

Ashburton-Burwood Uniting Church

AUC- 3 Ashburn Gve Ashburton – BUC- Cnr Warrigal Rd & Hyslop St Glen Iris

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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 16 November 2025

Pentecost 23 - Year C

Minister: Pastor Kem Liévano

Join Zoom Meeting - ZOOM LINK as follows

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83665396506?pwd=bIU2YjZoTHVnV25RM3F2TlV4TFk2Zz09>

Meeting ID: 836 6539 6506 Passcode: 916429

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome & Acknowledgement of Country -

Call to Worship -

Prayer of Thanksgiving – Kem

Song: Shine Jesus Shine (CCLI 30426) Key of A

Prayer of Confession/ Assurance of

Forgiveness - Kem

Passing the Peace – Kem

Offering taken during Song: Jesus, What A

Beautiful Name (CCLI 1866235) Key of D

Scripture Reading 1: Matthew 12:38-41

Song: Open the eyes of my heart Lord (CCLI 2298355) Key of C

Scripture Reading 2: Romans 1:11-17

Scripture Reading 3: Jonah 3:1-10

Message – Esteban

Notices, Joys and Concerns -

Prayers of the People -

Song: And Can It Be (CCLI 25280) Key of G

Benediction – Kem

ROSTER – 16 November 2025 at AUC

Minister:	Pastor Kem Liévano
Message	Rev Esteban Lievano
Worship Leader/Minister's Steward	Andrew Wilkinson
Readers:	Christine Chappell, Robin Foote
Prayers:	Andrew Wilkinson
Narthex & Count Lead:	Angus Moore
Door, Count & Offering:	Christine Chappell
Computer & Sound	Alison Wright
Power Point:	David Wright
Musicians	Music Team
Morning Tea/Clean Up:	Dawn Sullivan, Elaine Gloster, Val Nixon
Online Communications:	Christine Chappell/Dawn Sullivan

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

The UCA asks us to register with them as volunteers and have a Working With Children Check (WWCC). If you already have a current card please let Mary Casey know the number on your card. If you need to get a WWCC, please contact Mary on mirboo@gmail.com

FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING:

Supply Ministry - Pastor Kem

Pastor Kem will continue as our Supply Ministry agent through Christmas. We have loved her vibrancy and sensitivity to where we are as a congregation, including the encouragement she is giving us on our journey to becoming one family in Jesus. There is a change, however - Kem will continue in 'pulpit supply' only, meaning she will continue to be with us leading worship on Sundays. She has accepted a full time role with Uniting AgeWell, starting this week; she will not be available to us for additional responsibilities. For any other ministry or pastoral care needs, please contact our leaders - Alison, Anne C, Fran or Patsy.

From the Council Meeting (continued)

Advent Study group

You are invited to join a new study group for the Advent season.

It will begin Friday November 28 at 10am in the Light House, for four weeks up until just before Christmas. Alison and Mary will work together to lead this - all are welcome.

Congregational meeting - Sunday December 7

There will be a Congregational meeting following worship on Sunday December 7.

Church Council has several recommendations for you to consider; more information will be provided in the notices next week. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to any of the Council team.

SUNDAY 23 November: @ Burwood. Frontier Service Focus and BBQ

10.00 am Worship Leaders: Fran and the worship team.

Lectionary Readings: Jer 23:1-6; Lk 1:68-79; Col 1:11-20; Lk 23:33-43

SOME EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

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.

SPECIAL MORNING TEA – This is a lovely way to catch up over a cuppa. 10.30am on the third Wednesday of the month in the Lighthouse. Next date is **November 19. This will be the last Special Morning Tea for 2025. None in January. It will be back in February.**



BARRY'S PLACE open **weekly** at BUC on Thursdays between 10am and 11.30am. An opportunity for conversation, coffee, chat and prayer. Do drop in if in Burwood or passing by.

EASY WALKERS SATURDAY NOVEMBER 22 – ROSE COTTAGE CHRISTMAS LUNCH We have 28 attending to date including a couple of tentatives but we can adjust in the last week. As usual we expect diners to maximize carpooling given the limited parking on site. We aim to arrive at Rose Cottage at noon. Full details have been in the previous two weekly pew sheets and also in the November issue of Views from the Lighthouse. Enquiries to Graeme and Jenny grajenstone@bigpond.com 0431 915 198 / 0434 007 463



SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER: FRONTIER SERVICES DAY at Burwood. We will hear of their latest activities from James Nevein, Philanthropic Relationships Officer, share in their prepared service, gather over a BBQ lunch and have the opportunity to assist the work of FS through prayer and a retiring offering. If you can provide a salad for that day contact Fran ifwillmott@hotmail.com. Take a look at their website

<https://frontierservices.org/>.

