin St) - Includes Speakers Panel, Mini Expo, Support Organisations, Q&A and afternoon tea. Free event, No bookings required, All welcome. Questions? Ring 9571 4575

POWER OUTAGE AT ASHBURTON - Remaining works on the telecommunications tower will require the power to be off at the Ashburton site from Monday morning August 25 to early afternoon Tuesday August 26. Scheduled hall users have been notified of the disruption.

SPARE BIKE OR GARDENING TOOLS ANYONE?

A family in the Uniting Project in the manse would like a bike for the husband as he now does not have a car. Basic gardening tools would also be appreciated and maybe a line trimmer / whipper snipper for their garden edging? More detail next issue. Contact Graeme Stone garjenstone@bigpond.com 0431 915198

FRONTIER NEWS August is now available at both churches. Features in this edition are: opening of the church in Oodnadatta; Outback Links volunteers support of folk following Queensland floods and a first look at Christmas Cards for this year.

THANKYOU TO ALL who supported the ABUC Fellowship Groups' GET ON BOARD METRO TRAINS presentation. Some may have not expected to learn a great deal, however, speaker Dylan Lloyd was both entertaining and informative. We all learnt something and hope the presentation has helped you feel more comfortable and safer using public transport, particularly Metro. The following link is to the Journey Planner which Lloyd described, click on it and plan your next journey !! . <https://www.ptv.vic.gov.au/journey> Please feel free to ask for help in using the Journey Planner – many of us are using. Graeme and Kevin

PEW SHEET: Please forward all notices to Dawn das42ul@gmail.com by Wednesday 5.00pm. Please state for which date/s you need your notice to be listed.

BUC/AUC UPCOMING EVENTS and SERVICES are listed on the Quarterly Calendar on the Communications page on the BUC website. Also refer to 'Views from the Lighthouse', Ashburton UC.

NOTE: AUC = Ashburton UC, 3 Ashburn Grove Ashburton - BUC = Burwood UC, 1 Hyslop St., Glen Iris

WITH LOVE TO THE WORLD – Michael Donnelly has copies at Ashburton of the new issue entitled the "Creation edition". \$7 per copy – if possible paid into our bank account as follows: BSB 033106; A/c No. 121266 – Reference "Booklet" A/c Name: Ashburton Uniting Church Parish Council. Please ensure you enter your name on the list with the box of booklets when you take one.

You are invited to send prayer requests to:



BUC PRAYER NETWORK: For the month of August please forward prayers to be circulated to Jenny at grajenstone@boigpond.com by midday on Mondays. Additional prayers will be circulated as needed. (If email not available use 0434 007463).

PRAYER CHAINS:

Email prayer requests to
Eileen & Graeme
rulefam@bigpond.net.au

VIEWS FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE: The September issue will be available on the first Sunday in September – 7th. Spring will be in the air so perhaps some might like to put something in about their garden, maybe an article "Why I like my garden" or "What my garden means to me", perhaps something about a visit to the Botanical gardens, here in Melbourne, or elsewhere in the world. It is also the day when Fathers are celebrated so you may like to write something about your father or someone who is father-like. So lots to write about. Thank you for the response to the August issue. It was interesting to read of the variety of volunteering and some of the unusual tasks that people generously give their time to do. Email articles to Dawn das42ul@gmail.com by 4 September 2025.

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

The first question which the priest and the Levite asked was: 'If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?' But...the good Samaritan reversed the question: 'If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?' Martin Luther King Jr.

Food, toiletries and household goods can be brought to Burwood church to support Burwood Neighbourhood House, Camcare and East Burwood Care. The basket is placed in the foyer at Burwood during the week and in the church during the services on Sundays. Bread is also available for anyone to take.

Non-perishable food items can be brought to Ashburton church and placed in the Care & Kindness Pantry which is outside the glass doors of the church under the covered area. People are free to take whatever they need from the pantry at any time.

If you wish, you may donate cash which is used to purchase groceries for the pantry. Place cash in an envelope clearly marked "Pantry" and put it in the offering plate or you can make a direct deposit to the church bank account as follows: BSB 033106; A/c No. 121266 – Reference "Pantry" A/c Name: Ashburton Uniting Church Parish Council.

THANK YOU to all for your continued support and generosity.

Prayer Focus:

God help us in our struggles 'to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, on whom our faith depends' Heb 12:2

Prayer Points:

For our church council members working on the tasks involved in bringing together our congregation.

WCC Prayer Cycle

17-23 August - Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger

Thankful for the heritage of ancient trade routes, rich oral traditions and nomadic practices of people in the lands these countries now occupy

Pray for desperate children and others who turn to crime or begging or become enslaved

WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

PRAYER CYCLE: The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle takes us through every region of the world over the course of a year.

<https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/prayer-cycle>

18 – 24 August 2025: Liberia, Sierra Leone

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we worship, the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation and pay our respects to Elders past and present.

We pray to you, Lord,
for the sustenance of life for the people of these five countries,
Mali, Niger, Chad, Burkina Faso and Mauritania.
Stir up the strength and courage of all those who are engaged
in lifting these countries out of poverty.

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WORSHIP at ASHBURTON-BURWOOD UC.

with Rev Barbara Strickland

August: Sunday @ 10.00 am

17th Ashburn Gr., Ashburton.

24th Hyslop St.,

31st Hyslop St.

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ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:
*Sometimes, a true friend
gives his paw not his hand...*