

### Acknowledgement of Country

*For thousands of years Indigenous people have walked on this land. Their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives. We acknowledge the Wadawurrung People of the Kulin Nations and their stewardship of this land, throughout the ages. We pay our respect to their elders, past, present and emerging. May we offer a safe place for people in all their diversity, to gather.*



**CHURCH  
OPEN**  
for quiet & prayer

### 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.

### Worship on Wednesday (WOW) at Brown Hill

Each Wednesday at  
1.30pm with  
Holy Communion.  
We invite you to join  
this combined  
Ballarat Central and  
Brown Hill Service.

### Contact Information

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**Sudanese  
Services:** Services currently led by Nyalip Pal, please phone Nyalip for more  
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The Uniting Church in Australia  
**Ballarat Central Congregation**

— a pilgrim people — on the way



## NOVEMBER Notice Sheet

### Statement on the Seventh Anniversary of the National Apology to Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse by Rev. Charissa Suli October 2025

As we approach the anniversary of the National Apology to Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse on 22 October, my heart turns to the voices of survivors. Their courage continues to shape us. Their pain and truth remind us that while important steps have been taken, there is still such a long way to go.

As a Church we remain we remain committed to righting the wrongs of the past and to learning from every survivor who comes forward. Ten years have passed since the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse reported on Redress and Civil Litigation. Its call still resounds. We continue to participate proactively in the National Redress Scheme. Each application is a sacred moment of truth-telling and learning, and we thank every person who chooses to come forward and share their story.

I remind our communities that the National Redress Scheme will close on 30 June 2027. If you believe you may be eligible, I urge you to contact the Scheme so that you do not miss this deadline. For those who have already received a redress payment, know that we stand ready to offer an apology when you are ready to meet with us. You will be received with compassion, dignity and respect. You are in control of the process, and you can take the time you need.

Safeguarding children is not a task that is ever “finished”. It is a lifelong journey of vigilance, learning and improvement as we embed a culture of safeguarding. Across the Church, in our schools, agencies and congregations, we are working to strengthen training for staff and volunteers, to ensure safe recruitment, to make clear and accessible pathways for children and community members to raise their voices when something is wrong, and to respond with care and justice when harm occurs. Those who raise concerns in good faith will always be supported, and we will always act to protect children.

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## WORSHIP SERVICES

### NOVEMBER 2 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE PENTECOST 21

10am Communion Service  
Pastor Andrew Shearer-Cox  
**7pm Taize Service at Central**  
Pam Toom  
**Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4**  
**Psalms 119:137-144**  
**2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12**  
**Luke 19:1-10**

### NOVEMBER 9 PENTECOST 22

10am Worship  
Rev. Dr. Graeme Sutton  
2.30pm Sudanese Nur Service  
**Haggai 1:15b-2:9**  
**Psalms 145:1-5, 17-21 or Psalm 98**  
**2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17**  
**Luke 20:27-38**

### NOVEMBER 16 PENTECOST 23

10am Worship  
Rev. Susan Malthouse-Law  
**Isaiah 65:17-25**  
**Isaiah 12**  
**2 Thessalonians 3:6-13**  
**Luke 21:5-19**

### NOVEMBER 23 CHRIST THE KING/REIGN OF CHRIST

10am Worship  
Rev. Lauleti Tu'inauvai  
**Congregational Meeting after Service**  
2.30pm Sudanese Nur Service  
**5pm Family Evening Service**  
Andy Gault  
**Jeremiah 23:1-6**  
**Luke 1:68-79**  
**Colossians 1:11-20**  
**Luke 23:33-43**

### NOVEMBER 30 ADVENT 1 COMBINED CENTRAL & BROWN HILL SERVICE

Intergenerational Beginning of our  
Advent Journey—Andy Gault  
9am Family Breakfast and Carols and  
Activities Worship Service  
**Isaiah 2:1-5**  
**Psalms 122**  
**Romans 13:11-14**  
**Matthew 24:36-44**

### DECEMBER 7 ADVENT 2

10am Communion Service  
Rev. Lauleti Tu'inauvai  
**7pm Taize Service**  
**Isaiah 11:1-10**  
**Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19**  
**Romans 15:4-13**  
**Matthew 3:1-12**

Staff Leave: Lauleti on leave to November 18, Sabine on leave from 4-7 November and Andy on leave from early to mid November

## Advent & Christmas



**Hope**

Peopple who added  
brotherhood  
between  
aged light.

