

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/2UtheLi1UvM?feature=share>

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Seventh Sunday of Easter Service

@ Ashburton-Burwood UCA



17th May 2026

We Gather

Opening Hymn: [Lance Schlipalius](#)

TIS 723 "Holy, Holy, Holy, my heart, my heart, adores you"

Welcome [Andrew Wilkinson](#)

Acknowledgement of Country [Andrew](#)

We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet. 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 [Andrew Wilkinson](#)

We come into this space, just as we are— with joy, with questions, with quiet hopes, and unspoken burdens.

We come, trusting that we are not alone.

In the midst of change and uncertainty, God draws us together.

We are held in God's love, and gathered into God's care.

Jesus prayed that we may be one— not perfect, but connected; not distant, but held together in love.

So we come as we are, and we open our hearts to God's presence among us.

Let us worship God

Peace [Rev. Yoo Mi Park](#)

The peace of the risen Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Gracious God, you are the One who gathers, sustains, and holds us in love.

As we come before you, draw us into your presence and unite us in your grace.

God of unity and love, you call us to be one in Christ, yet we often live divided. You pray for our oneness, yet we turn away from one another. Forgive us. Heal what separates us. And bring us into your peace.

Words of Assurance

Hear the good news.

Jesus Christ prayed for us—that we may be one, and that we may be kept in God’s love.

In Christ, we are forgiven, held, and made whole. Thanks be to God.

**Hymn of Praise: Lance Schlipalius
TIS 613 “Lord of all hopefulness Lord of all joy”**

We Listen

Maree Silver & Graeme Silver

Your word is a lamp to our feet.

A light to our path.

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

John 17:1-11

Lord, may your word live in us.

And bear much fruit for your glory.

Sermon: “Held in God, Sent into the world”

We Respond

**Hymn of Response: Lance Schlipalius
“Because the Saviour prayed”**

(Tune WOODLANDS 10.10.10.10 TIS 161 “Tell out, my soul”)

“Because the Saviour prayed”

1. Because the Saviour prayed, ‘May they be one’, and taught his friends to say, ‘Your will be done’, we own our need to live by God’s own Word and walk together following Christ our Lord.

2. Our narrow loyalties have had their day - these separate paths evading Jesus’ way. We sadly own the scars that mar the past yet gladly seek the road God made to last.

3. We are our Saviour’s body: Christ the head, first born of God, first risen from the dead. Competing, we debase his holy will; engaging, his intention we fulfil.

4. So, guide us, Lord, and take us by the hand, and show us how to love and understand; reveal, within the differences we share, the pattern of your glory, grace and care.

5. And when our journey here has reached its end, and strangers are the pilgrims you intend, may we as one, forgiving and forgiven, enjoy you in the harmony of heaven.

From **“Known Unknown Us: 100 Contemporary Texts to Common Tunes**, John L. Bell & Graham Maule

Notices

Prayers of the People [Glen Schlipalius](#)

The Lord’s Prayer [Glen Schlipalius](#)

We are sent

Hymn of Sending: Lance Schlipalius
The offering will take place during this hymn

“For you, Deep Stillness of the Silent Inland”

For you, deep stillness of the silent inland
For you, deep blue of the desert skies
For you, flame red of the rocks and stones
For you, sweet water from hidden springs.
From the edges seek the heartlands
and when you’re burnt by the journey
may the cool winds of the hovering Spirit
soothe and replenish you.

In the name of Christ,

In the name of Christ

(repeat - last time, add ‘in the name of Christ’ once more)

Commissioning and Blessing

Go now.

You are kept in the love of Christ.

