

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 14 September 2025 Pentecost 14 Year C

Service of Worship will be held at 10am at BUC

You Tube live Stream Link for Sunday's Service, 10.00 am 14 September at BUC.

<https://youtube.com/live/qvnT3p1O6d4> 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".

ORDER OF SERVICE

Worship leaders: Rev Barbara Strickland and Fran Willmott

Music before worship

A time of silence

Welcome

SONGS: The Source 54 - Blessing and honour
(Ancient of days)

The Source 11 - All I once held dear
(Knowing you Jesus)

Acknowledgement of Country

Call to Worship

Prayer of the day

HYMN – TiS 134 'Praise my soul, the King of heaven'

Prayer of Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

The Peace

Readings: (1) Isa 40:3-8, 27-31, Alison/Finlay

(2) Phil 4:1, 6-9, Kevin

(3) Luke 15:1-10 Maree

Early Word

HYMN - TiS 564 'O God of Bethel, by whose hand'

Reflection – God's resources for us

Affirmation of Faith

HYMN – TiS 469 'This is the truth we hold'

Offering

Notices

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People Jenny

HYMN – TiS 624 'Christ be my leader'

Commission and Blessing

TiS 778 'Shalom to you now'

ROSTER – 14 September 2025 at BUC – Pentecost 14

Worship Leaders:	Rev Barbara Strickland and Fran Willmott
Ellder on duty:	Jenny Stone
Stewards/Welcomers:	Graeme Stone, Ian Webb, Malcolm Shead
Readers:	AlisonWright/Finlay Shanks; Kevin Hurley, Maree Silver
Organist:	Colin Prohasky
Singer:	Lance Schlipalius
Musicians:	Graeme Campbell, Anne Campbell, Miff Schlipalius
Power Point:	Max Procter
Morning Tea:	Jill Capstick & Sam Szeredi .
Online Communications:	Christine Chappell/Dawn Sullivan

From Rev Barbara:

Over the four weeks of September, a key focus in our worship is on how God guides and sustains us through times of challenge and change.

You are encouraged to join together for worship in praise, thanksgiving and hopefulness

*The focus this Sunday is "God's Resources"
Two poems are reprinted on the last page of these notices to remind you of Barbara's message.*

SUNDAY 21 September: at Ashburton UC

10.00 am Worship Leaders: Rev Barbara Strickland & worship team.

Lectionary Readings: Jer 8:18 - 9:1; Ps 79:1-9; 1 Tim 2:1-7; Lk 16:1-13

SOME HAPPENINGS IN SEPTEMBER

TUESDAY MEN'S GROUP Weekly on Tuesdays at 8pm on Zoom. Please contact Paul Mattiske or Michael Donnelly M. 0438 674 247.

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

Wednesday 17 September: **Special Morning tea** in the Lighthouse at AUC at **10.30am**. Come along for friendship and conversation and enjoy some delicious food.



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



EASY WALKERS: **Saturday September 20th:** A mystery location at the moment but it will be a Willing Walker Wattle Wander or an Acacia Active Amble somewhere appropriate. Most likely a BYO morning tea. More detail down the track. Meet at BUC at 9.15 for usual 9.30am departure with car pooling where possible. Please advise if coming in case a change of plans is necessary. Contacts: Email preferred grajenstone@bigpond.com Jen:0434 007 463 Graeme:0431 915 198

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

SUPPER AT 6 – Wednesday 24 SEPTEMBER in the Lighthouse at AUC – 6pm. Come for a meal and fellowship and conversation. All welcome.

SUNDAY 28 SEPTEMBER a light lunch 'Soup, Sandwiches and Slices' will follow morning worship at Burwood. Contributions are welcome – please note your planned contribution on the list available at morning tea OR contact Fran ifwillmott@hotmail.com This will also mark Rev Barbara's final Sunday with us so come along and take the opportunity to thank her for her 3 months of caring for us.

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. **The pew sheet is posted online on the Communications page at <https://burwood.ucavictas.org.au/>**

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

PRAYER NETWORK If you feel called to prayer and would like to receive the emailed prayers of the AUC/BUC Community each week please let me know so you can be added to this praying group. Feel free to forward your prayers to the collator. If you see a prayer need for someone else, please seek their agreement before submitting the prayer. Prayer for and with each other is special.

Fran ifwillmott@hotmail.com

Good News Story:

Lifeline Melbourne, run by **Uniting Vic.Tas**, has received a significant boost, presented with a \$448,000 cheque through funds raised in this year's **Melbourne Firefighter Stair Climb**.



