

# Ashburton-Burwood Uniting Church

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**Purpose:** *Welcome all. Nurture faith. Grow disciples.*

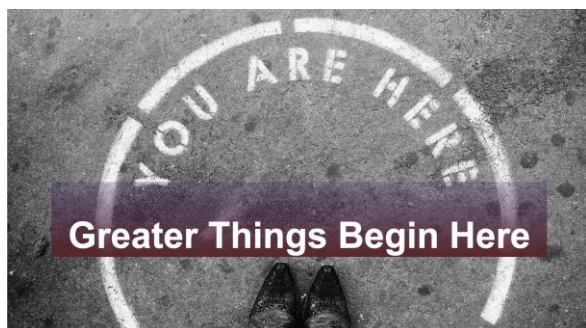
**Vision:** *A welcoming missional community, nurturing faith and growing disciples, sharing God's love intentionally, serving God's world compassionately and striving to be faithful followers of Jesus*

**ONLINE SERVICE** via YouTube channel. Link: <https://youtube.com/live/wyjHLu-d60?feature=share>

*Minister: Rev Yoo Mi Park; Worship Leader: Andrew Wilkinson*

Fifth Sunday of Easter Service

**3rd May 2026**



## **We Gather**

**Opening Hymn: Megan McLaughlin**  
TIS 706 "Bless the Lord, my soul"  
(3 times)

**Welcome Andrew Wilkinson**  
**Acknowledgement of Country**  
**Andrew Wilkinson**

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**

Do not let your hearts be troubled.

**We trust in God; we trust also in Christ.**

Our times are in God's hands.

**We come to walk in God's way.**

## **Peace Rev. Yoo Mi Park**

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

## **Prayers of Adoration and Confession**

Faithful God,  
you are our refuge when life feels uncertain.

When we cannot see clearly,  
you remain present.  
When we search for direction,  
you offer not a map—but yourself.

Yet we confess:  
we often seek clarity before trust,  
certainty before obedience.  
We want to know the way  
before we are willing to walk it.

Forgive us, O God.

Teach us to trust not what we can see,  
but the One who walks with us.

(Silence)

## **Words of Assurance**

Hear the good news:  
Christ says,  
"I am the way, and the truth, and the life."

We are not left alone.  
We are not without direction.

**In Christ, we are forgiven and made new.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn of Praise: Megan McLaughlin**  
TIS 739 "Nothing Can Trouble" (3 times)

## We Listen

**Glen Schlipalius, Lance Schlipalius**

Your word is a lamp to our feet.

**A light to our path.**

*Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16*

*John 14:1-14*

Lord, may your word live in us.

**And bear much fruit for your glory.**

**Sermon: "Greater things begin here"**

## We Respond

**Hymn of Response: Megan McLaughlin**

**TIS 420 "Holy Spirit go before us"**

**Notices**

**Prayers of the People Andrew Wilkinson**

**The Lord's Prayer Andrew Wilkinson**

**Offering and Prayer of Dedication**

**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

### *Invitation to the Table*

Friends,

this is not our table.

This is Christ's table.

He does not invite those who are certain—  
but those who are willing to walk with him.

So come,

not because you have everything figured out,  
but because Christ is the way.

### *Great Prayer of Thanksgiving*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right to give You thanks, O God,  
for you have always been present with your  
people—

guiding, sustaining, and calling us forward.

When we lost our way,  
you did not abandon us.

With the faithful of every age,  
we sing Your praise and proclaim Your  
salvation—  
today, here, and now.

***A cappella* TIS 761 –**

**"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and  
might. heaven and earth full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest. Bless'd is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the  
highest. "**

In Jesus Christ,  
you came among us—  
not to show us a distant path,  
but to be the way.

### *Words of Institution*

On the night before He died, Jesus took bread,  
gave thanks, broke it,  
and gave it to His disciples, saying:

"Take and eat, this is my body given for you."