You are gathered into the life of God,

and held within the poom(품) of God—

the gracious embrace from which nothing can separate 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: Lance Schlipalius
TIS 780 “May light come into your eyes”

Postlude

ROSTER SUNDAY 17 May 2026 – Easter 7 – Year A

Minister:	Rev Yoo Mi Park
Worship Leader:	Andrew Wilkinson
Prayers:	Glen Schlipalius
Narthex/Count Leader:	Ian Willmott
Door, Greeting, Offering:	Ian Webb
Organist & Pianist:	Anne Forrest
Song Leader:	Lance Schlipalius
Musicians:	Anne Campbell, Megan McLaughlin, Miff Schlipalius
Readers:	Maree Silver, Graeme Silver
Computer/Sound:	Howard Hamlyn
Power Point:	Kevin Hurley
Morning Tea/Clean Up:	Pamela Degenhardt, Glen Schlipalius, Fran Willmott
Online Communications:	Christine Chappell/Dawn Sullivan

PLEASE LET DAVID KNOW BY TODAY, 17 May, of non-availability for rosters for June & July 2026 –

Could you please advise me by email (preferred) or written note of dates on which you will not be available for duty between the beginning of June 2026 and the end of July 2026 inclusive in order that the next roster can be prepared and issued before the end of May. Thank you. *David Wright*
dwright3761@gmail.com

SUNDAY 24 May 2026 – Pentecost at Ashburn Grove

10am: Rev Yoo Mi Park; Michael Donnelly and the Worship Team

Lectionary Readings: Acts 2:1-21 or Num 11:24-30; Ps 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Cor 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 7:37-39

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Minister:	Rev Yoo Mi Park
Worship Leader:	Michael Donnelly
Prayers:	Andrew Wilkinson
Narthex/Count Leader:	Maree Silver
Door, Greeting, Offering:	Pamela Degenhardt
Organist	Colin Prohasky
Pianist:	Anne Forrest
Song Leader:	Alan Bailey
Readers:	Marco Mattucci, Miff Schlipalius
Computer/Sound	Richard Hedding
Power Point:	Michael Donnelly
Morning Tea/Clean Up:	Howard Hamlyn, Lyn McKie, Kathryn Graham
Online Communications:	Christine Chappell/Dawn Sullivan

*Wear something red next
Sunday for Pentecost*

VIEWS FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE –

The next edition will be available on 7 June 2026. A suggestion has been made that we have some stories of **LOST AND FOUND**. Please tell us about yours! Email to Dawn das42ul@gmail.com by Thursday 4 June 2026.

Worship Planning Conversations

You are warmly invited to join a conversation about worship ideas for special events, liturgical seasons, and significant occasions in the life of the church. Feel free to share favourite hymns, prayers, or reflections.

- Wednesday 20 May – 10.30am during the Special Morning Tea in the Lighthouse
- Sunday 7 June – 11.00am during Sunday morning tea in the Lighthouse

If you are unable to attend in person, you are welcome to send your ideas by email to armdawl@icloud.com.

Council nominations and notice of Congregational meeting June 7

In our Memorandum of Understanding in 2025, we stated a wish to have a Council of 12 members. Currently we have nine elected members, with room for three more.

We have had a request from Lance to join the Council; he will need to be elected at a **Congregational meeting on June 7** immediately after worship.

There is room for two more elected positions on Council. If you feel called to serve our congregation in this way, please speak to Alison for a nomination form. Completed forms need to be submitted by **May 24**, two weeks before the Congregational meeting.

PRAYER POINTS IN THE SANCTUARY

Candle Prayer

You are invited to light a candle for those who are on your heart. Candles may be lit before and after the service as a quiet act of prayer.



Kneeler Prayer (Wooden Prayer Bench)

As you enter the sanctuary, you will find a wooden prayer bench facing the cross. You are welcome to pause here for silent prayer at any time.



OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN THE 111 COMMITTEE

What is 111? It is a service project of our congregation which has been going for a long time; a home for several people in our community who are intellectually disabled but able to live independently, sometimes with support. It is managed by volunteers from our congregation who ensure the home is in good condition, the residents are happy and know they are supported. We have a Landlord's Representative who lives in the house to act as liaison with the committee, raise any concerns, ensure the home operates smoothly, etc. We do not provide care for the residents; their families are responsible for making those arrangements if needed.