On Saturday 6 September, more than 1,000 firefighters took on the epic challenge of climbing 28 floors at Crown Metropol, all while wearing 25kg of gear, to raise funds for the fight against cancer, depression, and suicide.

The 12th annual Melbourne Firefighter Stair Climb has already raised over \$1.12 million, and donations are still open until World Mental Health Day on 10 October! Lifeline was proud to be one of the chosen charities, receiving over \$448,000 for **Lifeline Melbourne**, run by **Uniting Vic.Tas**. This incredible support means we can **answer 11,450+ extra calls from people in crisis**. A special shoutout to the seven Lifeline Melbourne Crisis Supporter volunteers who suited up in full firefighter gear and climbed alongside our amazing first responders, absolute legends! Huge thanks to the **000 Foundation**, every climber, and everyone who donated. You've made a real difference 💜

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

Matthew 10:8

Freely you have received; freely give.

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.

VIEWS FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE

The Spring issue of Views was emailed out last weekend. I hope that you enjoyed it. If you didn't receive a copy please email OT HSBK KNOEN IY

Dawn - das42ul@gmail.com

Maybe for the October issue due out on October 5 some of you may wish to write or comment on some of the history of Ashburton or Burwood Uniting Churches as you know or have known it. Perhaps an event, a particular service, a group or a study, a tradition. Articles should be with Dawn by Thursday 2 October - email as above or if you need it typed please contact Dawn.

Holy Spirit, you are the one who sanctifies the people of God with the assurance of acceptance and forgiveness, as we have seen in Jesus, our Lord. Fill us with the same divine love that we may discern how we might love and serve others. Amen. – Excerpt from Prayers by Rev Ron Gordon © 2012, "Dad & Daughter". Used with permission.

You are invited to send prayer r



PRAYER NETWORK: For the month of September please forward prayers to be circulated to Maree at silver.maree@gmail.com by midday on Mondays. Additional prayers will be circulated as needed. (If email not available use 0401 838 575).

PRAYER CHAINS:

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

Prayer Focus:

Calling God, open our ears that we would hear you, and our eyes that we would recognize those who speak in your name. (With Love to the World 10 Sept)

Prayer Points:

Pray for the families and friends of the two boys senselessly murdered in Melbourne's west last weekend and for those professionals working on the case to bring justice.

Pray for **Ibrahim** in Nigeria and his team of workers.

WCC Prayer Cycle - Ghana, Nigeria

Thankful for Christians and Muslims who take risks to work for dialogue and reconciliation, and people of disparate ethnic groups who strive together for the common good

How people, especially in Nigeria, have been sustained by God in the face of attacks and violence in the context of the movement of population groups and from extremist elements like Boko Haram.

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>

Sept. 21-27 Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay

WORSHIP at ASHBURTON-BURWOOD UC.

with Rev Barbara Strickland

September Sunday @ 10.00am

14th Hyslop St.

21st Ashburn Gr., Ashburton.

28th Hyslop St., plus Lunch

October: Sunday @ 10.00 am

5th Ashburn Gr., Ashburton – Communion.

12th Hyslop St.,

19th Ashburn Gr., Ashburton.

26th Hyslop St.,

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These two prayers below from Dorothy McRae-McMahon, a retired Uniting Church minister and a gifted writer of liturgy from Prayers for Life's Particular Moments are shared with us by Rev Barbara and reprinted here as a reminder of the focus for September.

WHAT IS YOUR HOPE FOR US, GOD?

What is your hope, O God?

It is not always clear to us.

We long for a safe place
where we can look upon your face
and you seem to offer us
a track through a wilderness.

Give us the faith to believe
that this is the pathway through to life.
You, who spent time in a wilderness,
remember with us your struggling.
You, who were tossed in the centre of storms,
remember with us the fear of that moment.
You, whose friends slept through your agony of
heart, remember with us the loneliness.

Please, O God, make straight the path before us.
Calm the storm in the midst of our life together
and take our hand for the next step of the way.
Amen.

MOVING WITH YOUR SPIRIT IS NOT ALWAYS EASY

Dear God,
moving with your Spirit is not always easy.
The way forward
is not as clear as we would like it to be.
It sometimes feels safer to stay where we are,
and then the ground goes from under our feet
and we know that we have no option but to move.

Give us love for each other on the way, O God.
Show us your footsteps on the path, Jesus Christ,
and hold us safe as we go, Holy Spirit,
who is our comforter, our grace,
and the one who prays for us,
even as we cannot find the words.
Amen.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:
*The good Lord didn't create anything
without a purpose, but mosquitoes
come close.*

THANK YOU to those who ensure our churches
are ready and welcoming for worship each
Sunday.