Then He took the cup and said:

"This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
poured out for you and for many for the  
forgiveness of sins."

As often as you eat and drink, remember Me.

### *Prayer of Consecration*

Pour out Your Spirit on us and on these gifts of  
bread and wine,

that we may taste and see Your salvation,

and that we may be for the world

the body of Christ—

walking in his way,

living his life,

continuing his work.

### *Breaking of the Bread*

The bread we break is a sharing in the body of  
Christ.

The cup we take is a sharing in the blood of  
Christ.

The gift of God for the people of God.

Receive this holy sacrament of the body and  
blood of Christ, and feed on him in your hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.

### *Distribution*

#### *Prayer After Communion*

God of grace,

we thank you that in this meal  
you have met us.

You have not given us a map—  
but yourself.

Send us now,

to walk in your way,

and to take part in your greater work.

**We are sent**

**Hymn of Sending:** [Megan McLaughlin](#)

**TIS 717 “Give thanks with a grateful heart”**

**Commissioning and Blessing**

Go now—  
not with all the answers,  
but with trust.

Walk with Christ,  
who is the way.

And as you go,  
may you discover  
that God is already at work—  
in ways deeper, wider,  
and greater than you imagined.

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:** [Megan McLaughlin](#)

**TIS 780 “May light come into your eyes”**

**Postlude**

*Ed. Note: I am putting in the full order of service in the pew sheet for a few weeks so that we can familiarise ourselves with Yoo Mi’s way of presenting the service to us. Please read the beautiful words in the prayers. At present it is also helpful to those watching on YouTube where the words are not always clear from the screen.*

**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, Maree Silver
Morning Tea/Clean Up:	Jill Capstick, Libby McLauchlan, Kathryn Graham
Online Communications:	Christine Chappell/Dawn Sullivan

**SUNDAY 3 MAY  
ASHBURN GROVE SITE  
DEVELOPMENT TEAM**

The team which is looking at possible changes for the Ashburn Grove site will meet **this Sunday, May 3** after worship in the worship space. Please get a cuppa and come across. The objective of any site development will be to make the buildings - and our life as a congregation in the community - strategically, purposefully and financially viable. The ideas suggested to date will be reviewed, you are most welcome to contribute additional suggestions. We will make a first attempt at prioritising them. Please note this is a very preliminary review; no significant development can take place until we make other difficult decisions about the properties we have responsibility for.

**ROSTER SUNDAY 10 May 2026 – Easter 6 – Year A**

Minister:	Rev Yoo Mi Park
Worship Leader:	Mary Casey
Prayers:	Fran Willmott
Narthex/Count Leader:	Graeme Stone
Door, Greeting, Offering:	Richard Hedding
Organist:	Colin Prohasky
Pianist:	Anne Forrest
Song Leader:	Lynette Hurley
Readers:	Alan Bailey, Tina Wong
Computer/Sound:	Adrian Miller
Power Point:	Adrian Miller
Morning Tea/Clean Up:	Alison & David Wright, Elaine Gloster
Online Communications:	Christine Chappell/Dawn Sullivan

**SUNDAY 10 May 2026 - Easter 6 at Ashburn Grove**

**10am:** Rev Yoo Mi Park; Mary Casey and Worship team

**Lectionary Readings:** Acts 17:22-31; Ps 66:8-20; 1 Pt 3:13-22; Jn 14:15-21

Important Information On  
Live Streaming – Please  
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Notices.

## **Caring for One Another**

As a church, we want everyone to feel cared for and connected.

To support this, we are introducing a simple pastoral care structure.

## **Buddy Groups**

Everyone will be part of a small group of 2-4 people. This will be the main place for connection, encouragement, and care.

## **Wider Gatherings**

At times, several groups will come together for meals or fellowship, helping us stay connected as a whole church.

## **Coordinators**

A small team will help keep people connected, encourage participation, and notice when someone may need extra support.

