

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 12 April 2026 – Easter 2 – Year A

10.00am - Service

at 3 Ashburn Grove Ashburton

Online service via YouTube channel. Link: <https://youtube.com/live/aollgBXVjKk?feature=share>

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN TIS 370 Christ the Lord is risen today:
Hallelujah!

PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

SHARING OF PEACE Please share the peace

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Dorothy & Tom Thorpe

Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (Responsive
Reading)

2 Let Israel say,

'His steadfast love endures for ever.'

3 Let the house of Aaron say,

'His steadfast love endures for ever.'

4 Let those who fear the Lord say,

'His steadfast love endures for ever.'

**13 I was pushed hard, so that I was falling,
but the Lord helped me.**

14 The Lord is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.

**15 There are glad songs of victory in the
tents of the righteous:**

'The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;

22 The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

**23 This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvellous in our eyes.**

24 This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

HYMN & OFFERING TIS 389 Hear the bells
ringing, they're singing

MESSAGE 'Jesus – A Portrait of Love'

Michael Donnelly

HYMN TIS 390 Jesus is Lord of all the earth

NOTICES AND COMMUNITY TIME

PRAYERS for the world, church community,
concerns Jenny Stone

HYMN TIS 376 I know that my Redeemer lives

BLESSING

Induction Service for our new minister, Rev Yoo Mi Park

Friday April 24, 7:30pm

Ashburton-Burwood Uniting Church, 3 Ashburn Grove Ashburton

The service will be led by Rev Joan Wright Howie, Deputy Chair, Presbytery of Yarra Yarra

A light supper will be provided after the service. If you are able to bring a plate, and/or help serve and clean up, that will be greatly appreciated. A sign-up sheet will be available after worship on April 12.

ROSTER SUNDAY 12 April 2026 – Easter 2 – Year A

Worship Leaders: Alison Wright, Glenis Borland & team
 Message: Michael Donnelly
 Prayers: Jenny Stone
 Narthex/Count Leader: Howard Hamlyn
 Door, Greeting, Offering: Jill Capstick
 Organist: Colin Prohasky
 Pianist: Anne Forrest
 Song Leader: Lynette Hurley
 Readers: Dorothy Thorpe, Tom Thorpe
 Computer/Sound/PPT: Angus Borland
 Morning Tea/Clean Up: Howard Hamlyn, Lynn McKie, Angus Moore
 Online Communications: Christine Chappell/Dawn Sullivan

ROSTER SUNDAY 19 April 2026 – Easter 3 – Year A

Minister: Rev Yoo Mi Park
 Minister's Steward: Mary Casey
 Prayers: Anne Campbell
 Narthex/Count Leader: Angus Moore
 Door, Greeting, Offering: Malcolm Shead
 Organist/Pianist: Anne Forrest
 Musicians: Anne Campbell, Megan McLaughlin, Miff Schlipalius
 Song Leader: Lance Schlipalius
 Readers: Ian Webb, Lindley Webb
 Computer/Sound/PPT: Adrian Miller
 Morning Tea/Clean Up: Kathryn Graham, Glen Schlipalius, Lindley Webb
 Online Communications: Christine Chappell/Dawn Sullivan

SUNDAY 19 APRIL 2026 -

Easter 3 – at Ashburn Grove
10am Rev Yoo Mi Park;
 Mary Casey and worship team.

Lectionary Readings: Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Ps 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Pt 1:17-23 Lk 24:13-35

**WATTLE PARK****ANZAC SERVICE:**

This Annual event will again be lead and co-ordinated by Tom Thorpe, on Sunday 19 April at 1.00pm at The Lone Pine in Wattle Park. An afternoon of music will follow with The Tramways Band.

