

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 24 August 2025 Pentecost 11 Year C

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

You Tube live Stream Link for Sunday's Service, 10.00 am 24 August at BUC.

<https://youtube.com/live/6OzkA2pKvZA>

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".

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

Minister: Rev Barbara Strickland; Worship leader: Glenys Borland

Pre-singing chosen by music team members

Welcome

Acknowledgement of Country

Call to Worship

Prayer of the day

HYMN – TiS 158 'God has spoken by his prophets'

Prayer of Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

The Peace

Scripture: Readers: Shimunza & Libby

(1) Jer 1:4-10,

(2) Heb 12:18-29,

(3) Luke 13:10-17

Early Word – 'All bent out of shape'

HYMN - TiS 569 'Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer'

Reflection – 'The Transforming Power of Christ'

HYMN (NEW) 'That woman in the crowd'

Offering

Notices

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

HYMN – TiS 613 'Lord of all hopefulness'

Charge

Blessing

Post-singing chosen by music team members



TODAY, 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.

THANK YOU to Barbara, Michael and Patsy and all others involved in bringing together and presenting the service of "All Creatures Great and Small" last Sunday. It was a lovely occasion.

ROSTER - SUNDAY 24 August at BUC

Worship Leaders: Rev Barbara Strickland and Glenys Borland
Elder on duty: Fran Willmott
Stewards/Welcomers: Ian Willmott, Val Nixon, Angus Moore
Readers: Shimunza Kaunga, Libby McLauchlan
Organist: Colin Prohasky
Singer: Alan Bailey
Power Point: Angus Borland
Morning Tea: Graeme & Jenny Stone, Dawn Sullivan
Online Communications: Christine Chappell/Dawn Sullivan

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.

SUNDAY 31 August: at Burwood UC – Message through Song

10.00 am Worship Leaders: Anne Campbell & worship team,

Lectionary Readings: Jer 2:4-13; Ps 81:1, 10-16; Heb 13:1-8, 15-16; Lk 14:1, 7-14



31ST AUGUST MUSIC SERVICE - last chance to contribute song suggestions.

Planning for this service is well under way - thanks to those who have contributed song suggestions. If you have been meaning to, today is your absolute last chance (for this time). Talk to Anne C (ph 0487 750 442) or email acampbell06@iinet.net.au

TODAY – SUNDAY 24 AUGUST - 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. See flyer on noticeboards.

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.

SUPPER AT 6 – Wednesday 27 August at 6.00pm in the Lighthouse at AUC. Come along to enjoy a lovely warming meal 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.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Sunday 28 September a light lunch will follow our morning worship at Burwood. Watch and listen for more details.

SPARE GARDENING TOOLS ANYONE?

We now have a bike for the family in the Uniting Project in the manse – thanks Kevin. Basic gardening tools would still be appreciated and maybe a line trimmer / whipper snipper for their garden edging? Perhaps a spade, fork and trowel and small fork? We hope to set him up to create vegie garden in the backyard. Contact Graeme Stone garjenstone@bigpond.com 0431 915198

WITH LOVE TO THE WORLD – Michael Donnelly still has some copies at Ashburton of the new issue entitled the "Creation edition". \$7 per copy

From Paul and Diane

After much thought and prayer over the last 18 months we have decided to move to another church.

We have been with Ashburton-Burwood Uniting Church for a season, but now it is time to move on and see what the next stage brings.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your warm welcome, fellowship and the blessing it has been to be a part of this church community.

May God's guiding hand lead and support you in the journey ahead.

SYNOD 2025 STARTS NEXT SATURDAY <https://victas.uca.org.au/synod-meeting/> with an opening worship service, which this year will include the installation of a new Moderator, Rev Salesi Faupula. Opening Worship will be held at Kingswood College commencing at 10am and will be followed by morning tea. The Synod Meeting will commence at 1.30pm at nearby Box Hill Town Hall on August 30 and conclude by 4pm on Tuesday September 2. Both venues are disability-friendly with easy access by car or public transport. Synod is a wonderful chance to see how the church works on another level.

For an information booklet – click here

https://issuu.com/ucavictas/docs/all_you_need_to_know_about_synod2025

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

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@bigpond.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. Email articles to Dawn das42ul@gmail.com by Thursday 4 September 2025.

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

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 give us awareness that you talk to us through people we meet, life situations, nature, songs we sing and your Word. Give us ears to hear and courage to act.

Prayer Points:

Pray for the VicTas Synod meeting where many decisions are made that affect us all.

WCC Prayer Cycle

24-30 August - Liberia, Sierra Leone

- the churches in these countries, for their evangelism and social outreach, faithful witness and action in times of conflict, and for interfaith cooperation with others
- the majority of the people who are still impoverished, that adequate services and policies will be provided that enable them to live with dignity and good health

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>

31 Aug – 6 Sept. Cape Verde, The Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Senegal

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.

FROM THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY - This week, the Assembly has launched a new set of resources to help Uniting Church communities take real, practical action for peace and justice in Palestine – and to engage with the World Council of Churches statement on Palestine and Israel, now adopted by the Uniting Church Assembly.

You'll find everything in one place on our brand new central resource hub:

- [Artwork](#) for your church to print and display banners
- [Template letters](#) to write to Government
- [An FAQ](#) answering key questions about the WCC statement
- **The President's** [Liturgy of Lament for Gaza](#) to use in worship
- [Donate](#) to UnitingWorld's Gaza Crisis Appeal
- [Take part in this creative action](#) led by the Palestine and Israel Ecumenical Network

Explore the full collection of Uniting Church statements, resolutions and resources concerning Palestine and Israel [here](#).

And this Sunday 24 August, following the powerful March for Humanity in Sydney, people across the country will gather again for a **National March for Palestine**. Don't miss the chance to stand in solidarity – check the list of marches and meeting points [here](#).

WORSHIP at ASHBURTON-BURWOOD UC.

with Rev Barbara Strickland

August: Sunday @ 10.00 am

24th Hyslop St.,

31st Hyslop St. – Message through Song

September Sunday @ 10.00am

7th Ashburn Grove - Communion

14th Hyslop St.

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ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:
R.I.P. boiled water. You will
be mist.