



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*

YOUTUBE LINK this week – <https://youtube.com/live/AsMtpdVnnu4?feature=share>

SUNDAY 26 JULY 2026 - YEAR A – Pentecost 9

Minister: Rev Yoo Mi Park; Worship Leader: Fran Willmott

Order of Service is on a separate document

ROSTER SUNDAY 26 July 2026 Pentecost 9

Minister	Rev Yoo Mi Park
Worship Leader:	Fran Willmott
Prayers:	Anne Campbell
Narthex/Count Leader:	Kathryn Graham
Door, Greeting, Offering:	Graeme Silver
Organist	Colin Prohasky
Pianist:	Anne Forrest
Singer:	Alan Bailey
Readers:	Tina Wong, Jeff Wong
Computer/Sound:	Libby McLauchlan
Power Point:	Yoo Mi Park
YouTube Link:	Richard Hedding
Flowers:	Maree Silver & Lindley Webb
Morning Tea/Clean Up:	Jill Capstick, Pam Degenhardt, Kathryn Graham
Online Communications:	Christine Chappell/Dawn Sullivan

26 July 2026

Scripture Readings:–

Psalms 119:129-136 p.610-611 in pew Bibles–

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 p.969 in pew Bibles

Sermon: “The Reign worth everything”

Hymns:

“All the hungry, all the thirsty”

TIS 408: “O breath of God”

TIS 624: “Christ be my leader by night as by day”

TIS 745: “Seek ye first the Kingdom of God”

TIS 778: “Shalom to you now”

SUNDAY 2 AUGUST 2026 – PENTECOST 10 - Communion

10am Minister: Rev Yoo Mi Park, Worship Leader: TBA

Lectionary Readings: Gn 32:22-31; Ps 17:1-7,15;

Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:13-21

After the service, all are welcome to morning tea and an ongoing conversation in the LightHouse... follow the people!

ROSTER SUNDAY 2 August 2026 Pentecost 10

Roster for Sunday August 2 is not yet available.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - ADVANCE NOTICE

Our next Congregational Meeting will be held on **Sunday August 16**, after our morning service. Main topic is consideration of a new name for the Congregation. Any queries, speak to Anne C.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Jeremiah 29:11:



“WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT PSYCHOSOCIAL SAFETY”??

An invitation from Synod - 'People and Culture' to learn more. Join the Webinar at 2pm on **Wednesday 29 July**. Register to attend and get details. **REGISTER TO ATTEND**. This was a major presentation at presbytery some months ago. It included how “role overload” or “poor support” can impact the psychosocial well-being and behaviour of those around us.



CONDOLENCES. We offer our sympathy to David & Alison on the death of David's father, Don, and ask you to please remember all of the family in your prayers as they celebrate his life.



PLEASE PRAY for Mary and her family as they mourn the death of her father, John. There was a wonderful service to celebrate his life held last Wednesday.



JOHN HAMILTON, a long time member of BUC, died last Sunday morning. We give thanks for a life well lived. Please remember his wife Lyn and the family at this time.

ABUC PASTORAL CARE TEAM

Emergency Contacts: Thank you to all those who have forwarded emergency contact information. You can complete your card by -

- asking Fran for the card on Sunday
OR
- forwarding your contact information to her by email or SMS ifwillmott@hotmail.com
Mble 0405 396 009

We encourage members of the congregation to provide the details of two people we can contact in the event of an emergency while you are attending church or participating in ABUC activities. This information helps us to respond promptly and care for you should an emergency arise.

To protect your privacy, these details will be kept confidential and will not be published.

VIEWS FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE – I need more “Sayings & Phrases” for our August issue which will be available on Sunday 2nd. **‘Remembering popular sayings and what they meant?’** e.g. *Mad as a Hatter! Is it still used today and what does it mean? It actually has a rather surprising origin! People also have sayings that are peculiar just to their families – please share some of those.* Send your sayings or other articles to Dawn by Thursday 30 July das42ul@gmail.com Let's see how many we can come up with.

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

WEDNESDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP- Every Week using "With love to the World' in Barry's Place, Hyslop Street, from 9am to 10am.

