



Ashburton-Burwood Uniting Church

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Minister: Rev Yoo Mi Park

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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.*

We welcome Rev Ojitha Goonetilleke to our worship today.

YOU TUBE LINK: <https://youtube.com/live/wdFlbKhDPN8?feature=share>

SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2026 - YEAR A – Season of Creation

ROSTER SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2026

Minister	Rev Ojitha Goonetilleke
Worship Leader:	Fran Willmott
Prayers:	Fran Willmott
Narthex & Count Lead:	Ian Willmott
Door, Greeting, Offering:	Pam Degenhardt
Organist/Pianist:	Anne Forrest
Singers/Musicians:	Patsy Donnelly, Megan McLaughlin, Lynette Hurley, Alan Bailey
Readers:	Kevin Hurley, Lynette Hurley
Computer/Sound:	Howard Hamlyn
Power Point:	Max Procter
YouTube Link:	Richard Hedding
Flowers:	Maree Silver & Lindley Webb
Morning Tea/Clean Up:	Max & Floss Procter, Alison Wright
Online Communications:	Christine Chappell/Dawn Sullivan

20 September 2026

Scripture Readings:–

Matthew 20: 1-16 p.976 in pew Bibles

Hymns:

*TiS 133 – “O worship the King”
(vs 1-4 & 6)*

*TiS 609 - May the mind of Christ my
Saviour”*

*TiS 342 “When I survey the wondrous
cross”*

TiS 778 “Shalom to you”

SUNDAY 27 September 2026 – SEASON OF CREATION

10am Minister: Rev Ojitha Goonetilleke, Worship Leader: Andrew Wilkinson

Lectionary Readings: - Ex 17:1-7; Ps 78:1-4, 12-16; Phil 2:1-13
Mt 21:23-32

REV YOO MI will be away today and next Sunday taking these two weeks of leave to allow herself time to rest.

Our friend Rev Ojitha has agreed to be with us on both of those Sundays. We look forward to welcoming him back to worship with us.

ROSTER SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2026

Minister	Rev Ojitha Goonetilleke
Worship Leader:	Andrew Wilkinson
Prayers:	Andrew Wilkinson
Narthex & Count Lead:	Howard Hamlyn
Door, Greeting, Offering:	Lynn McKie
Organist:	Colin Prohasky
Pianist:	Anne Forrest
Singers/Musicians:	Alan Bailey
Readers:	Alison Wright, Marco Mattucci
Computer/Sound:	Kevin Hurley
Power Point:	Kevin Hurley
YouTube Link:	Richard Hedding
Flowers:	Maree Silver & Lindley Webb
Morning Tea/Clean Up:	Lynette Hurley, Libby McLauchlan, Jenny Liddle
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THE United Nations DAY OF PEACE: The Synod of Victoria and Tasmania, Victorian Council of Churches and Religions for Peace Australia are holding an **online event TODAY September 20 - Time: 5:00pm – 6:15pm AEST** to mark the United Nations International Day of Peace.

MORE DETAILS HERE

After the service we invite everyone to come to morning tea and ongoing conversation in the LightHouse... follow the people!

NOTICES from Rev Yoo Mi for you to consider while she is on leave.



ANNUAL BLESSING OF ANIMALS

Sunday 4 October



We'd love a photo of your beloved pet! Please send your pet's photo to Yoo Mi [armdawl@icloud.com] by 30th September 5PM so we can include them in our service. Invite your friends, family and neighbours to send in their pet photos too!



After the service

We'll head over to some nearby cafés
to meet the pets, bless them and share some special treats!



Grab a coffee and come along!



Celebrating our wonderful animal friends



WORSHIP PLANNING TEAM

Let's plan worship together!

Would you like to share your ideas and help shape our worship throughout the year?

Advent • Lent • Easter • Pentecost • Season of Creation • 5th Sundays • Special occasions



Our first focus: Advent

Come along, bring your ideas, and help us plan ahead!

Interested? Let Yoo Mi or Michael know.



KIDS HOPE MINISTRY

Coming soon at Solway Primary School

We're getting ready to begin our **Kids Hope ministry** and are looking for:



A Coordinator

to help organise and support the ministry



Mentors

to spend **one hour each week with one child**, building a caring and supportive relationship.

To get started, you'll need:

- Working with Children Check
- Uniting Church Safe Church training (30minutes)
- Kids Hope training

Interested or would like to know more?

Please speak with **Yoo Mi**.

A MESSAGE FROM ANNE CAMPBELL - Hyslop St Working Bee - Thank you!

A huge thank you to those who assisted with working bee jobs at Hyslop St across last weekend. Fran, Val, Richard and Pam (and Megan at a previous session) - for your efforts in and around the Mayflower Room to make it ready for New Hope church to occupy.

Graeme Silver - for your painting to restore the external doors (Memorial Garden area)

Graeme Stone - for arranging a new home for the spare banks of chairs. With supporting mention to Lance for making the contact.

The "Library Team" - Dawn, Anne F, Dorothy, Mary, Maree and Yoo Mi (and Jill & Robin at the previous session) - for enthusiastically and patiently sorting the library books.

Many hands definitely made for lighter work, so heartfelt thanks to all.

