

# 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*

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

*Minister: Rev Yoo Mi Park*

**Sunday 19 April 2026 – Easter 3 – Year A**

10.00am - Service at 3 Ashburn Grove Ashburton

***We are grateful and delighted this morning to welcome Rev Yoo Mi Park who is conducting her first service with us.***

## Order of Service



### **We Gather**

#### **Opening Hymn:**

**TIS 720 "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"**

#### **Welcome**

#### **Acknowledgement of Country**

We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

**We give thanks for their wisdom, and commit ourselves to truth, justice, and reconciliation.**

#### **Call to worship**

*(Based on Psalm 116:1–4, 12–19)*

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and listened to my cry for mercy.

**The Lord is gracious and righteous;  
our God is full of compassion.**

What shall we return to the Lord for all his goodness to us?

**We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.**

**Let us worship the Lord with thanksgiving and praise.**

#### **Peace**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

#### **Prayers of Adoration and Confession**

Loving and faithful God, we praise you because you listen to your people.

You hear our cries when we are overwhelmed. You walk beside us when the road feels long. You reveal yourself in Scripture, in fellowship, and in the breaking of bread. You are the God who meets us in ordinary moments and opens our eyes to your living presence.

And yet, gracious God, we confess that we do not always recognise you.

Like the disciples on the Emmaus road, we become distracted by disappointment. We focus on our fears more than your promises.

We confess that we sometimes walk past your presence— in the stranger, in the suffering, in the quiet movements of your Spirit.

Forgive us, Lord.

Open our eyes again to see Christ walking beside us.  
Warm our hearts with your word, and renew our faith so that we may recognise your presence in our lives.  
We pray this in the name of the risen Christ.  
Amen.

### Words of Assurance

Hear the good news.  
The risen Christ who walked with the disciples does not abandon us on our journey.  
God hears our cries, lifts us from despair, and restores us with grace.

As the Psalm declares:  
“The Lord is gracious and righteous;  
our God is full of compassion.”

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, renewed, and invited to walk again in hope.  
Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn of Praise:  
TIS 147 “To God Be the Glory”**

### We Listen

#### Listening to the Word of God

Your word is a lamp to our feet.  
**A light to our path.**

*Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19  
Luke 24:13-35*

Lord, may your word live in us.  
**And bear much fruit for your glory.**

**Sermon:  
“The Road Where Our Direction  
Changes”**

### We Respond

**Hymn of Response:  
TIS 547 “Be Thou My Vision”**

**Notices**

**Prayers of the People**

**Solo song Rise again Lance**

### Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God,  
You have opened the Scriptures to us and revealed your presence in our lives.  
Just as the disciples recognised Christ in the breaking of bread, help us to recognise Christ in the everyday moments of our lives.

Receive now the gifts we bring—  
our offerings, our time, our compassion, and our commitment to serve.  
Use them for the work of your kingdom.  
Send us out as people whose hearts burn with hope, ready to share the good news of the risen Christ.

We offer all that we are and all that we have in gratitude and love.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### We are sent

**Hymn of Sending:  
TIS 687 “God Gives Us a Future”**

### Blessing

As you walk the roads of this week, remember that Christ walks beside you.  
May your hearts burn with the truth of God’s word.  
May your eyes be opened to recognise Christ among you.  
And the blessing of God— Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—  
be with you and remain with you always.  
Amen.

### Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Sung Blessing:  
TIS 778 “Shalom to you now”**

### Postlude

### ROSTER SUNDAY 19 April 2026 – Easter 3 – Year A

Minister:	Rev Yoo Mi Park
Worship Leader:	Mary Casey
Prayers:	Anne Campbell
Narthex/Count Leader:	Angus Moore
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:	Jenny Stone, Glen Schlipalius, Lindley Webb
Online Communications:	Christine Chappell/Dawn Sullivan



### TODAY 19 April 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*

## 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 26 April 2026 – Easter 4 – Year A**

Minister:	Rev Yoo Mi Park
Worship Leader:	Glenys Borland
Prayers:	Mary Casey
Narthex/Count Leader:	Adrian Miller
Door, Greeting, Offering:	Dorothy Thorpe
Organist:	Colin Prohasky
Pianist:	Anne Forrest
Song Leader:	Alan Bailey
Readers:	Tina Wong, Alison Wright
Computer/Sound/PPT:	Angus Borland
Morning Tea/Clean Up:	Pamela Degenhardt, Lynette Hurley, Miff Schlipalius
Online Communications:	Christine Chappell/Dawn Sullivan

### **SUNDAY 26 APRIL 2026 -**

Easter 4 – at Ashburn Grove

**10am** Rev Yoo Mi Park;  
Glenys Borland  
and worship team.

#### **Lectionary Readings:**

Acts 2:42-47; Ps 23;  
1 Pt 2:19-25; Jn 10:1-10.

