

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 28 September 2025 Pentecost 16 Year C

Service of Worship will be held at 10am at BUC

You Tube live Stream Link for Sunday's Service, 10.00 am 28 September at AUC.

<https://youtube.com/live/fzfqr18ygP4> 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

Time of Silence

Welcome

Acknowledgement of Country

Call to Worship

Prayer – God of Majesty and Mystery

HYMN – (NEW) 'Spirit, our Teacher, as we gather'

Prayer of Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

Passing the Peace

Scripture:

(1) Ps 103:1-18, 22, Tom

(2) Eph 2:19-22, Tom

3) John 17:1-11 Michael

Early Word: "Kaleidoscope Prayer" & St Brendan's Prayer

HYMN - TiS 468 'We are your people'

Reflection – "God in our community"

HYMN – (NEW) 'Jesus, we praise you for your church'

Offering

Notices

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

HYMN – TiS 687 'God gives us a future'

Commissioning and Blessing

From Rev Barbara:

Over the four weeks of September, a key focus in our worship has been 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 28 -*

"God in Community"

Thank you Rev Barbara for this "mini series" in September with the focus on God's guidance and help in challenging and changing times. It has been most helpful.

Sunday 28 September a light lunch 'Soup, Sandwiches and Slices' will be served after worship and morning tea today. 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. You will also be asked to share names of your favourite Worship songs or style of song.

ROSTER – 28 September 2025 at BUC – Pentecost 16

Worship Leaders:	Rev Barbara Strickland and Mary Casey
Elder on duty:	Fran Willmott
Stewards/Welcomers:	Dorothy Thorpe, Val Nixon, Malcolm Shead
Readers:	Tom Thorpe, Michael Donnelly
Organist:	Colin Prohasky
Singer:	Lynette Hurley
Musicians:	Music Team
Power Point:	Adrian Miller
Morning Tea: .	Sam Szeredi, Kathryn Graham, Dawn
Online Communications:	Christine Chappell/Dawn Sullivan

SUNDAY 5 October: Communion at AUC;

10.00 am Worship Leaders

Lectionary Readings: Lam 1:1-6; Lam 3:19-26 or Ps 137 ; 2 Tim 1:1-

14; Lk 17:5-10

Supply Minister, Pastor Kemer (Kem) Liévano starting October

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

Please wear your name tags.

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 and into October

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.



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



ASHBURTON COMMUNITY CENTRE
FREE! Click with Confidence: Protecting
 Your Money Online **TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 30,**
1PM - 2.30PM Don't risk your money online! Join Kate
 Bellamy from Bendigo Bank for a vital presentation on
 how to safeguard your finances in today's digital world.
Plus – hear from ACC Digital Mentor Lynn Norman
 about the Click Smart Cyber Security Program and
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UNITING WORLD is the international aid and partnerships agency of the Uniting Church in Australia which partners with the global church to address the causes and consequences of poverty, injustice and environmental degradation.
 In West Papua, children are going hungry as poverty and climate change collide. Families are running out of options, but you can help.
 Families on the far north coast of West Papua are struggling with poverty, malnutrition and the growing impacts of climate change.
One in five children is malnourished, and West Papua has some of the highest rates of stunting in Indonesia. Food gardens are being ruined by floods, storms and saltwater. Fish stocks are diminishing. As incomes shrink, many families are being forced to cut down forests or sell land just to survive. **It doesn't have to be this way.** Visit the link below to learn more.
<https://communications.cmail20.com/t/r-l-tyhityk-ndtlkhjtly-o/>

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



You are invited to send your prayer requests to:

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

Ed. Note: Following up on last week's reading about the Lord's prayer I was reminded of this poem which has been around for many years but I have not been able to identify the author.

You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer and even once say "I."
 You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer and even once say "My."
 Nor can you pray the Lord's Prayer and not pray for another,
 For when you ask for daily bread, you include your sister and brother.
 For others are included ... in each and every plea,
 From the beginning to the end of it, it does not once say "Me."

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.

From The song "**FREELY FREELY**" by Songwriter:
Carol Owens

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name.
I've been born again in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share his love as he told me to.

He said '*Freely, freely you have received;
freely, freely give.*
*Go in my name, and because you believe
others will know that I live.'*

VIEWES FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE will be available next weekend.

Maybe for the October issue 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 emailed to Dawn by Thursday 2 October – das42ul@gmail.com or if you need it typed please contact Dawn.

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>

5 – 11 October [Colombia](#), [Ecuador](#), [Venezuela](#)

WORSHIP at ASHBURTON-BURWOOD UC.

September Sunday @ 10.00am

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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Prayer focus:

- Gracious God may your love underpin every aspect of our lives. Give us an awareness of your presence each day.

Prayer points:

- Those who are grieving the loss of loved ones.
- For the people of Papua New Guinea dealing with multiple problems due to bad weather and climate change.
- For the people living in war torn countries and for the aid workers, the doctors and nurses, and others risking their lives to help.
- For those who work trying to bring peace to the world.

WCC Prayer Cycle Sept. 28 – 4 October
Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Peru

- Christians to have the courage, imagination and energy to build bridges of peace and understanding against conflict and division, and to pursue justice for the poor, marginalized and dispossessed
- an end of corruption in all levels of the society, including economic exploitation which impoverishes and hinders economic growth from benefitting all.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:

Q. What's the biggest cause of dry skin?
A. Towels.