



**BALLARAT CENTRAL
UNITING CHURCH**
"OPEN CHURCH"
held each Thursday,
10am—2pm

Space for Prayer ... Reflection/Contemplation
... Conversation... Or just be yourself!
For more info contact Rev Lauleti Tu'inauvai
(0413115711) or Office (0491
706 667).

"Special Time for Prayer"
during Open Church at
10.30am . Please join in
prayers and/or request for prayers.



Join us each Sunday for Worship via the
Ballarat Central Uniting Church YouTube
Channel.



Notice to Group leaders and congregation

If you are the last person to
leave Church premises, please
ensure all heaters/airconditions
and lights are
turned **OFF** and
check that **ALL**
doors are locked.
Thank you.



Weekly Brown Hill Uniting Church Communion Services

are held on Wednesdays at
1.30pm.
We invite you to join at this
combined Ballarat Central and
Brown Hill Service.

Contact Information

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The Uniting Church in Australia
Ballarat Central Congregation

— a pilgrim people — on the way



DECEMBER/JANUARY Notice Sheet



JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE JESUS THIS CHRISTMAS

Ballarat Central Uniting Church
Christmas Services 2024
"Journey to Bethlehem, Come and Join!"

- Sunday 24th November** CHRIST THE KING/REIGN OF CHRIST
10am at Ballarat Central UC
- Sunday 1st December** ADVENT 1 "PROMISE"
8am Star & Angel Breakfast & 10am Communion Service
followed by Morning Tea and Intergenerational Activities
- Sunday 8th December** ADVENT 2 "PREPARE"
10am Service "Christmas, Past, Present & Future"
followed by Uniting Threads Christmas Stall
- Sunday 15th December** ADVENT 3 "PRAISE"
10am Combined Outdoor Service at Brown Hill Uniting Church
- Sunday 22nd December** ADVENT 4 "PURPOSE"
10am Nine Lessons & Carol Service
- Tuesday 24th December** CHRISTMAS EVE "PARTICIPATE"
7.30pm Family Service
11pm Candlelight Communion Service
- Wednesday 25th December** CHRISTMAS DAY
9am Christmas Service with Breakfast at 8am
- Sunday 29th December** 10am Worship Service
- Sunday 5th January 2025**
10am Holy Communion & Covenant Service

DATE	SERVICES & LEADERS	READINGS
DECEMBER 1 ADVENT 1 PROMISE	8am Star & Angel Breakfast 10am Communion Service Rev. Lauleti Tu'inauvai Intergenerational activities after morning tea 5pm Taize Service at Anglican Church	Jer. 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thess. 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36
DECEMBER 8 ADVENT 2 PREPARE	10am Worship Service The Explorer's " Christmas Past, Present & Future " 2.30pm Sudanese Nur Service	Malachi 3:1-4 Luke 1:68-79 Phil. 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6
DECEMBER 15 ADVENT 3 PRAISE	10am Combined Brown Hill UC and Central UC Outdoor Service at Brown Hill followed by morning tea & all-age activities	Zephaniah 3:14-20 Isaiah 12:2-6 Phil. 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18
DECEMBER 22 ADVENT 4 PURPOSE	10am Nine Lessons & Carol Service Helen Duggan	
DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE 	7.30pm Family Christmas Eve Service Andy Gault 11pm Reflective Communion & Candlelight Service Rev. Lauleti Tu'inauvai	Isaiah 9:2-7, Psalm 96 Titus 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-14 (15-20) <i>Isaiah 62:6-12, Psalm 97 Titus 3:4-7, Luke 2: (1-7) 8-20</i>
DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS DAY	8am Christmas Day Breakfast 9am Christmas Day Service Rev. Lauleti Tu'inauvai	Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm 98 Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12) John 1:1-14
DECEMBER 29 CHRISTMAS 1 Combined Brown Hill Service	10am Baptismal Service Rev. Lauleti Tu'inauvai	1 Sam. 2:18-20, 26 Psalm 148 Col. 3:12-17 Luke 2:41-52
JANUARY 5 CHRISTMAS 2	10am Communion & Covenant Service Rev. Lauleti Tu'inauvai No Taize Service	Jer. 31:7-14 Psalm 147:12-20 Eph. 1:3-14 John 1:(1-9) 10-18