SUPPER AT 6 – Lots of conversation around the tables and friendly faces enjoying a nourishing meal. Mark the next Supper at 6 in your diary – **November 26** – 6pm in the Lighthouse. **This will be the last Supper at 6 for 2025. None in January. It will be back in February.**

WITH LOVE TO THE WORLD - THE ADVENT/CHRISTMAS/EPIPHANY EDITION for 2025-26 is now out and commences next week. There will be a few copies available at Ashburton on Sunday. Still only \$7. See Michael if you don't have yours yet.

SOME EVENTS IN DECEMBER



COORONDO CHRISTMAS DO

3:00 – 5:00 pm, Saturday 6th December 2025 (2.30 for 3pm start).

CooRondo SRS, a Supported Residential Service at 597 Warrigal Road Ashwood 3147 (near Gardiners Creek, Holmesglen) with 26 residents aging 30s up to 80yo, many with some form of acquired brain injury and all on the disability or old age pensions. We are celebrating Christmas together again at CooRondo, something we have been doing since about 2006!

The Christmas Party involves:

Music: volunteer musicians who are happy to play Christmas Carols enthusiastically - plus everyone needs to sing energetically!

Gifts: organised by volunteers from Ashburton-Burwood UC and sourced from local shops and other places –a retiring offering to help fund pressies will be happening over November. Last year the purchase of items of clothing, toiletries and stationery cost well over \$1000. Gifts are sorted, wrapped and happily presented on the day along with a personal Christmas card written for each very appreciative resident. All donations are most gratefully received! We also present a cooked Christmas treat to each of the CooRondo staff and managers.

Catering: is provided by CooRondo management and dedicated staff.

Jokes: keep happening . . . the MC always needs help.

Furniture: the church assists with additional chairs and some trestles for the afternoon – volunteers meeting at the church soon after 2pm (thank you Howard and team?!)

Friendship: everyone is encouraged to chat and spend time with the residents - this is the most important thing and is welcomed by all.

With thanks from Michael, 0438674247.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS BBQ & CAROLS at Ashburton – SUNDAY 14 DECEMBER -

Once again the community BBQ will be on at 5.00pm at Ashburn Grove with wonderful carol singing to follow at 6.30pm. *What joy there is in singing Carols together.* Plan to come along and bring some friends. **Help is needed** with provision of salads. Lynn McKie would really appreciate if everyone who is able to make a large salad (not a green lettuce type of salad as the guides will make those for us) but rather a substantial salad such as a pasta, rice or potato type of salad would kindly let her know by listing it on the sheet on the table inside the Lighthouse (when services are at AUC) and on a table in the Wesley Room (when at Burwood). Thank you!

CAROL SINGING ALONG TOORAK ROAD SHOPS: It has been our practice at Burwood to spend a morning singing carols in the street of Burwood Village (Toorak Road shops). Having now confirmed the availability of the critical persons, we propose to run this in **2025 on Saturday 13th December.** It's a fairly casual event. Meeting at BUC at 10am, singing carols for a hour or so, then concluding with (optional) coffee at one of the local cafes. Led by Val Nixon, music accompaniment led by Graeme Campbell and Miff Schlipalius, singers - whoever turns up on the day! Any queries, please feel free to contact **Anne C or Val.** 🎵 🎵 🎵

UNITING CHRISTMAS CARDS: Would you be interested in buying these if made available on Sundays? Pack of 10 cards for \$15. Sample cards will be available in the LightHouse with a sheet to express interest or email ifwillmott@hotmail.com If there is interest I will order some in. *Fran*

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

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.

Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless.

Isaiah 58:7 - New Living Translation

VIEWS FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE

ADVENT edition will be available by Sunday 30 November.

Advent is about preparation and waiting for the coming birth of Christ.

Do you recall a wonderful Advent service or a special Advent study? OR you may have an experience of preparing and waiting for an important event.

Please write it down and send it to me at das42ul@gmail.com by Thursday 27 November for the Advent issue of Views from the Lighthouse.



You are invited to send your prayer requests to:



PRAYER NETWORK: For the month of November please forward prayers to be circulated to Fran at ifwillmott@hotmail.com by midday on Mondays. Additional prayers will be circulated as needed. (If email not available use 0405 396 009).

PRAYER CHAINS:

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

Prayer Focus:

Lord we ask for the wisdom to discern your priorities for each day.

Prayer points:

.For the JNC (Joint Nominating Committee) and their prayer support group seeking to find a Ministry Agent for our congregation.

WCC Prayer Cycle

16 – 22 Nov - Aotearoa New Zealand, Australia:

Those who work tirelessly on issues of justice for the poor, the marginalized and the dispossessed, especially indigenous peoples

SUNDAY WORSHIP at

ASHBURTON-BURWOOD UC.

NOVEMBER: Sundays @ 10.00 am

with Pastor Kem Lievano

16th Ashburn Gr., Ashburton.

23rd Hyslop St., *plus BBQ Lunch - Focus on Frontier Services*

30th Ashburn Gr., Ashburton.....***Advent 1 - A New Year in the Christian Calendar***

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:

*Why do bananas use sunscreen?
Because they peel.*