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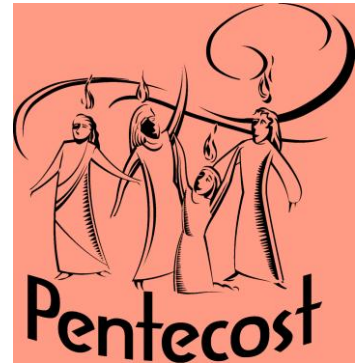
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Purpose: Welcome all. Nurture faith. Grow disciples.

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

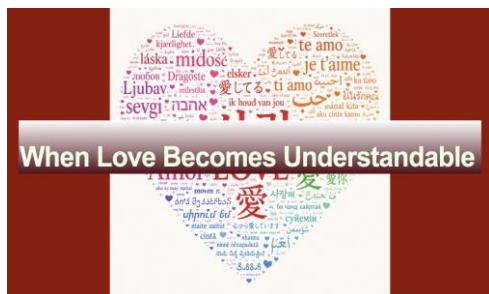


A reminder to everyone to wear red or something harmonious with that – i.e. orange, yellow etc. for Day of Pentecost

ONLINE SERVICE via YouTube channel. Link: https://youtube.com/live/dLVdw_Z0SFI?feature=share

Minister: Rev Yoo Mi Park; Worship Leader: Michael Donnelly

The Day of Pentecost Service
@ Ashburton-Burwood UCA
10am - 24th May 2026



We Gather

Opening Hymn: [Alan Bailey](#)

TIS 723 "Holy, Holy, Holy, my heart, my heart, adores you" (English only, Twice)

Welcome [Michael Donnelly](#)

Acknowledgement of Country

[Michael Donnelly](#)

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 [Michael Donnelly](#)

Come, Holy Spirit.

Come into our speaking and our listening.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Breathe life into your people.

When we feel disconnected,
God draws near.

When words fail, God still speaks.

When love becomes visible,
the Spirit is at work.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Open our hearts to hear the wonders of God anew.

Peace [Rev. Yoo Mi Park](#)

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

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

God of Pentecost,
you speak to every generation
in words deeper than language.

You meet people where they are —
in joy and uncertainty,
in longing and weariness,
in hope and confusion.

You are not distant from human life,
but present within it,
always reaching toward us with grace.

You speak through Scripture,
through kindness,
through hospitality,
through quiet acts of love
that make your presence known.

And so today we worship you —
God the Creator,
Christ the Risen One,
and Holy Spirit, breath of life.

(Pause)

Yet merciful God,
we confess that we do not always listen well.

Sometimes we speak before we understand.
Sometimes we stay with what is comfortable
and familiar.

Sometimes we fail to notice the quiet burdens
carried by people around us.

We confess that we can become more
concerned with preserving what we know
than participating in what your Spirit is doing.

Forgive us when our lives do not reflect the
welcome of Christ.

Teach us again how to listen with compassion,
to love with patience,
and to become people through whom others
may glimpse your grace.

(Silence)

Words of Assurance

Hear these words of good news:

The Spirit who came at Pentecost
still renews, restores, and gathers people in
love.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and
set free to live faithfully.**

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn of Praise: [Alan Bailey](#)

**TIS 418 “She sits like a bird brooding on
the waters”**

We Listen

[Marco Mattucci](#), [Miff Schlipalius](#)

Your word is a lamp to our feet.

A light to our path.

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b- page 596

Acts 2:1-21- page 1078 in pew bible

Lord, may your word live in us.

And bear much fruit for your glory.

**Sermon: “When Love Becomes
Understandable”**

We Respond

Hymn of Response: [Alan Bailey](#)

“Over my head” Over My Head

Tom Kendzia/Pamela Warrick-Smith

1. Over my head, I hear music in the air
Over my head, I hear music in the air.

Over my head, I hear music in the air.

There must be a God,
there must be a God,
there must be a God somewhere.

2. Come and see: he has rolled away the stone.

Come and see: he has rolled away the stone.

Come and see: he has rolled away the stone.

There must be a God somewhere.

3. Over my head, I hear singing in the air

Over my head, I hear singing in the air.

Over my head, I hear singing in the air.

There must be a God,

there must be a God,

there must be a God somewhere.

4. Come and see: he is risen from the dead.

Come and see: he is risen from the dead.

Come and see: he is risen from the dead.

There must be a God somewhere.

5. Over my head, I see Jesus in the air.

Over my head, I see Jesus in the air.

Over my head, I see Jesus in the air.

There must be a God,

there must be a God,

there must be a God somewhere.

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Notices

Prayers of the People [Andrew Wilkinson](#)

The Lord’s Prayer [Andrew Wilkinson](#)

We are sent

Our offerings are one way we participate
in the work of God’s Spirit in the world.

As we give today while singing together,
may our lives also become gifts —
expressions of welcome, compassion, and
hope.

Hymn of Sending: [Alan Bailey](#)

TIS 135 “All things bright and beautiful”

Prayer of Dedication

Generous God,
receive these gifts and receive our lives.
Use what we offer
to bring encouragement to the weary,
welcome to the lonely,
and hope to those searching for meaning.

By your Spirit,
make your love understandable through us.
In Jesus 'name we pray. **Amen.**

Blessing

Go now in the power of the Holy Spirit.
May your words bring grace,
your listening bring healing,
and your presence reveal the love of Christ.

