

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 11 January 2026 – Baptism of Christ - Year A

Service at BUC

**We welcome to our Worship The Rev Katrina Lambert,
Senior Minister at Ashburton Baptist Church**

NB. There is no live streaming in January.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome - Mary

SONG of Welcome: On Jordan;s bank the Baptist cry TIS 270

Acknowledgement of Country – Mary

Call to Worship – Mary

Leader:

Come, you who are weary,
you who have been bruised by life,
you whose flame has flickered in the winds of
the world.

All:

We come, longing to be renewed.

Leader:

The Holy One who stretches out the heavens
is stretching us now—
stretching our hearts toward courage,
our hands toward compassion,
our lives toward gentle justice.

All:

**We open ourselves to be stretched into new
life.**

Leader:

A voice from heaven says to us, as it said to
Jesus:

You are my beloved.

This Spirit rests upon us, too.

All:

**We are God's Beloved, called to bring gentle
justice.**

Leader:

Come, let us remember who we are.

All:

Let us worship God with joy.

WE SING: Breathe on me, breath of God
TIS 407

Prayers Of Praise & Thanksgiving – Mary

**Prayer Of Confession/Assurance of
Forgiveness – Mary**

Passing the Peace

WE SING: Father in heaven, grant to your
children – TIS 465

Offering will be taken up during this hymn

Scripture Readings – Alison & Maree

- **Isaiah 42: 1-9**
- **Psalms 29**
- **Acts 10: 34-43**
- **Matthew 3: 13-17**

**Message – From Matthew 3:13-17 – Rev
Katrina Lambert**

Music Reflection: Colin & team

WE SING: - You are Holy, you are whole
TIS 753

Notices, Joys and Concerns – Fran

Prayers of the People – Fran

WE SING: The Servant King, TIS 256

Sending Out & Blessings – Mary

**SENDING OUT HYMN: Christ, when for us
you were baptized. TIS 250**



BARRY'S PLACE: Reopens this Thursday 15 January. An opportunity for conversation, morning tea and prayer. 10.00am -11.30am each Thursday. Drop in, relax and enjoy.

ROSTER – 11 January 2026 at AUC – Baptism of Christ – Year A

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| Visiting Minister: | Rev. Katrina Lambert |
| Worship Leader: | Mary Casey |
| Readers: | Alison Wright, Maree Silver |
| Prayers: | Fran Willmott |
| Musicians: | Colin Prohasky, Anne Forrest, Miff Schlipalius |
| Singer: | Lance Schlipalius |
| Narthex & Count Leader: | David Wright |
| Door, Count & Offering: | Bill Robinson |
| Computer & Sound: | Adrian Miller |
| Power Point: | Adrian Miller |
| Morning Tea/Clean Up: | Pam Degenhardt, Val Nixon, Angus Moore |
| Online Communications: | Christine Chappell/Dawn Sullivan |



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the Christian Tradition

SUNDAY 18 January: @ Ashburton - Epiphany 2

10.00 am Worship Leaders: Fran Willmott and Worship Team

Lectionary Readings: Is 49:1-7; Ps 40:1-11; 1 Cor 1:1-9; Jn 1:29-42

FROM ALISON WRIGHT:

PEOPLE might be interested in the inspiration for my message last week. It is the Star of Bethlehem lecture given by Dr Karlis Kaufmanis while I was at the University of Minnesota. Dr Kaufmanis gave the lecture close to 1000 times. This link is audio-only; I couldn't find a video version. Dr Kaufmanis is no longer with us; he retired in 1978, staying on as emeritus professor, which is probably when I saw the lecture. He passed away in 2003.

[Karlis Kaufmanis Star Of Bethlehem Lecture](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bfQH99Y9CCs&authuser=0)

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SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY, especially over the holiday period

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

BADMINTON: If you feel like playing badminton the Badminton group at BUC will continue throughout the holidays. Please contact Miff mschlipalius@hotmail.com.

IN RECESS:

TUESDAY MEN'S GROUP Men's group –. Restarting in 2026 on 3rd February. Meets weekly on Tuesdays at 8pm on Zoom. Please contact Paul Mattiske or Michael Donnelly M. 0438 674 247.

WEDNESDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP **NB.** *WEDNESDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP is in abeyance throughout December and January but plan to meet again in February. Watch for a notice sometime in January regarding details for 2026.*

EASY WALKERS GROUP meets once a month on the first Saturday. Details from grajenstone@bigpond.com Jen:0434 007 463 Graeme:0431 915 198 grajenstone@bigpond.com

SPECIAL MORNING TEA held monthly on the third Wednesday at 10.30am at Ashburton. Starting again on Wednesday February 18

SUPPER AT 6 – held monthly on the fourth Wednesday at 6.00pm at Ashburton. Starting on Wed 25 Feb.

VIEWS FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE

I hope you enjoyed the Christmas/Epiphany Edition. The next issue will be available on 1 February 2026. Please consider putting in an article or two – lots to write about at this time of the year. Please have to Dawn by 28 January 2026. das42ul@gmail.com

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

You are invited to send your prayer requests to:

BUC PRAYER NETWORK: For the month of January please forward prayers to be shared 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

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>

18 -24 January: Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen

Prayer Focus: *We pray for those facing heatwaves, bushfires, and drought; grant them safety, strength, and relief. Bless our farmers with rain in due time, our firefighters with courage, and our communities with unity.*

Prayer Point:

Pray for settlement of the situations in our world which are causing people to feel afraid for the future.

WCC Prayer Cycle: 11 - 17 January
Iran, Iraq, Syria

- the international community to pursue policies that will result in acceptable, just peace for all involved
- greater openness to welcoming those displaced or fleeing from these lands, desperately seeking safety and wellbeing.

PROVIDENCE by Bruce Prewer

Awesome are you,
weaver of mysteries!

You take the tangled yarn
and the frayed ends
of human hazard and hurt
and create patterns
of meaning out of chaos,
so that all things can work
together for good.

Awesome are you!
Bountiful your providence!
Glorious your wisdom and love!

See Romans 8:28

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The Rev Bruce D Prewer (1931- 2018)
<http://www.bruceprewer.com/>
*Resource for Revised Common
Lectionary*

IN PLACE OF THE LIGHTER SIDE THIS WEEK, I ask you to use the Prayer Focus in red at the top of the text box to the left. Contributed by Fran, those 5 lines say so much and it gives us a basis for prayer as our State burns yet again! Thank you.