

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/y8w2JDfUWHo?feature=share>

Minister: Rev Yoo Mi Park

Sunday 26 April 2026 – Easter 4 – Year A

10.00am - Service at 3 Ashburn Grove
Ashburton

ORDER OF SERVICE

We Gather

Alan Bailey Opening Hymn: TIS 607 "Make Me
a Channel of Your Peace



Glenys Borland 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.

Welcome and ANZAC Remembrance Moment

Glenys Borland Acknowledgement

As we gather for worship today, we also remember that this week our nation marks ANZAC Day.

Across Australia and New Zealand people pause to remember those who served in war and conflict, those who gave their lives, and those who returned carrying the wounds of war. We remember them with gratitude, and we pray for peace in our world.

Video The Ode + Silence

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

We will remember them.

Yoo Mi Park Prayer

God of compassion and peace,

We remember before you all who have served in times of war,

those who gave their lives,

and those whose lives were forever changed by conflict.

Comfort those who carry grief,

strengthen those who work for peace,

and guide the nations of the world toward justice and reconciliation.

As followers of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace,

teach us to be people who seek peace,

who practise mercy,

and who build communities of hope.

Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

Glenys Borland Call to worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The risen Christ calls us together.

We come to worship the living God.

The Spirit gathers us into one body.

We come to share faith, hope, and love.

Let us worship the God who gives life to the church.

Yoo Mi Park Peace

The peace of the risen Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Living God,
we praise you for the gift of Easter life.

You raised Jesus from the dead and opened the way from death to life.

You gather your people across every place and time, calling us to live as a community of faith, devoted to teaching, fellowship, prayer, and the sharing of life together.

You are our shepherd and our guide.
You lead us beside still waters.
You restore our souls.

Yet, loving God, we confess that we do not always live as your people.
We sometimes choose isolation instead of community.
We hold tightly to what we have rather than sharing with generosity.
We listen to many voices but struggle to hear the voice of Christ.

Forgive us.
Renew us.
Shape us again into a people of grace and compassion.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Hear the good news:

The risen Christ calls us not as strangers but as beloved members of God's household.

**In Christ we are forgiven.
In Christ we are made new.
In Christ we are gathered into one body.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Alan Bailey Hymn of Praise: TIS 659 "The Lord is my Shepherd"

We Listen

Ian Willmott, Alison Wright Listening to the Word of God

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



Psalm 23

Acts 2:42-47

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

Sermon: "The Quiet Wonder of Christian Community"

We Respond

Alan Bailey Hymn of Response: TIS 690 "Beauty for Brokenness"

Glenys Borland Notices

Mary Casey Prayers of the People

Mary Casey The Lord's Prayer

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Generous God,
receive these gifts and our lives offered in service.

Use them to build communities of hope, to bring healing where there is brokenness, and to proclaim the good news of the risen Christ.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

We are sent

Alan Bailey Hymn of Sending: TIS 531 "Sent forth by God's Blessing"

Blessing

Go now as people of the risen Christ.

Devote yourselves to the teaching of Christ, to fellowship and prayer, to generosity and love.

And may the blessing of God, Creator, Christ, 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.

Alan Bailey Sung Blessing: TIS 778 "Shalom to you now"

Postlude

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:	Ian Willmott, Alison Wright
Computer/Sound/PPT:	Angus Borland
Morning Tea/Clean Up:	Pamela Degenhardt, Lynette Hurley, Miff Schlipalius
Online Communications:	Christine Chappell/Dawn Sullivan

**Live Streaming at
Ashburton Burwood
Uniting Church**

**Please see important
notice on last page of
this pew sheet.**

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who came along, participated and served in many ways to make Rev Yoo Mi's Induction Service a great success on Friday evening. It was good to see people who have been part of our congregation over the years, and meet Yoo Mi's family and friends who mean a lot to her. It was a great start to her ministry with us.

**SUNDAY 3 May 2026 - Easter 5 – at Ashburn Grove – Holy Communion
10am Rev Yoo Mi Park; Andrew Wilkinson and Worship team****Lectionary Readings:**

May 3 2026 Easter 5 Acts 7:55-60 Ps 31:1-5, 15-16 1 Pt 2:2-10 Jn 14:1-14

FREE TO A GOOD HOME:

Some things in the store room are available if anyone wants them, or knows of someone who might be able to use them. There are **many, many paper cups** and some **lightweight plastic stools**.