## **Pastoral Care Support**

When needed, coordinators will work with pastoral care leaders (Fran Willmott and Patsy Donnelly) and Rev. Yoo Mi to ensure appropriate care is provided.

## **The Minister's Role**

Rev. Yoo Mi will continue to offer care in significant situations, visit those who are unwell, and support the whole system.

## **Our Goal**

This is not about adding more programs, but about being a church where no one is overlooked, no one is alone, and care is shared by all.

## **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.



**Beth Perrigo**, a friend of BUC and participant with Saturday Easy Walkers died unexpectedly on Monday evening. Beth had been very involved in BUC activities at differing times over the years. She particularly appreciated the quiet, reflective Taize worship. We think particularly of her daughter Ruth and son Mark at this time.

## 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.



**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.

*This is Yoo Mi putting the coffee machine into action at Barry's Place on Thursday. Our multi-skilled minister!*

*Encourage each other and help each other grow stronger in faith,  
**1 Thessalonians 5:11***

**It's on again:**

**Praise, Prayer & Pizza!**

**5 PM SATURDAY 9 MAY 2026** for relaxed/casual/informal worship in The Lighthouse, Ashburn Grove. All welcome for some singing, sharing & praying, & enjoying locally sourced food...  
Contact Michael 0438674247 or Patsy 0417447445 for further details.

**BADMINTON**: If you feel like playing badminton at BUC please contact Miff [mschlipalius@hotmail.com](mailto:mschlipalius@hotmail.com) for details

**LADIES FELLOWSHIP - MONDAY 11 MAY** Do come and share 'the special something you do'. It might be a craft, an activity, a special interest. This is another opportunity to grow to know each other better. Monday 11 May 1.30pm @ Hyslop St in Barry's Place.

### **MENS FELLOWSHIP MEETING - MONDAY 11 MAY**

Men's Fellowship will next meet on Monday 11 May at 1.30pm in the Wesley Room at our Burwood site for an informal chat then we will have coffee on site or visit a coffee shop in Burwood. Suggested topic for discussion – 'my first car' OR other topics of interest and any concerns also welcome.  
Contacts: Graeme Stone 0431 915 198 [grajenstone@bigpond.com](mailto:grajenstone@bigpond.com) OR  
Kevin Hurley 0417 570 524 ([kandlhurley@gmail.com](mailto:kandlhurley@gmail.com)) (Coordinators)

### **IMPORTANT SUNDAYS IN MAY**

**SUNDAY 24 MAY – DAY OF PENTECOST** – Often referred to as the birthday of the church, it commemorates the Holy Spirit's descent on the apostles, as described in Acts 2:1–31.

**SUNDAY 31 MAY – TRINITY SUNDAY** - celebrated on the first Sunday after Pentecost to honour the Holy Trinity—the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit as one.

### **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).

**VIEWS FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE**: The May issue should be available this weekend so keep an eye on your Inbox. There will be a couple of printed copies at the church for those who need them.

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.*



### FREE FIREWOOD

There is a small pile of firewood available at the Nerissa St manse, conveniently cut to fireplace size. If you would like some, please stop by at any time - it is in the back, inside the gate - 23 Nerissa St.

**HELPING COMMUNITY** - Please remember contributions to the Pantry of Care and Kindness (under the covered way at doors of church) are always welcome and very much appreciated. Thank you.

**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**.



## 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](mailto:dwright3761@gmail.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



**PRAYER NETWORK:** During May please forward prayer requests to be shared to Jenny at [grajenstone@bigpond.com](mailto:grajenstone@bigpond.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:0434 007 463).



**Prayer Focus:** Cultivate grateful hearts within us, and let thankfulness shape our perspective.

### Prayer Points:

For the pastoral care structure that is being set up within our church.

**WCC Prayer Cycle:** 03-09 May 2026 – Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan

### ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:

I went to Magicians' School but failed the final exam. They were all trick questions!