A NEW EXHIBITION now in the Lighthouse

*The next Artist to exhibit in the Lighthouse is **Rosemary Berrell** who is a local artist. Rosemary and her children have had connections to Ashburton Uniting Church over the years in varying capacities and she did a wonderful outdoor nativity tableau which stood in front of the mural wall each Christmas. Following is an excerpt from a profile of Rosemary.*

Rosemary Berrell has been drawing, painting for as long as she can remember. Whilst in secondary school, she had a private tutor, C Dudley Wood (an eminent watercolourist, oil painter and W.W 2 artist) who helped improve her drawing skills



and introduced her to the art of watercolour painting, her preferred medium, though she has worked with a variety mediums: graphite, ink/watercolour, oils, and pastel.

Over the years, Rosemary has done commissions of pets (dogs and cats), landscapes and horses, her first love. She has won a number of awards, including three in a row at Royal Melbourne Show in category 'Best Work Depicting Australian History', of horses, all watercolour, two of them in colour from black and white photos. Also won Best Work on Paper at Man From Snowy River Festival in ink/watercolour which also sold. She has been a member of Malvern Artists' Society for many years. Paintings she has sold are in Australia, in New Zealand, Japan, U.K, Norway and USA.

There was a feature of her in the Burwood Bulletin a year ago about a painting she did of Fisher's Forge which used to be on High St near Warrigal Rd, also from a b/w photo with permission from Boroondara Library. Rosemary has had three solo exhibitions, all at Malvern Artists' Society. The exhibition here at Lighthouse Gallery is the first solo she has done for a number of years.

Take some time to walk around the exhibition and take in the variety of paintings.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Watch for further details in the weekly pew sheets

WEDNESDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP- Please be advised that the Wednesday Morning Study Group which meets from 9am to 10am in Barry's Place at the Hyslop Street premises will be **in abeyance for Wednesdays 23rd & 30th September.**

SUPPER AT 6: WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER – 6.00pm in the Lighthouse, Ashburn Grove Site. Come to enjoy a delicious meal and conversation and friendship. All welcome.

WEDNESDAY MEN'S GROUP: Meets Weekly. 8.00pm - 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. ***Knitting continues at one end of the table and life experiences are shared at the other.*** Drop in, relax and enjoy. You will be very welcome.

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

OTHER EVENTS coming up

EASY WALKERS: Saturday October 3rd. A walk in the Dandenongs around the Sherbrooke area is our next walk. A mystery until we complete our reconnaissance. Likely to be BYO morning tea. Please advise if coming; more details next week. No mystery of meeting place --- meet at BUC at 9.15 for usual 9.30am departure (unless you have advised of other arrangements.) with carpooling where possible Contacts: Email preferred grajenstone@bigpond.com Jen:0434 007 463 Graeme:0431 915 198

GRACE NOTES MINISTRY at Elizabeth Gardens – The next Communion service at Elizabeth Gardens is on Thursday 15 October 2026 – 2pm.

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/>

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.

ABUC UPCOMING and SERVICES are listed on the Communications Page on the website - <https://ashburton-burwood.ucavictas.org.au/> - in the **QUARTERLY CALENDAR**. August to October 2026 which is currently available. This informative calendar is prepared and published by Christine Chappell who also maintains the website.

Prayer Focus:

(Listen for) a sound of gentle stillness and a still, small voice. *1 Kings 19:12b, Amplified Bible,*

Prayer Points:

- Pray for our Minister, Rev Yoo Mi, to have a time of refreshment while on leave.
- Those from our church family who are travelling overseas.
- Pray for teachers and students as they take their holidays.

WCC- 20-26 Sept. *The World Council of Churches (WCC) has released a liturgy, reflection, and prayers for the World Week for Peace in Palestine Israel 2026, which runs from 20-26 September.*

<https://www.oikoumene.org/news/new-resources-available-for-world-week-for-peace-in-palestine-and-israel-2026>

Majellan Singers are pleased to present our annual concert "Songscape" on **SUNDAY OCTOBER 18, 2.30pm**, at St Paul's Anglican Church Canterbury. This year Pergolesi - Mendelssohn - Gershwin - Goodall
The Majellan Singers is a 16-woman choir who have been rehearsing at Ashburn Gve for at least 15 years. Their repertoire varies from classics 12th century to the 21st. Please see the flyer on noticeboard.



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.

PRAYERS: During September, please forward prayer requests to be shared to Max at mandf.procter@gmail.com or Dawn at das42ul@gmail.com by midday on Mondays. Additional prayers will be circulated as needed.



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. There is a Basket in the foyer at Burwood and another in the narthex at Ashburton for goods to be left. We are supporting Burwood Neighbourhood House and Burwood East Outreach (Burwood Heights UCA), as well as the Care and Kindness Pantry located at Ashburton.

If you wish, you may donate cash which is used to purchase 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.

The needs in our community are indeed growing as the cost-of-living increases. Remember, someone, somewhere is praying for the things we take for granted.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:

Upholsterers never die; they just recover.

VIEWS FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE – OCTOBER ISSUE is due out on the weekend of 3rd / 4th October. As we have been sorting the books in the library at Hyslop Street and will be doing the same at Ashburton and merging the two libraries, it set me thinking about the important part books play in our lives. Please tell us, "What Books mean to You". Not necessarily books you have read, but *what books mean in your life; what part do they play; what you think of e-books; who taught you to read?* Lots of other ideas about books – tell us about them. Articles to Dawn das42ul@gmail.com by Thursday 1 October.