ROSTER SUNDAY 3 May 2026 – Easter 5 – Year A - Holy Communion

Minister:	Rev Yoo Mi Park
Worship Leader:	Andrew Wilkinson
Prayers:	Andrew Wilkinson
Narthex/Count Leader:	Alan Bailey
Door, Greeting, Offering:	Tom Thorpe
Organist:	Colin Prohasky
Pianist:	Anne Forrest
Song Leader:	Megan McLaughlin
Readers:	Glen Schlipalius, Lance Schlipalius
Computer/Sound:	Alison Wright
Power Point:	David Wright
Communion Stewards:	Anne Campbell, Mary Casey, Kathryn Graham, Glen Schlipalius, Maree Silver
Morning Tea/Clean Up:	Jill Capstick, Libby McLauchlan, Kathryn Graham
Online Communications:	Christine Chappell/Dawn Sullivan



Video message - **[ANZAC Day message and prayer from Rev Matthew Stuart](#)**

Army Chaplain and Uniting Church Minister

As Australia pauses to mark ANZAC Day, Rev Matthew Stuart invites us into a space of remembrance shaped by honesty, lament and hope.

In a video message recorded for ANZAC Day Rev Stuart names the reality many feel but struggle to articulate. Ours is a time marked by violence, within homes, across communities and throughout the world. In such moments, prayer does not always come easily or neatly. Sometimes, he says, the truest prayer we can offer is lament: "Where are you, Lord?"

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 at END of APRIL & INTO 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" meets weekly in Barry's Place from 9am to 10am.

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: **ABUC PASTORAL CARE TEAM** will meet with Yoo Mi on Wednesday 29 April at 1.30pm in Wesley Room at the Hyslop St., Buildings. If you feel you could contribute to the pastoral care within the Ashburton-Burwood community please come along.

EASY WALKERS: AMENDMENT Saturday May 2nd. After taking a reconnaissance walk we have reversed our walk direction. We will now meet at **HAWTHORN Railway Station** for a 2.5 km walk through local parks abutting the Yarra and in Hawthorn before having coffee in a local café. Then we walk through some streets in Richmond with interesting range of housing styles and eras before departing from BURNLEY 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 HAWTHORN 9.47am. Similarly, from Box Hill train departs 9.30 arriving HAWTHORN 9.47am. No need for your Myki given free public transport. A prize will be awarded to the most challenging public transport trip where getting to the station was not easy but trip was 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 Jen:0434 007 463 Graeme:0431 915 198

BADMINTON: If you feel like playing badminton at BUC please contact Miff mschlipalius@hotmail.com for details.

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 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.

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,

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Food, toiletries and household goods can be brought to Burwood church to support Burwood Neighbourhood House, 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.

Thank you for your generous assistance in these projects.



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).



FOR THOSE WHO REMEMBER SHELL SYKES, we share the sad news of her passing last week. The funeral will be Monday 27th April, 2pm at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Hampton. Anne C is offering transport if needed.

Prayer Focus:

Help us to see you in the world around us and respond to your love.

Prayer Points:

- For those in our community who are experiencing illnesses and those who are dealing with grief.
- For Rev Yoo Mi and our congregation as we journey forward together.

WCC Prayer Cycle:

26 Apr – 2 May Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia

- the healing of past wrongs and distorted memories of what has occurred

WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES PRAYER

CYCLE The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle takes us through every region of the world over the course of a year.

03-09 May 2026 – Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:

3024 years from now life is either going to be really good or really bad...it's 5050!

Live Streaming at Ashburton Burwood Uniting Church

Over recent weeks we have been trialling different set-ups for live streaming services which has resulted in varying sound and image quality. Most trials have been from the back of the Church as this location gives the best sound quality. In the final set-up, the camera will probably be located half-way down the side of the Church, with sound being picked up by a special microphone at the back of the Church. This will maximise both image and sound quality. The Service live streamed on the 5th of April had the camera in this location. Unfortunately, at this stage, the camera has difficulty picking up the PowerPoint slides and therefore they generally may not be included in the shot. We will keep looking for a way to improve this, in the meantime we hope you are enjoying the livestreams.

David, Richard & Kevin.

Ed. Note: Thanks to the three of you for all your efforts to get YouTube working for us.