Information 2025



MEN'S BREAKFAST Next Breakfast will be held on 25TH FEBRUARY

Come and share food, fellowship & fun. Cost \$5 for a cooked breakfast. *Contact Lauleti for further information.*

4th Sunday of month

SUNDAY

5 PM SERVICE



**Next Service:
25th February 2025**

ADVENT PRAYER

Lord Jesus,
Master of both the light and the darkness,
send your Holy Spirit upon our
preparations for Christmas.
We who have so much to do and seek
quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.
We who are anxious over many things
look forward to your coming among us.
We who are blessed in so many ways long
for the complete joy of your kingdom.
We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy
of your presence.
We are your people, walking in darkness,
yet seeking the light.
To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"
Amen.

Henri J.M. Nouwen



**Thursday 9th January
10.30am -2.30pm**

Le Gerche trail walk
Le Gerche trail Sawpit Rd
Creswick

bring own picnic lunch/sun hat
sunscreen, etc.

**Thursday 16th January
10.30am -2.30pm**

St. Georges Lake, Creswick
Family Fun. Sausage sizzle
provided—bring sun stuff and
drinking water.

**All Welcome. Speak with Andy
for further information.**

Beans talk...



**Coffee/Breakfast
Conversations—
Spiritual/Sharing
Caring Fellowship
Meeting once a month
9am at the Boatshed.
More info... speak with
Andy.**

Information



Youth Group is meeting each Friday 7-9pm week. (only during School term)

Please contact Andy on 0476 880 394 for more information.

Youth will be in recess during January and recommence in February. Stay tuned for Summer Fun Day dates in January!

Spirituality in the Cinema

Next meeting 16th February at 4pm

If you are interested to know more, please speak with

Mary Hollick or Bron James. We meet to watch a film and share discussion and light refreshments.



(For people who live alone)

The Uniting Friends' lunch will be held on **Sunday 1st**

December. The location each month will be listed on the notice sheet in the Peart Wing where those attending can write their names. Any queries contact Lesley Lyons or Janice Cook.



Sunday 15th December 12pm and Sunday 21st January 2025

at "Lake View" Restaurant,

Wendouree Parade, RSVP Charlotte Withers and/or Clipboard in PW Foyer.

Uniting Threads Quilting Group

Meets **Wednesdays** in the old Manse 11am – 3pm. All materials and machines supplied - BYO lunch.



New and experienced quilters are invited. Quilts made are for *thomeless through Uniting, WRISC and women and children coming from domestic violence.* Contact Eileen Devenish M: 0400 816 820.



CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Meeting in the Peart Wing on the first

Tuesday of the month
3rd December at 7.30pm in the Peart Wing.

All Welcome.

Contact Rod Devenish for more information.



Drawing Breath meets EVERY

SECOND FRIDAY at 9am in the Peart Wing. See Andy Gault for dates.

RELAXATION & VISUALISATION
Thursday 5th December



10am—11am in the Vestry
For further information, speak with Bron James.



Lake Walking Group meeting 9.30am

Wednesday at Pipers, Lake Wendouree. Coffee drinkers welcome at 10.30am. All welcome. Speak with Anita Hinton for more information.

DATE	SERVICES & LEADERS	READINGS
JANUARY 12 BAPTISM OF JESUS EPIPHANY 1	10am Worship Service Rev. Lauleti Tu'inouvai	Isaiah 43:1-7 Psalm 29 Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
JANUARY 19 EPIPHANY 2	10am Worship Service Rev. Lauleti Tu'inouvai	Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 36:5-10 1 Cor. 12:1-11 John 2:1-11
JANUARY 26 DAY OF MOURNING EPIPHANY 3	10am Worship Service Rev. Lauleti Tu'inouvai	Neh. 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19 1 Cor. 12:12-31a Luke 4:14-21
FEBRUARY 2 PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	10am Communion Service Rev. Lauleti Tu'inouvai 5pm Taize Service at Anglican Church	Malachi 3:1-4 Psalm 84 Hebrews 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40
FEBRUARY 9 EPIPHANY 5	10am Worship Service Rev. Lauleti Tu'inouvai 2.30pm Sudanese Nur Service	Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13) Psalm 138 1 Cor. 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11