WEDNESDAY MEN'S GROUP: Meets Weekly. 8.00-pm - Operating on Zoom. All enquiries to Michael Donnelly on 0438 674 247. All men welcome to share in a prayerful and supportive Bible Study group.

EVERY THURSDAY - BARRY'S PLACE- DROP IN CENTRE Open every Thursday from 10 to 11.30am on Thursdays. At the Hyslop Street site, corner Warrigal Road, Barry's Place is open to anyone looking for company, a friendly chat or a prayer, or a place to spend some time having morning tea. **We also have knitting lessons; learn a new skill with others or share your present knitting project.** Do drop in, relax and enjoy. You will be very welcome.



EASY WALKERS: Saturday August 1. You are invited to a walk along a chain of Heatherdale Parks known as Somers Trail. We will begin walking from Simpson Park car park with MT at café in Canterbury Rd about 1km extra walk. If 3km is enough for you then you might like to BYO in Reserve instead. I will give driving directions on the day. Also a point for discussion over MT – we suggest that passengers put in \$2 or \$3 each for your driver.

Meet at BUC at 9.15 for 9.30am departure, car-pooling where possible). Please advise if coming by Friday night in case a change of plans is necessary. Contacts: Email preferred grajenstone@bigpond.com Jen:0434 007 463 Graeme:0431 915 198 grajenstone@bigpond.com

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



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'.

A LITTLE BIT OF ASSEMBLY NEWS: Some of you may know the Rev Dr Sunny Chen through Yarra Yarra Presbytery. An update on him. In July, the National Assembly celebrated the induction of Rev Dr Sunny Chen as Director, Faith and Theology of the Uniting Church in Australia Assembly.

Local Assistance we can give within our Community

Thank you for your generosity in providing non-perishable food items and toiletries in support of those in our community who require staple items. Basket in narthex for goods to be left.

- Items for Burwood Neighbourhood House and Burwood East Outreach (Burwood Heights UCA) may be left in the foyer at Hyslop Street site for delivery to them for distribution.
- Items for the Care and Kindness Pantry at Ashburton may be brought to Ashburn Grove site. Nutritious foods for singles and families are always needed for the many callers who come by the pantry.

If you wish, you may donate cash which is used to purchase groceries and other items which may be in short supply. 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.

All assistance is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

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.

Michael Donnelly | Stories and Dreams

31 July - 05 September 2026

Special opening event 5.30pm Friday 31 July 2026 @eastgippslandartgallery
All welcome. Free. Michael's artwork includes a strong line of narrative works over three decades, drawing on personal experience, the Bible, film, dreams, life. Beginning with paintings from the 1990s this exhibition weaves together a diverse mix of stories and dreams across a landscape of expansive compositions. (Image: *Paul Kelly Singing to the Prawners*, Oil on Linen, Diptych, 96.5x245 cm, 2024.)



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 July please forward prayer requests to be shared to Glen at schlipgl@gmail.com or Dawn das42ul@gmail.com by midday on Mondays. Additional prayers will be circulated as needed. (If email not available use 0414136311).



Prayer Focus: Lord, show us the way for you are our constant source of hope and inspiration.

Prayer Points:

- For those who grieve the loss of loved ones
- For the fragile situation in the Middle East
- For the continuing war in Ukraine

WCC Prayer Cycle

July 26- Aug 1: **Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda**

- Pray for the refugees in the reception centre mentioned →
And for the workers assisting those sheltering in the centres like this one.



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

A child peaks through the fence at the reception centre of the Kalobeyei refugee settlement near Kakuma refugee camp. The centre currently hosts some 14,000 refugees, including the recent influx of refugees from Democratic Republic of Congo, Burundi and South Sudan. Managed by the Lutheran World Federation, the reception centre provides initial support to incoming refugees, including twice-daily meals, distribution of core-relief-items, pre-registration for refugee status, and referrals for specialist support.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:
It's funny, when I walk into a spider-web I demolish his home and misplace his dinner, yet I still feel like the victim.

Love has a hem to her garment that reaches to the very dust. It sweeps the stains from the streets and lanes, and because it can, it must. *Mother Teresa*