## **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!



## **SOME EVENTS IN APRIL & MAY**

**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** using 'With love to the World' resumes on **22 April**. The group meets weekly in Barry's Place from 9am to 10am.

**WEDNESDAY - SUPPER AT 6** is in the Lighthouse at Ashburn Grove – **Wednesday 22 April 2026 at 6.00pm**. Come and join in the conversation, have a lovely meal 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.



**PASTORAL CARE MEETING:** **Wednesday 29 April** at 1.30pm in the Wesley Room at Hyslop Street site.

**EASY WALKERS:** **Saturday May 2nd**. We will meet at Burnley Railway Station for a walk through some interesting streets in Richmond before having coffee in a local café. Then we walk through local parks abutting the Yarra and in Hawthorn before departing from Hawthorn Railway station. Burnley RS and Hawthorn RS can also be accessed by trams. Note we walk station to station so this walk does not suit using a car.

Train departs Ashburton @ 9.29am arriving Burnley 9.50am. Similarly, from Box Hill train departs 9.30 arriving Burnley 9.50am. Bring your Myki for free weekend travel – for Seniors. Maybe free for everyone if free PT is extended beyond April.

A prize will be awarded to the most challenging public transport trip where getting to the station was not easy but trip made anyway using Public transport. Please advise by Wednesday night [April 29th] if coming in case a change of plans is necessary and so we know roughly how everyone is travelling. Contacts: Email preferred [grajenstone@bigpond.com](mailto:grajenstone@bigpond.com) Jen:0434 007 463 Graeme:0431 915 198

**BADMINTON:** If you feel like playing badminton at BUC please contact Miff [mschlipalius@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:info@wellspringcentre.org.au) [www.wellspringcentre.org.au](http://www.wellspringcentre.org.au)

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

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

**PEW SHEET:** Please forward all notices to Dawn [das42ul@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**VIEWS FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE:** The May issue will be available on Sunday 3 May 2026. Autumn should be in full colour so if you would like to write about or photograph something of God's creation in Autumn please email it to me by Thursday 30 April at [das42ul@gmail.com](mailto:das42ul@gmail.com) I would love to hear from you! Of course, if you have a story or article on a different subject that would also be good to have in Views from the Lighthouse. Please consider it. Thank you! Dawn.

### **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](mailto:mandf.procter@gmail.com) or Dawn at [das42ul@gmail.com](mailto:das42ul@gmail.com) by midday on Mondays. Additional prayers will be circulated as needed. (If email not available: 0435 602 453).

#### **Prayer Focus:**

Lord help us so we can be the Easter people we sing about - *"and alleluia is our song!"*

#### **Prayer Points:**

- The invaluable work in the Australian Defence Force done by Chaplains of the Uniting Church and other denominations. May their words heal, their presence reassure and their ministry shine light in times of struggle.

#### **WCC Prayer Cycle:**

19-25 April - Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine

- Those in Belarus and Ukraine who suffer from the continued effects of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster.

#### **WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES PRAYER**

**CYCLE** The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle takes us through every region of the world over the course of a year. 26 Apr – 2 May - Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia



ANZAC Services in our Area.

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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.

#### **Key 2026 ABC ANZAC Day Coverage by ABC (AEST):**

- 5:30am: Canberra Dawn Service (ABC TV, News Channel, iview).
- 5.30am: The Melbourne Dawn Service will be **broadcast** live from on **774 ABC Radio** Melbourne and ABC listen.
- 9:00am: Local Marches (Capital cities - ABC TV, iview).
- 12:30pm: Gallipoli Dawn Service (ABC TV, News Channel, iview).
- 1:30pm: Villers-Bretonneux Dawn Service (ABC TV, News Channel, iview).
- 6:55pm: Governor-General's address.

#### **ON THE THOUGHTFUL SIDE:**

*"In gratitude and remembrance.  
Lest we forget."*