



BALLARAT CENTRAL UNITING CHURCH "OPEN CHURCH"

held each Thursday, 10am—2pm

Space for Prayer ... Reflection/Contemplation
Conversation... Or just be yourself!

CHURCH OPEN

for quiet & prayer

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.

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.

Name badges

Please see Helen
Peart if you wish to
purchase a BCUC
name badge. Cost
\$10.

Contact Information

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Youth/ Andy Gault H: Weds—Thurs 9am-3pm, Friday 9am-12pm, 6.30-9.30pm

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**Sudanese
Services:** Services currently led by Nyalip Pal, please phone Nyalip for more
information 0413 416 896



The United Church in Australia
Ballarat Central Congregation

— a pilgrim people — on the way



MAY Notice Sheet



The Synod 2025 Meeting will begin on Saturday, August 30 and will
conclude on Tuesday, September 2.

Contact your minister or presbytery if you would like to attend.

Synod Meetings commence with an Opening Worship service, which this
year will include the installation of a new Moderator, Rev Salesi Faupula.

Synod 2025 will be privileged to have Rev Tara Tauari, General Secretary
of Te Hāhi Weteriana o Aotearoa (the Methodist Church of New Zealand) to
provide our daily theological reflections. As an esteemed theologian, and
proud Māori, Tara will bring a unique perspective to each day's discussions
both as someone from outside our Uniting Church and as a First Nations
person.

Members will also have the opportunity to attend one of six elective
sessions, an educative opportunity providing knowledge and learnings to
resource members for their role(s) within congregations, presbyteries and
wider Church engagement. Members will also be able to connect more
deeply with the Synod reports by attending two deep dive reporting
sessions which provide space to engage, explore and ask questions of
reporting body achievements, future challenges and opportunities, in a
creative and interactive environment.

DATE	SERVICES & LEADERS	READINGS
MAY 4 EASTER 2	10am Communion Service Rev. David Leach 7pm Taize Service at Central	Acts 9:1-6, (7-20) Psalm 30 Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19
MAY 11 EASTER 3 MOTHER'S DAY	10am Worship Speakers: Susan Pierotti, Margo Cunningham (Naomi James TBC) 2.30pm Sudanese Nur Service	Acts 9:36-43 Psalm 23 Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30
MAY 18 EASTER 4	10am Worship Rev. Lauleti Tu'inauvai	Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148 Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35
MAY 25 EASTER 5 AGM AFTER SERVICE	10am Worship Rev. Lauleti Tu'inauvai 2.30pm Sudanese Nur Service 5pm Evening Service Andy Gault	Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67 Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9
JUNE 1 EASTER 6	10am Communion Service Rev. Lauleti Tu'inauvai 7pm Taize Service at Central	Acts 16:16-34 Psalm 97 Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 John 17:20-26
JUNE 8 PENTECOST	10am Worship Rev. Lauleti Tu'inauvai	Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21 John 14:8-17, (25-27)

Reflection & Information

God our Creator,

we thank you for your gift of Mothers and Nurturers.

We pray for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting;

new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibility;

mothers who are tired, stressed or depressed;

mothers who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family;

mothers who are unable to feed their children due to poverty;

mothers whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities;

mothers who have children they do not want and those suffering the results of an abortion;

mothers who raise children on their own;

mothers who have lost a child;

those who 'mother' the children of others: step mothers and mothers in blended families;

mothers whose children have left home;

and for those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled

Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender, and that they may lead their children to know you and care for others.

We pray for those who experience fractured relationships with Mothers and Mothers with children and the difficulty of this day.

We pray strength and resilience for those who nurture and care for us in Jesus' name.

Amen.

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RELAXATION & VISUALISATION

Thursday 1st May

10am—11am in the Vestry



For further information, speak with Bron James.



UNITING FRIENDS

(For people who live alone)

The Uniting Friends' lunch will be held on **Sunday 4th May**.

The location each month will be listed on the sign-up sheet in the

Peart Wing where those attending can write their names.

Any queries contact Lesley Lyons or Janice Cook.



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.

Information



Drawing Breath meets **EVERY SECOND FRIDAY** at 9am in the Peart Wing. See Andy Gault for dates.



CIRCLE OF FRIENDS Meeting in the Peart

Wing on the first Tuesday of the month. Next meeting: **6th May at 7.30pm** in the Peart Wing. **All Welcome.**

"TRUCKY ENJOYABLE... A FANTASTIC STORY, BRILLIANTLY TOLD!"
★★★★



Spirituality in the Cinema

18th May 4pm
(3rd Sunday of the month)
in the Peart Wing.

"The Lost King" Guided by instinct & spectral visions, an ambitious writer & amateur historian defies the academic establishment to unearth Richard III's long-missing remains in a Leicester car park.