No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

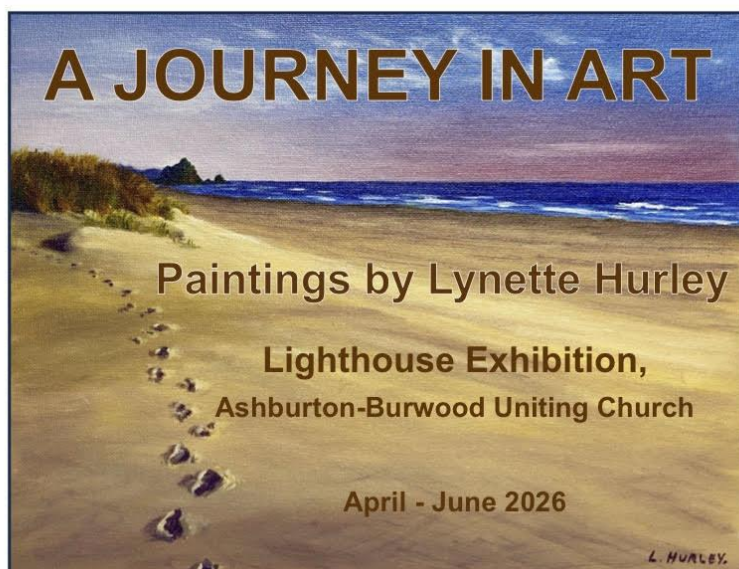
John 15:13

A JOURNEY IN ART by Lynette Hurley

Next time you are in The Lighthouse, do take time to view and enjoy the new Exhibition of Paintings and Pastel Works by our own Lynette Hurley!

Floral works, Coastal scenes and other Landscapes have been selected for display and will be on show for the next couple of months.

Thank you, Lynette, for sharing your many talents with us!



ASHBURN GROVE SITE DEVELOPMENT - request for volunteers and/or your thoughts

At our congregational meeting in December, we agreed to the following proposal:

"That there be a property committee organized to facilitate and recommend changes to the Ashburn Grove site to make it more functional."

We are now ready to begin planning what those changes to the Ashburn Grove site might be. If you would like to be part of the team looking at potential changes, or would like to suggest changes which would make the site more functional, please speak to Alison. Thank you.

SOME EVENTS IN APRIL

COMBINED ABUC LADIES AND MENS' FELLOWSHIP GROUPS will meet on **Monday April 13** at 1.30pm. We are fortunate to have an adventurer in our midst who is willing to tell us his story. A brief to tempt you into attending has been supplied by David:

"In 2025 I did a relatively new long distance walk in France called the Hexatrek. Over 4 1/2 months, I walked almost 3000km through the mountains of France including the Vosges, Dura, Alps, the gorges of the Massif Central, and the Pyrenees.

As well as spectacular mountains I passed through numerous beautiful villages. For me some of the highlights were the Château Forts of Alsace, Tour de Mont Blanc, the Vanoise, the gorge country of the Ardèche and Tarn Rivers, and the Pic du Midi d'Ossau in the Pyrenees".

If you would like to hear about David's adventure, be at the Burwood site on Monday April 13. We will meet at 1.30pm in the Wesley Room; Afternoon tea to follow. All ABUC members (and friends) are welcome.

TUESDAY MEN'S GROUP: Meets weekly on Tuesdays at 8pm on Zoom. Please contact Paul Mattiske or Michael Donnelly M. 0438 674 247.

WEDNESDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP is in recess during the school holidays and will resume their study using With Love to the World at 9.00am on Wednesday 22 April.

SPECIAL MORNING TEA in the Lighthouse at Ashburn Grove – **Wednesday 15 April 2026 at 10.30am.** Come and join in the conversation, have a lovely morning tea and enjoy friendship and fellowship.

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 at BUC please contact Miff mschlipalius@hotmail.com for details.

A display of works on paper at The WellSpring Centre.

Jesus in the Gardens: The Gospel stories of Jesus played out in the Royal Botanic Gardens, Melbourne/Naarm. A suite of Works on Paper by Michael Donnelly.

Tuesday 24 March - Sunday 31 May 2026.

The WellSpring Centre, 10 Y-Street, Ashburton Vic 3147. (03) 9885 0277

info@wellspringcentre.org.au www.wellspringcentre.org.au

To view images in the series, see 'Jesus in the Gardens' Gallery on the website:

<https://www.michaeldonnelypictorally.com/>

VIEWES FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE - The April issue was emailed out last weekend. Please contact Dawn – das42ul@gmail.com – if you didn't receive a copy. Many thanks to those who contributed to it with particular thanks to Maree Silver.

The May issue will be available on Sunday 3 May. Closing date for articles Thursday 30 April. Please email to Dawn das42ul@gmail.com

EASTER ON BALNARRING BEACH

Good Friday has passed when we reflected on the crucifixion of Jesus on the cross, a most solemn emotional day.