And may people encounter the wonders of God
through the way you live, love, and welcome.

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.

Sung Blessing: Alan Bailey

TIS 780 "May light come into your eyes"

Postlude

ROSTER SUNDAY 24 May 2026 Pentecost Year A

Minister:	Rev Yoo Mi Park
Worship Leader:	Michael Donnelly
Prayers:	Andrew Wilkinson
Narthex/Count Leader:	Maree Silver
Door, Greeting, Offering:	Dawn Sullivan
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



THE DAY OF PENTECOST ("the fiftieth day") a Christian day commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles.

ROSTER SUNDAY 31 May 2026 Trinity Sunday

Worship Leader:	Michael Donnelly
Prayers:	Michael Donnelly
Narthex/Count Leader:	Howard Hamlyn
Door, Greeting, Offering:	Lyn McKie
Organist	Colin Prohasky
Pianist:	Anne Forrest
Song Leader:	Patsy Donnelly
Readers:	Diane Grant, Val Nixon
Computer/Sound	Libby McLauchlan
Power Point:	Michael Donnelly
Morning Tea/Clean Up:	Lynette Hurley, Glen Schlipalius, Angus Moore
Online Communications:	Christine Chappell/ Dawn Sullivan

SUNDAY 31 May 2026 Trinity Sunday at Ashburn Grove.

Next Sunday is the 5th Sunday in May; Rev Yoo Mi is taking the day off. As we have done in the past, we will be having a service of singing and scripture, including some of your favourite hymns collected in 2025. If your hymn is included, you may be asked to tell us why it is special to you.

10am: Worship Leader -Michael Donnelly

Lectionary Readings: Gn 1:1 – 2:4a; Ps 8;
2 Cor 13:11-13; Mt 28:16-20

SUNDAY JUNE 7 – PENTECOST 2 – YEAR A – 10am – Service of Holy Communion - Ashburn Grove

We will be welcoming **Tina & Geoff Wong and Ester Uhrich.**

Minister: Rev Yoo Mi Park

Lectionary: Gn 12:1-9/Hos 5:15-6:6; Ps 33:1-12/Ps 50:7-15; Rom 4:13-25; Mt 9:9-13, 18-26

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.

• **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.

SOME EVENTS IN MAY and into JUNE

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

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

COMBINED ABUC LADIES & MEN'S

FELLOWSHIP MEETING: Next meeting is

Monday 1st June at 1.30pm in BUC Wesley Room. We are again fortunate to have an adventure travelogue by one of our own. Howard Hamlyn will be presenting on his adventure in November 2025, when with son Alex they rode on e-bikes, about 930km through the Flinders Ranges in South Australia over 13 days. Afternoon tea will follow. All ABUC members & friends are welcome. *(Note the change to meeting on first Monday is only for June, so date will return to 2nd Monday next month).*

Contacts: Graeme Stone 0431 915 198, Kevin Hurley 0417 570 524



EASY WALKERS: SATURDAY JUNE 6TH: Day after World Environment Day, and given fuel costs are still high we will use public transport again. We will travel to Richmond station (or Tram 70 from Wattle Park) then walk across Gosches Paddock to the Royal Botanic Gardens Terrace café (1km). MT at the cafe or BYO. Then a tour of the Botanic Gardens will be in order (2km+ as you like) before exiting in the north western corner and walking to Flinders Street station. Note we walk station to station but if you choose to use your car you can work out your own plan. Train times are 9.29 from Ashburton and 9.30 from Box Hill; suggest we travel together in the second last carriage. Meet at café approximately 10am. Contacts: Email preferred grajenstone@bigpond.com Jen:0434 007 463 Graeme:0431 915 198

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.

JESUS IN THE GARDENS: The Gospel stories of Jesus played out in the @royalbotanicgardensvic Melbourne/Naarm. A suite of Works on Paper by Michael Donnelly. **Until Sunday 31 May 2026.** The WellSpring Centre, 10 Y-Street, Ashburton Vic 3147. (03) 9885 0277 *View after Sunday services @ashburtonbaptist_church 10am, Prayer at Noon on Wednesday, or whenever church offices or WellSpring office are open, generally 10-2, Mon - Thursday.*

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).

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'.

VIEWES 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.

SUNDAY 31 MAY AT 1.30PM, an afternoon of music at St Paul's Lutheran Church (formerly St James UC) 1201 Riversdale Rd Box Hill Sth. Free entry, any donations to the organ restoration appeal. An opportunity to see how this property has been developed.

PRACTICAL HELP for Our Community

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 for 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.



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: May the flame of Pentecost burn constantly in the hearts of Christ's followers so that others may see the love of Jesus.

Prayer Points:

Pray for the Spirit to renew our faith and strength this Pentecost as we journey on in our amalgamation.

WCC Prayer Cycle:

24 -30 May 2026 - *Indian Ocean Islands: Comoros, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles*

Christians to be bolder in their public witness for justice and reconciliation, especially in times of political turmoil.

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: 31 May - 6 June: [Angola, Mozambique](#)

<https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/prayer-cycle>

THE LIGHTER SIDE:

Golfer: "I'd move heaven and earth to break 100 on this course."

Caddy: "Try heaven; you've already moved most of the earth."