

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 21 September 2025 Pentecost 15 Year C

Service of Worship will be held at 10am at AUC

You Tube live Stream Link for Sunday's Service, 10.00 am 21 September at AUC.

<https://youtube.com/live/ICZie6cHiGI>

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 leader: Rev Barbara Strickland

Minister's Steward: Michael Donnelly

A Time Of Silence

Welcome

Acknowledgement of Country

Call to Worship

A Prayer of Approach

HYMN – 'Come away from rush and hurry'

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

The Peace

Holy Scripture: (1) Ps 23, Kathryn

(2) 1 Tim 2:1-7, Libby

(3) Lk 11:1-13 Libby

Early Word

HYMN – TiS 590 'What a friend we have in Jesus'

Reflection – "God's Friendship With Us"

HYMN TiS 741 – 'O Lord hear my prayer'

Offering

(LITURGY: 'Prayer for Saying Goodbye to our Friends'

(TiS 779 'May the feet of God walk with you'

Notices

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

HYMN – TiS 609 (1,3,4,5) 'May the mind of Christ'

Commissioning and Blessing

EXTROIT: TiS 655 'O let the Son of God enfold you'

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 September 21 - "God's friendship"

Saying goodbye to good friends

Today we are having a short service of thanks and blessings at the end of our worship service; a "Sending Forth" for our friends Eileen and Graeme Rule and Diane and Paul Mattiske.

We will miss them; we appreciate all they have done for our church family.

There will be a special morning tea following the service to celebrate what they have meant to us. You are invited to contribute something if you wish.

Congregational Consultation Workshop

Today will be the last chance to discuss and clarify the questions raised from our Congregational Consultation Workshop, after worship in the front room of the Light House.

ROSTER – 21 September 2025 at AUC – Pentecost 15

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| Minister's Steward: | Michael Donnelly |
| Narthex & Count Steward: | Howard Hamlyn |
| Door & Offering: | Malcolm Shead, Bill Robinson |
| Readers: | Kathryn Graham, Libby McLauchlan |
| Sound: | Alison Wright |
| Computer | Alison Wright |
| Power Point: | Michael Donnelly |
| Morning Tea: | Libby McLauchlan, Angus Moore, Glen Schlipalius |
| Online Communications: | Christine Chappell/Dawn Sullivan |

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.

SUNDAY 28 September: at Burwood UC; and Light Lunch

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

Lectionary Readings: Jer 32:1-3a, 6-15; Ps 91:1-6, 14-16; 1 Tim 6:6-
19; Lk 16:19-31

Supply Minister following Barbara

Our next Supply Minister, Pastor Kemerli (Kem) Liévano has been given approval to start with us in October; the specific date to be confirmed. Kem is new to Melbourne from Townsville; she comes with her husband Rev Esteban Liévano and her family of six children.

Permission to form a Joint Nominating Committee

We have been given verbal approval to form a Joint Nominating Committee (JNC) by the Presbytery Pastoral Relations Committee. The JNC will be led by our Presbytery Representatives Chris Barnett and Nancy Cox who will take us through the required process, resulting in calling a new minister for our congregation. The JNC will be supported by a prayer ministry team which will meet each time the JNC meets. If you would like to participate in either of these important commitments for the future of our congregation, please speak to anyone on the Council team. We would like to have confirmed nominations for JNC members in the next week or two; they will need to be endorsed by the congregation prior to beginning their work.

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 24 September : **Supper at 6** in the Lighthouse at AUC at **6.00pm**. 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.

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

NAME TAGS – A reminder that it is good to wear name tags please.

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

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 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.

THE BURWOOD BULLETIN'S current spring issue features an excellent article about East Burwood Care, which was previously Uniting East Burwood. We have had notices in about the change when Burwood Heights Uniting Church (cnr Burwood Highway & Blackburn Road) took on the responsibility to continue this care to the community. The centre is open Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10am and 2pm and they are still wanting volunteers to help serve this community. Their website is <https://ebcare.org.au>

Copies of The Burwood Bulletin are available at both our Ashburton and Burwood churches or digitally <https://burwoodbulletin.org>

You are invited to send prayer requests



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 Dawn Sullivan das42ul@gmail.com to be passed on to those praying

"Love cannot remain by itself — it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action and that action is service."

Mother Teresa

Prayer Focus:

- Creator God, teach us to be wise stewards of all you have gifted us and faithful in the small things that lead to big change.

Prayer Points:

- Peace across our conflicted and fractured world, as we mark the International Day of Peace this Sunday.
- Staff and volunteers of Uniting's community agencies who support those affected by domestic and family violence, as well as those who educate, advocate and foster hope and safety.

WCC Prayer Cycle

Sept. 21-27 Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay

- greater acceptance of all peoples across bounds of ethnicity and religion
- The protection of children from violence and abuse, and recognition of their rights and dignity

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>

28 Sept – 4 October Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Peru

WORSHIP at ASHBURTON-BURWOOD UC.

with Rev Barbara Strickland

September Sunday @ 10.00am

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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The creed of the pilgrim God

We believe in a pilgrim God,
who crosses frontiers, boundaries and barriers,
who leaves his greatness behind and meets
us on the way
and comes to us holding out his hand.
'I am the Lord, your God, I care for you,
I am coming with you.'

We believe in Jesus Christ, who walked on
our earth,
who was born homeless, who found no place
to lay his head,
wandering, journeying, even when a child
pursued.
He revealed justice, brought people peace,
and played out his life even unto death itself.

We believe in the Spirit, who shapes and polishes
us,
with blasts of wind and sand,
who gives us courage to witness
to the boundless grace of God.

(Margarita Ouwerkerk, Argentina)

Sunday 21 September – International Day of Peace (United Nations)

Actions for a peaceful world –

Speak up, learn,
practice respect,
embrace diversity,
protest injustice.

Act Now and be the change you want to see!

"Time management is an oxymoron. Time is beyond our control, and the clock keeps ticking regardless of how we lead our lives. Priority management is the answer to maximizing the time we have." — John C. Maxwell

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:

Do dentists call their x-rays
tooth-pics?