We now walk down the candle lit sandy path on Balnarring Beach in darkness for the dawn service conducted by the Anglican and Uniting Churches at Balnarring. All is quiet, about 60 people gather in small groups, dogs by their owners' side. Children often come in their pyjamas and warm jackets as the mornings can be cold. Slowly the magical dawn appears casting off light blue, red rays amongst grey clouds. Seagulls walk along the cold waters edge. A lone biker rides along the sea shore.



A cross has been made of sand and seaweed and will later be decorated with flowers by those attending. It will be left there for the day for all others on the beach to witness. Some will pray giving thanks for our Lord's resurrection, with hope and joy in their hearts, others will take a photo, many may just admire, but hopefully all will remember the troubled times we are living in.

The service is taken by three Ministers with prayers, bible readings and the singing of "Amazing Grace" and "Hallelujah, Hallelujah give thanks to our risen Lord". It is a service of risen hope.

It is a tradition to walk, often speaking with those we have just met, up to the newly renovated Rotunda where we celebrate Holy Communion. We sing with gusto "Christ our Lord is risen today", not quite lifting the new rafters. Morning tea is put on by the Uniting Church with heated, buttered hot cross buns, tea and coffee which the Anglican Parish serves. It is a very joyous way to celebrate Easter Sunday. This year we met a lovely dog named "Maggie" who by chance lives only a few doors from us.

We leave with comfort and hope in our hearts.
Glen Schlipalius

Ed. note: Thank you, Glen, for sharing this with us. You have provided a great word picture and presence. I believe I could almost hear the waves lapping on the shore. What a beautiful service and wonderful way to acknowledge the resurrection.

CROSSLIGHT MAGAZINE – The April issue is available online at <https://crosslight.org.au/> or hard copy at Ashburn Grove church. 40 pages of excellent information. One particular article is about **Rev Joan Wright Howie**, Deputy Chair, Presbytery of Yarra Yarra, telling how a podcast involving two childhood friends has deepened their understanding of the Bible. *For your information – Rev. Joan is conducting the Induction Service for Rev Yoo Mi Park on 24 April at the Ashburn Grove site.*

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://ashburton-burwood.ucavictas.org.au/>**

ABUC 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 in the foyer at the Hyslop Street Site. Bread is also available for anyone to take.

Non-perishable food items can be brought to the Ashburn Grove, Ashburton site and placed in the Care & Kindness Pantry which is outside the glass doors of the church under the covered area and is accessible at all times. People are free to take whatever they need from the pantry. 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.



PRAYER NETWORK: During April please forward prayer requests to be shared to Max at mandf.procter@gmail.com or Dawn at das42ul@gmail.com by midday on Mondays. Additional prayers will be circulated as needed. (If email not available: 0435 602 453).

Prayer Focus:

Think on all your Easter moments which remind you of the love, sacrifice, joy and hope revealed in the life, death and resurrection of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Prayer Points:

- For International Aid workers in the middle east and other war torn countries.
- For those facing eviction from their homes and those who are homeless, with little hope of finding safe accommodation.

WCC Prayer Cycle:

12-18 April - Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania

- Respect for the rights of children, women, the young and the elderly, so they can receive adequate education, jobs and health care
- Better relationships among different ethnic groups and traditions

WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES PRAYER

CYCLE The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle takes us through every region of the world over the course of a year.
19-25 April - Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine



UPCOMING ANZAC SERVICES

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SATURDAY 25 APRIL @ 5:30 AM - 7:30 AM-ANZAC Day Dawn Service - Box Hill Gardens Nelson Road, Box Hill.

The Box Hill RSL invites you to attend the ANZAC Day Dawn Ceremony, to be held at the World War One Memorial in Box Hill Gardens, Nelson Road, Box Hill. The ceremony will commence promptly at 5:30am as we gather in quiet reflection.

SATURDAY 25 APRIL @ 5:45 AM Surrey Hills Hills ANZAC Day Dawn Service.

The Shrine Surrey Gardens 88-90 Union Road, Surrey Hills. The Surrey Hills and Mont Albert Progress Association, the Rotary Club of Mont Albert and Surrey Hills, and the Surrey Hills Historical Society are once again organising the 2026 community-led Surrey Hills ANZAC Day Dawn Service. We ask attendees to assemble at The Shrine, Surrey Gardens, 88-90 Union Road, Surrey Hills.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:

I changed my password to "incorrect", so anytime I forget and enter the wrong thing, the computer tells me what it is.