



# 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/6q9ZA8Hcr6k?feature=share>

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## ORDER OF SERVICE – 7 JUNE 2026

Second Sunday after Pentecost Service  
@ Ashburton-Burwood UCA



We Gather

**Opening Hymn:** [Megan McLaughlin](#)  
TIS 739 "Nothing can trouble, nothing  
can frighten "(English, twice)

**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](#)

Though we often live separated from one another, yet we long for connection.

Christ comes to meet us where we are.

**Christ gathers us into one body.**

When we keep our distance, Christ moves toward us.

**Christ welcomes us with grace.**

When we feel unseen, Christ calls us by name.

**Christ reminds us we belong.**

When hope seems lost, Christ brings life again.

**Christ renews us with love.**

Come, let us worship the God of compassion.

Come,

**Let us worship God together.**

**Peace** [Rev. Yoo Mi Park](#)

The peace of the risen Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**Prayers of Adoration and Confession**

Merciful and loving God,

You are the One

who continually moves toward the world.

You do not remain distant from human pain, suffering, or brokenness.

In Jesus Christ, You came close:

touching the untouchable,

eating with the excluded,

speaking dignity to those who had been forgotten.

You see what others overlook.

You draw near when others withdraw.

You bring life where people expect only despair.

And so we worship You:

God of compassion,  
God of mercy,  
God who crosses every boundary to meet us in  
love.

Yet as we stand in Your presence,  
we confess that we often choose distance over  
relationship.

We are polite, but not always open.  
We are busy, but not always attentive.  
We find it easier to stay comfortable  
than to move toward people who are lonely,  
difficult, or different from us.  
Too often, we draw lines where You would  
build tables.

Forgive us, gracious God.

Soften what has become hardened in us.  
Open our eyes to those we no longer notice.  
Teach us again the courage of compassion.  
Shape us into a community  
that reflects the welcome of Christ.

(A short silence is kept.)

### **Words of Assurance**

Hear these words of grace:  
Christ came not for the righteous,  
but for sinners.  
Not for the strong,  
but for those in need.

**In Jesus Christ,  
we are forgiven, renewed,  
and called again into life.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise: [Megan McLaughlin](#)  
TIS 417 “Loving Spirit, loving Spirit”**

### **We Listen**

**[Kathryn Graham, Shimunza Kaunga](#)**  
Your word is a lamp to our feet.  
**A light to our path.**

*Psalm 33:1-12*

*Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26*

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

**Sermon: “Living as We Go: Crossing  
Boundaries with Mercy”**

### **We Respond**

**Reception of Members by Transfer  
Hymn of Response: [Megan McLaughlin](#)  
TIS 648 “Help us accept each other”  
Notices**

**Prayers of the People [Andrew Wilkinson](#)**

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

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

#### ***Invitation to the Table***

This is not our table.  
This is Christ’s table.

And at this table,  
Jesus welcomes people others once avoided:  
the weary, the doubtful,  
the broken, the searching,  
the lonely.

Here, no one earns a place.  
We come because Christ moves toward us with  
mercy.  
So come, not because you are perfect,  
but because you are loved.  
Come, for all is ready.

#### ***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.**

Loving and gracious God,  
You created us for relationship:  
with You, with one another,  
and with all creation.

Yet again and again, we build walls,  
create distance, and turn away from one  
another.

But You did not remain distant from us.  
In Jesus Christ,  
You crossed every boundary:  
entering human life,  
sharing our table,  
touching the excluded,  
speaking hope to the forgotten,  
and bringing life where there was despair.

And so,  
with the whole Church on earth and in heaven,  
we praise Your holy name:

**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.”**

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of  
the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

### ***Words of Institution***

On the night before He died, Jesus shared a  
meal with His disciples.

He took bread, gave thanks, broke it,  
and gave it to His disciples, saying:  
“Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do  
this in remembrance of me”

After supper, He took the cup, gave thanks and  
said, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
poured out for you and for many for the  
forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it,  
do this in remembrance of me.”

### ***Prayer of Consecration***

Come, Holy Spirit, upon us  
and upon these gifts of bread and cup.  
Make them for us  
the communion of the body and blood of  
Christ.

And make us one in Him:  
a people who cross boundaries with  
compassion, who make room at the table,  
and who carry mercy into the world.

Through Christ, with Christ,  
and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honour are Yours,  
loving God, now and forever. Amen.

### ***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 gifts of God for the people of God.

### ***Communion***

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

### ***Prayer After Communion***

God of grace,  
We thank You for meeting us at this table.  
In bread broken and cup shared,  
You draw us close to Christ  
and close to one another.  
Send us now into the world  
to live with compassion,  
to welcome the overlooked,  
and to embody the mercy we have received.  
In Jesus ’ name. Amen.

### **We are sent**

**Hymn of Sending: [Megan McLaughlin](#)  
TIS 531 “Sent forth by God’s blessing”**

### **Prayer of Dedication**

#### **Commissioning and Blessing**

Go into the world in the way of Jesus.  
Cross the small distances between people.  
Move toward those who are lonely,  
overlooked, or burdened.  
Carry compassion into ordinary places.

And remember:

The Gospel begins whenever someone decides  
not to remain an island.

May the God of compassion  
draw near to you.  
May Christ Jesus  
teach you the courage of mercy.  
And may the Holy Spirit  
lead you across every boundary  
into deeper love, greater grace,  
and fuller life.

