

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 18 January 2026 – Epiphany 2 - Year A Service at AUC

NB. *There is no zoom streaming of the service this week.*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome/ SONG OF WELCOME	TiS 727	<i>In the presence of your people</i>	Andrew
Acknowledgement of country			Andrew
* CALL TO WORSHIP See below		From Ps40: 1-11	Andrew
WE SING	TiS 659	The Lord is my shepherd	
PRAYERS OF PRAISE and thanksgiving			Fran
Assurance of forgiveness			Fran
Passing the Peace			Fran
WE SING – Offering will be taken up during this hymn		<i>Jesus what a beautiful name</i>	Fran
Scripture readings		Isaiah 49: 1-7 John1:29-42	Tom Dorothy
MESSAGE		<i>The Lamb says 'Come and See'</i>	Fran
MUSIC REFLECTION		Own selection	Anne
WE SING	TiS 584	Just as I am	
Notices , Joys and Concerns			Andrew
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE And Lord's Prayer			Andrew
Sending out and blessing			
WE SING Sending out	TiS 778	<i>Shalom</i>	Fran

CALL TO WORSHIP Ps 40:1-11

We come to worship our God.

We gratefully gather for worship.

We come to worship our loving God.

We wait patiently for the Lord.

He turned to us and heard our cry.

He lifted us out of the depths, out of the mire and mud.

He set our feet on a rock and gave us a firm place to stand.

He put a new song in our mouths, a hymn of praise to our God.

Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord

ROSTER – 18 January 2026 at AUC – Epiphany 2 – Year A

Worship Leaders: Fran Willmott; Andrew Wilkinson

Readers: Tom & Dorothy Thorpe

Prayers: Andrew Wilkinson

Musicians: Anne Forrest

Singer:

Door, Greeting, Offering: Howard Hamlyn; Marco Mattucchi

Computer & Sound: Alison Wright

Power Point: David Wright

Morning Tea/Clean Up: Allan Meates, Jean Douyere, Jill Capstick

Online Communications: Christine Chappell/Dawn Sullivan

SUNDAY 25 January: @ Burwood

10.00 am Worship Leaders: Rosie Watkin, Mary Casey and the Worship Team

Lectionary Readings: Is 9:1-4;Ps 27:1, 4-9; 1 Cor 1:10-18; Mt 4:12-23

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



BARRY'S PLACE: Open every Thursday from 10 to 11.30am. An opportunity to share in conversation, morning tea and prayer. Drop in, relax and enjoy.

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

The next issue will be available on 1 February 2026. . Do you have a story about starting kindergarten or primary/secondary school or other school experience or having to move to a different school? Please consider putting in an article or two – lots to write about at this time of the year maybe about starting something new- a career change or a journey!

Please have to Dawn by 28 January 2026. das42ul@gmail.com

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:



PRAYERS: Please forward prayer requests to be shared to Fran at ifwillmott@hotmail.com or Dawn at das42ul@gmail.com by midday on Mondays. Additional prayers will be circulated as needed. (If email not available:0405 396 009).

Prayer Focus: Jesus, awaken our curiosity and draw us near. Give us courage to follow, even when the path is unclear (Love to the World Jn 1:29-42)

Prayer Point:

- those caught up in the sudden floods in the Great Ocean Road disaster.
- Those now facing the reality of the damage done by the fires throughout Victoria and parts of NSW.
- The floods in Queensland.
- Those who have lost not only their homes but their livelihood as well.

WCC Prayer Cycle

Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen

- the wise use of the benefits of oil and other natural resources for the sake of all

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>

Jan 25 – 31 : Cyprus, Greece, Türkiye

An excerpt of prayer by Rev. Ron Gordon for the second Sunday of Epiphany – John 1:29-42

*Eternal God,
you chose the moment when John
Baptist pointed to Jesus
as Lamb of God who takes away
the sin of the world,
an act of revelation by your Spirit,
pointing to the reconciliation
to be made by the loving life and death of Jesus.*

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*You named Jesus 'Son of God'
the one who shows your nature
as loving-kindness, tender mercy
and utter faithfulness.
By his words, his deeds, his life and his death
he opened the way into life with you.
He is truly your Anointed one:
Blessed is Christ Jesus forever.*

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ON THE LIGHTER SIDE
Someone ripped the 5th month out my
new 2026 calendar! I'm dismayed!

READ AGAIN the poem below - such an amazing word picture of Australia.

MY COUNTRY by Dorothea Mackellar (1885-1968)

The love of field and coppice
Of green and shaded lanes,
Of ordered woods and gardens
Is running in your veins.
Strong love of grey-blue distance,
Brown streams and soft, dim skies
I know, but cannot share it,
My love is otherwise.

I love a sunburnt country,
A land of sweeping plains,
Of ragged mountain ranges,
Of droughts and flooding rains.
I love her far horizons,
I love her jewel-sea,
Her beauty and her terror -
The wide brown land for me!

The stark white ring-barked forests,
All tragic to the moon,
The sapphire-misted mountains,
The hot gold hush of noon,
Green tangle of the brushes
Where lithe lianas coil,
And orchids deck the tree-tops,
And ferns the warm dark soil.

Core of my heart, my country!
Her pitiless blue sky,
When, sick at heart, around us
We see the cattle die
But then the grey clouds gather,
And we can bless again
The drumming of an army,
The steady soaking rain.

Core of my heart, my country!
Land of the rainbow gold,
For flood and fire and famine
She pays us back threefold.
Over the thirsty paddocks,
Watch, after many days,
The filmy veil of greenness
That thickens as we gaze

An opal-hearted country,
A wilful, lavish land -
All you who have not loved her,
You will not understand -
though Earth holds many splendours,
Wherever I may die,
I know to what brown country
My homing thoughts will fly.

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