Isaiah 62

**ADVENT HOPE**

All God's children gather  
for Advent.....

**INTERGENERATIONAL  
CELEBRATION**

combined with Brown Hill  
Uniting Church....

Beginning our Advent  
Journey on  
**Sunday 30th  
November,**  
Starting at 9am with  
Family Breakfast  
Followed by Advent  
Service & Activities

Ballarat Central Uniting  
Church  
Cnr Lydiard & Dana St.



**Brown Hill Uniting Church and  
Ballarat Central Uniting Church**  
invite you to join  
them on the "Advent Journey" ...

Sunday 14th December, 10am  
At Brown Hill Uniting Church  
16 Thompson street  
(Outdoor Service under the Oak Tree  
- please bring a chair)

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



**THE Christmas  
JOURNEY**

Ballarat Central Uniting Church  
Christmas Services 2024  
"The Christmas Journey"

**Sunday 23rd November** CHRIST THE KING/REIGN OF CHRIST  
10am at Ballarat Central UC

**Sunday 30th November** ADVENT 1 "Hope"  
Intergenerational Advent Celebration commencing at 9am with  
Family Breakfast and followed by a Service of Carols/Activities

**Sunday 7th December** ADVENT 2 "Peace"  
10am Communion Service  
followed by Uniting Threads Christmas Stall

**Sunday 14th December** ADVENT 3 "Joy"  
10am Combined Outdoor Service at Brown Hill Uniting Church

**Sunday 21st December** ADVENT 4 "Love"  
10am Carol & Lesson Service

**Wednesday 24th December** CHRISTMAS EVE  
7.30pm Family Service  
11pm Candlelight Communion Service

**Thursday 25th December** CHRISTMAS DAY  
9am Christmas Service with Breakfast at 8am

**Sunday 28th December** 10am Worship Service

**Sunday 4th January 2025**  
10am Holy Communion & Renewing of Covenant Service



**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 3rd December**  
**8pm Wednesday 10th December &  
8pm Wednesday 17th 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

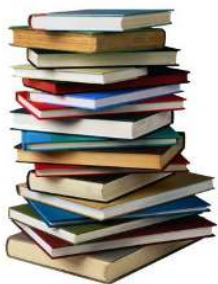
*peace* ✨ **LOVE** ✨ *Joy*



## Information

### The most organised Book Fair

Most organised Book Fair  
St. Andrew's Uniting  
Church Hall  
Cnr. Dawson & Sturt  
Street, Ballarat



**Uniting**

Novels - Soft cover \$2  
Hard cover \$3

**NOVEMBER 2025**  
**SATURDAY 1st Nov**  
9am - 4pm  
**SUNDAY 2nd Nov**  
10am - 3pm  
**MONDAY 3rd Nov**  
10am - 3pm  
**TUESDAY 4th Nov**  
10am - 3pm  
**HUGE RANGE OF BOOKS plus Plants**

A small sacrifice  
can make a  
big difference



### Coffee Cup Challenge.

**A small weekly sacrifice can make a big difference.** From International Coffee Day on 1 October 2025 through to Shrove Tuesday on 17 February 2026, we invite you to take part in the

Coffee Cup Challenge by setting aside the cost of one cup of coffee each week.  
**Thank you for your support.**

### Statement on the Seventh Anniversary of the National Apology to Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse ...cont from Page 1

This year, the Assembly has made a Liturgy of Lament available for all congregations to mark the anniversary. It has been prepared through a trauma-informed lens. To pray these words may be confronting and painful, yet we must face the discomfort. For in that place we hear the echo of survivor voices that cry out with clarity: *never again*.