Followed by Discussion & Light refreshments. For more information please speak with Mary Hollick or Bron James.

OUT TO LUNCH

Sunday 18th May 2025 at "Lake View" Restaurant, Wendouree Parade, **RSVP Charlotte Withers and/or Clipboard in PW.**

GRATITUDE

God, we come before you with grateful hearts for the gift of your son, Jesus Christ.

We thank you for his sacrifice on the cross and for the hope of eternal life that his resurrection brings.

May we never take for granted the magnitude of your love for us, and may we **always** be filled with gratitude for your blessings. In Jesus' name.

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.

INFORMATION UPDATE

If your contact details have changed, please contact the Office or speak with one of the Elders to update your records. Thank you.

2025 OFFERINGS Weekly Budget - \$4000 per week

Offering	Weekly Offering	Year To Date	Budget to date
30th March	\$3,838.55	\$57,123.31	\$52,000.00
6th April	\$5,208.00	\$62,331.31	\$56,000.00
13th April	\$5,434.00	\$67,765.31	\$60,000.00

20th & 27th April will be included in the June Notice Sheet

Ballarat Central UC 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 Kathy Collins or Sabine for an assigned pledge number) OR please post Cheques BCUC, PO Box 700, Ballarat 3353.



Thank you for your Offerings.

4th Sunday of month

SUNDAY

5 PM SERVICE



**Next Service:
25th May 2025**

Ballarat Central's AGM will be held on Sunday May 25th after the morning Service. Reports will be available on early May.

We invite you to come and be a part of the Annual General Meeting of our Congregation.

Annual General Meeting

TAIZE CONTEMPLATIVE
Worship Services are held at **Ballarat Central Uniting Church at 7pm the 1st Sunday of the month**

UCA Assembly Press Release

Joint Statement Uniting Church Assembly, UnitingCare Australia, UnitingWorld and Frontier Services Welcoming the announcement of the 2025 Federal Election and launching Our Vision for a Just Australia

As Australians prepare to head to the federal polls in the coming months, national leaders of the Uniting Church in Australia have joined together to call on voters and decision makers to reflect on the values that shape our communities.

“Elections are vital moments in the life of our nation, an opportunity to advocate for just policies that promote the flourishing of all people,” said Rev Charissa Suli, President of the Uniting Church in Australia. “For decades the Uniting Church has been a Christian voice for a compassionate, inclusive and courageous society.

We long to see a nation built not on division, but on compassion; not on power, but on service to the common good.” “Standing in this tradition and in the tradition of Jesus Christ, friend of the marginalised, this election campaign we will raise our voice to see fairness, dignity and care for the most vulnerable at the heart of our nation’s priorities.”

UnitingCare Australia National Director Claerwen Little said that Australians are facing an unprecedented cost-of-living crisis, with financial pressures leaving many households unable to meet basic needs. “The current crisis calls for bold leadership and compassionate policies that prioritise fairness and reflect the type of society we want to be.

This election we’re calling for political leaders to ensure every Australian can access a strong safety net in times of need, and be adequately supported by vital frontline community services.”

“This much needed investment is not just about addressing today’s crisis—it’s about building a fairer, stronger Australia for tomorrow,” said Ms Little.

“As powerful nations retreat from the global fight against poverty and climate change, Australia is at a crossroads,” said Dr Sureka Goringe, National Director of UnitingWorld. “This election, we must decide whether we will follow a path of cynicism and selfinterest, or continue striving to act as a compassionate, collaborative global partner in our world.”

Ballarat Central Activities



BREAKFAST STUDY GROUP

Meeting 6.45am on
Thursday's at Sturt Street
Maccas. All Welcome.

(not meeting during school holidays)
Speak with Laura Shearer M: 0412 750 880
or Lauleti for more information.



PASS ON THE NEED -- WE FIND THE GIVER

The FOOD FOR FRIENDS /
CASSEROLE BANK works
best if the Co-ordinator (at
present Jan Souter) is told of
possible food needs or food
help, that can be given... and
then a volunteer cook/shopper is
matched.

Sometimes dietary requirements
are helpful if they can be passed
to the Co-ordinator, as well.

MANY THANKS TO THOSE
WHO HAVE HELPED
ALREADY THIS YEAR.
Jan Souther M:0447 590 544



MEN'S BREAKFAST Sunday 25th May 8am at Ballarat Central UC

Come and share food,
fellowship & fun. Cost
\$5 for a cooked
breakfast. Breakfast held at Central UC.
Contact Lauleti for further information.



Youth Group is meeting each Friday
7-9pm week.

(only during School term) *The Friday
group allows a safe space for our young
people to come and have fun and our
youth space offers them an area they
can call their own to relax in.*

Please contact Andy on 0439827888.



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 the homeless through
Uniting, WRISC and women and
children coming from domestic violence.*