2024 OFFERINGS Weekly Budget - \$4000 per week

Offering	Weekly Offering	Year To Date	Budget to date
20th October	\$3,658.40	\$185,096.73	\$168,000.00
27th October	\$3,310.67	\$188,407.40	\$172,000.00
3rd November	\$4,095.00	\$192,502.40	\$176,000.00
10th November	\$7,255.65	\$199,758.05	\$180,000.00
17th November	\$4,663.25	\$204,421.30	\$184,000.00
24th November will be included in the February Notice Sheet			

Ballarat Central Activities

SUNDAY 1st December 2024
ADVENT 1 - PROMISE



8am STAR & ANGEL BREAKFAST

Pre-school—Grade 2
(all children to be accompanied by an Adult)

at Ballarat Central UCA

Feel free to dress up as a Star or Angel
Gold coin donation & gift of non perishable food item for Uniting Ballarat much appreciated
RSVP by text or message to Marg Littlehales 0407 501 724

10am ADVENT SERVICE - PROMISE
Followed by morning tea and then....

Intergenerational
Fun
All-age friendly
Puzzles & Games



See Andy for more information Concluding 12.30pm

Sunday 8th
December
after the
Morning
Service.



Come and buy
our beautiful
Christmas crafts,
and yummy
goodies!
Great gift ideas!

UNITING THREADS
CHRISTMAS STALL

Ballarat Central UC Weekly Giving

We invite you to be involved—
either by direct transfer to Bendigo
Bank BSB 633 000 Account
133779470

(enter "Pledge & your name; or
speak to Eileen Devenish to be
assigned a pledge number) OR
please post Cheques to Treasurer,
BCUC, PO Box 700, Ballarat 3353.
Thank you for your Offerings.



Christmas Giving Tree

Between From
December
1st to 31st, Church
members and friends are
encouraged to donate to our
Christmas Giving Tree to
support those who are
in need and are
disadvantaged. Envelopes are
available in the church
(hanging on the tree)
Donations can be 'posted'
in the box near the tree or
given to Rod or Lauleti.
Thank you for your generosity.



Central Uniting & Anglican

**Taize Service 1st Sunday of the
month.** On December 1st, 5pm at
the Anglican Cathedral. There will
be no Service held in January.

Ballarat Central Activities



We invite you to join us...

For a combined Brown Hill &
Ballarat Central Uniting Church
outdoor Advent Service

Sunday 15th December, 10am
At Brown Hill Uniting Church
16 Thompson street
(under the Oak Tree)

Including a Special morning tea and All-age
friendly activities
All Welcome!

TIME FOR REFLECTION



We invite you to join us at Ballarat Central
for a time of Quiet Reflective Worship
during the busiest time of the year

8pm Wednesday 4th December
8pm Wednesday 11th December &
8pm Wednesday 18th December

Take time to quieten your body, mind and heart
as we reflect on preparing for Christmas
For further details contact

Andrew-Shearer Cox M:0419 328 872 or
Rev. Lauleti Tu'inauvai M: 0413 115 711

Peace LOVE Joy



Christmas
Bowl

This year marks 75 Years of
Christmas Bowl and we are sharing
God's love so that refugees know
they are loved and not forgotten.
Together we can provide safety,
dignity and hope to people who have
been forcibly displaced by conflict
and disaster, and create a world
where everyone has a safe place to
belong. Please help provide refugee
families with the practical support
they need, such as food, healthcare
and lifesaving support. Your prayers,
your gifts, and your simple actions
matter, and they make a difference.

This year Christmas Bowl has
created a direct Ballarat Central
Uniting Church link for donations to
be made online.
You can make a gift online at: [https://
christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au/67
018](https://christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au/67018)

**Thank you for being part of this
important tradition and helping to
create a world where uprooted
people have a safe place to belong.**
More information can be found in the
weekly Order of Service
inserts.



Staff Leave December/January
Office: 20/12/24 to 7/1/2025
Andy Gault: 26/12/24 to 8/1/2025