Due to some key people leaving our congregation, the committee has become very small - Alison and Libby are the two remaining members. We are inviting others to join us and share the responsibilities; a committee of four is ideal. We meet approximately every 6 weeks, often by Zoom but occasionally in person to review maintenance and other issues; we also organise social dinners with the residents about twice/year and working bees when needed.

If you are interested in becoming involved with this project, please speak to Libby or Alison. We will be very happy to have you join us!

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

We have been approached by Elizabeth Gardens Burwood (Royal Freemasons), who are looking for a Uniting Church team to lead worship at their site on a regular basis. If you are interested in being part of this outreach opportunity, or have questions about what might be involved, please contact Fran.

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 **May-July Quarterly Calendar now on the Communications page on the ABUC website.** Also refer to 'Views from the Lighthouse'.

WITH LOVE TO THE WORLD

The new Pentecost edition of With Love to the World is now available! Vol 18, No 3, 18 May - 16 August 2026. A great way to stay in touch with God's Word everyday! Still only \$7, get your copy from The LightHouse. Please pay to the Church account or see Michael. (BSB 033106; A/c No. 121266 – Reference "LoveWorld" A/c Name: Ashburton Uniting Church).

SOME EVENTS IN 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.



WEDNESDAY 20 MAY SPECIAL MORNING TEA – 10.30am in the Lighthouse. Come to enjoy some conversation, fellowship and friendship along with tea or coffee.

EVERY THURSDAY - BARRY'S PLACE: Open 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

WEDNESDAY 27 MAY – 6pm SUPPER at 6 in the Lighthouse. Another occasion for good conversation, a nice meal and some friendly fellowship.

PRACTICAL HELP for Our Community

The first question which the priest and the Levite asked was: 'If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?' But...the good Samaritan reversed the question: 'If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?' Martin Luther King Jr.

With thanks to you for your compassion and care, food may still be left at Burwood and also for the pantry at Ashburton. It is all making a difference for local people who need some staple foods for their cupboards. Thank you bringing *non-perishable* items and other essential goods

If you wish you may donate cash with which food can be purchased to keep up the supply. Please 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.

Through these actions of practical help for our community we are showing that we care and that we can:

- *respond to the needs of our neighbours; -*
- *make Christ and His love known through our actions; -*
- *enable the transforming power and love of Christ to reach others; -*
- *be a church in, and for, the community;*
- *empower women and men from the community who are willing to be part of this vision"*



PRAYER NETWORK: During May please forward prayer requests to be shared to Jenny at grajenstone@bigpond.com or Dawn at das42ul@gmail.com by midday on Mondays. Additional prayers will be circulated as needed. (If email not available:0434 007 463).



Prayer Focus: Give us ears to hear your words of wisdom, Jesus, that we may walk in your ways of life and peace, attentive to the cries of the poor. (WLW)

Prayer Points:

- the elderly in need of care, families stretched beyond their means, and communities far from the centres of power. Where the decisions made fall short of what people need.
(From the Assembly News)

WCC Prayer Cycle: 17-23 May 2026

Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal

- these small nations which depend on other countries and are often threatened by interests of their bigger neighbours.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we worship, the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation and pay our respects to Elders past and present.

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> 24 -31 May 2026 - Indian Ocean Islands: Comoros, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:

Nutritionists say that eating healthy involves filling your plate with bright colours: Greens, reds, yellows. So I had a bowl of M&Ms.

Thank you to Rev Yoo Mi and the Worship Leaders who prepare and put together our services. Thank you also to those who fill the church with music, those who read and lead prayers, the stewards, and those who deal with the audio/visuals and YouTube, and to those on morning tea duty. Thank you to those who, at all sorts of times, work in many capacities, to keep the church going with tasks too numerous to mention here. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

Greatly appreciated also is the work done on our behalf by the members of the Church Council.

THANK YOU ALL.