And 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: [Megan McLaughlin](#)  
TIS 782 “Go Now In Peace”**

### **Postlude**

**ROSTER SUNDAY 7 June 2026 Pentecost 2**

Minister: Rev Yoo Mi Park  
 Worship Leaders: Andrew Wilkinson  
 Prayers: Andrew Wilkinson  
 Narthex/Count Leader: Ian Willmott  
 Door, Greeting, Offering: Christine Chappell  
 Organist: Colin Prohasky  
 Pianist: Anne Forrest  
 Singer: Megan McLaughlin  
 Readers: Kathryn Graham, Shimunza Kaunga  
 Computer/Sound: Howard Hamlyn  
 Power Point: Michael Donnelly  
 Communion Stewards: Michael Donnelly, Val Nixon, Jenny Stone, Dawn Sullivan  
 Morning Tea/Clean Up: Libby McLauchlan, Angus Moore, Fran Willmott  
 Online Communications: Christine Chappell/Dawn Sullivan

**AT THIS SERVICE TODAY**

We will be welcoming  
**Tina & Jeff Wong and Ester Uhrich.**  
**AND THEN AFTER** Worship  
 in the Lighthouse  
**A WORSHIP PLANNING  
 CONVERSATION.**

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](mailto:armdawl@icloud.com)

**COUNCIL NOMINATIONS AND CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY in the Lighthouse after Worship.**

Lance Schlipalius has been nominated for election today at the Congregational Meeting immediately after Worship.

Please note there is room for two more elected positions on Council. If you feel called to serve our congregation in this way please speak with Alison for a nomination form.

***"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." Romans 15:7 (ESV)***

**ROSTER SUNDAY 14 June 2026 Pentecost 3**

Minister: Rev Yoo Mi Park  
 Worship Leader: Glenys Borland  
 Prayers: Jenny Stone  
 Narthex/Count Leader: Angus Moore  
 Door, Greeting, Offering: Pamela Degenhardt  
 Organist: Colin Prohasky  
 Pianist: Anne Forrest  
 Singer: Lynette Hurley  
 Readers: Marco Mattucci, Val Nixon  
 Computer/Sound: Angus Borland  
 Power Point: Angus Borland  
 Morning Tea/Clean Up: Howard Hamlyn, Lyn McKie, Jenny Liddle  
 Online Communications: Christine Chappell/Dawn Sullivan

**SUNDAY 14 JUNE 2026 – PENTECOST 3**

**10am:** Rev Yoo Mi Park, Glenys Borland and Worship team.

**Lectionary Readings:** Gn 18 :1-15, (21:1-7) or Ex. 19:2-8a; Ps 116:1-2, 12-19 or Ps 100; Rom. 5: 1-8; Mt 9:35-10:8 (9-23)

***God has poured out his love into our hearts by the holy spirit, who he has given to us. Romans: 5:5b (NIV)***

**East Burwood Uniting Church** is holding a musical fundraiser . A couple had been members of East Burwood UC community for the last 10 years when the wife's visa was revoked by the government. So, members at East Burwood UC are trying to help the wife return to Australia, by raising funds for the visa application so that she may be able to return to Australia to be with her family. **YARRA ARTS TRIO** (Piano Edith Ellis. Violin Shelley Heath; Cello Anna Daniel) will be performing a musical concert on Sunday June 28th - 2pm at Burwood Heights Uniting Church, Cnr Burwood Hwy and Blackburn Rd, Burwood East, to raise funds towards the \$10,000 cost of applying for Sanne's return home to Australia from Tonga. Entry is by donation. Please see flyer on noticeboards.

## SOME EVENTS IN 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.



**PASTORAL CARE TEAM MEETING: 1.30PM** – This coming Wednesday 10 June in Wesley Room at Hyslop Street. Fran is preparing the agenda so please forward any items/areas/hopes you would like included for discussion. – [ifwillmott@hotmail.com](mailto:ifwillmott@hotmail.com)

**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](mailto:mschlipalius@hotmail.com) for details

**OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE** on a committee for a service project of our congregation which has been going for a long time; 111 is a home for several people in our community who are intellectually disabled but able to live independently, sometimes with support. Due to some key people leaving our congregation, the 111 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.

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.

If you are interested in becoming involved with this project, please speak with 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.

**WE CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS** monthly with a birthday cake during morning tea after the service. These celebrations will occur over the next three months on 21 June, 19 July and 16 August 2026. We are looking for volunteers to provide a cake on each of these three dates. Please let Glen know if you can assist.

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

## 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 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.



**PRAYER NETWORK:** During June please forward prayer requests to be shared to Fran at [ifwillmott@hotmail.com](mailto:ifwillmott@hotmail.com) or Dawn [das42ul@gmail.com](mailto:das42ul@gmail.com) by midday on Mondays. Additional prayers will be circulated as needed. (If email not available use 0405 396 009).



#### 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:

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

June 14-20: Botswana, Zimbabwe

#### Prayer Focus:

- Give us hearts for humble learning.

#### Prayer Points:

- Help us to recognize those in our community that we can help with pastoral care.
- Pray for the pastoral care committee gathering on Wednesday that good pathways may be opened to us in caring for each other and those in the wider community.

#### WCC Prayer Cycle

June 7 – 13 -Malawi, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, Eswatini

- protection of resources for the good of all rather than their exploitation for economic gain
- more democratic and transparent governance in these countries, at all levels.



*Fisherfolk gather around a fire before dawn in Karonga, a town in northern Malawi. Fish from Lake Malawi, which is bordered by Malawi, Tanzania and Mozambique, provide an important part of people's diet in this area. Photo: Paul Jeffrey/Life on Earth*

#### THE LIGHTER SIDE:

*I'd pat my own back but my ego is too busy shaking my hand*