While we may never be able to remove every risk, we can commit ourselves each day to doing all that we can to make our communities places of safety, care and trust for children and young people. **This is our sacred responsibility, our unshakeable commitment, and part of the "Threads of Love" we are called to weave across our Church.**

Rev Charissa Suli, President, Uniting Church in Australia

## 2025 OFFERINGS Weekly Budget - \$4327 per week

| Offering                                                   | Weekly Offering | Year To Date | Budget to date |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|
| 28th September                                             | \$3,390.97      | \$176,525.98 | \$168,753.00   |
| 5th October                                                | \$4,604.60      | \$181,130.58 | \$173,080.00   |
| 12th October                                               | \$3,713.20      | \$184,843.78 | \$177,407.00   |
| 19th October                                               | \$5,066.25      | \$189,910.03 | \$181,734.00   |
| 26th October will be included in the December Notice Sheet |                 |              |                |

### ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

*In which we remember those who have died in the past year.*



**10.00 a.m. Sunday 2nd November**

You are invited to bring a flower to place in memory of your loved one and/or please send a photo (jpeg format) of your loved one to be included in the powerpoint presentation to [admin@bcuc.org.au](mailto:admin@bcuc.org.au) or M: 0491 706 667

There will be a list of names at the door of the church for you to add the names of those who have died in the past year that you would like to have read in the service.

**We invite you to join us for a special Morning Tea following the Service**

4th Sunday of month

**SUNDAY**  
5 PM SERVICE



**23rd November 2025**

### Ballarat Central Giving

*We invite you to be involved—*  
by direct transfer to Bendigo  
Bank BSB 633 000

Account 133779470 (enter  
"Pledge & your name; Speak to Kathy Collins/  
Sabine for an assigned pledge number)

**Thank you for your Offerings.**



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

## Information



### (For people who live alone)

The Uniting Friends' lunch will be held on **Sunday 2nd November**. 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

### CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Meeting in the Peart Wing on the first Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 11th November at 7.30pm**. (4th Nov is the Cup Day Public Holiday) in the Peart Wing. All Welcome. See Rod Devenish for more information.



### Spirituality in the Cinema

**Sunday 16th November at 4pm** in the Peart Wing.  
**"Mr. Turner"**

*British painter J.M.W. Turner lives his last 25 years with gusto and secretly becomes involved with a seaside landlady, while his faithful housekeeper bears an unrequited love for him.* Followed by Discussion & Light refreshments. For more information please speak with Mary Hollick or Bron James.

### RELAXATION & VISUALISATION

**Thursday 6th November**  
10am—11am in the Manse Lounge.

For further information, speak with Bron James.



### **BREAKFAST STUDY GROUP**

**meeting 10am on Tuesday's in the old Manse. All Welcome.**

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



### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** **Sunday 23rd November** **after the morning Service**

This marks the end of the liturgical year and Christ the King Sunday. Agenda items will focus on forward planning — where we are now and the next few years; leading into the planned giving/stewardship program; Worship team arrangements; and finalisation of our response to the Life and Witness consultation.

## Information



**MEN'S BREAKFAST**  
Will join in with the Intergenerational Advent Celebration on **Sunday 30th November at 9am for Breakfast.**

Contact Andy 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.*

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



Out to Lunch will be meeting on **Sunday 16th November at Lake View Restaurant, Wendouree**  
Parade, **RSVP Charlotte Withers and/or Clipboard in PW.**



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

### **Sunday 21st December**

A service of readings and music for Christmas will be held on Sunday, 21st December. Planning has begun, and Helen Duggan, ([helenmd@activ8.net.au](mailto:helenmd@activ8.net.au)) is welcoming suggestions of material to include and expressions of interest. Rehearsals of choral music will begin on Thursday, 6th November.



**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.