



Wadawurrung

### 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.*



### 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.*

**CHURCH  
OPEN**  
for quiet & prayer

### 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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**Admin &** Sabine Handreck

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

**Family Worker:** M: 0439 827 888 E: youth@bcuc.org.au

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



The Uniting Church in Australia  
**Ballarat Central Congregation**  
— a pilgrim people — on the way

## FEBRUARY 2026 Notice Sheet

Happy New Year.

As we step into this new year,  
may Christ's presence steady us  
and lead us forward together  
in hope.

Grace and peace,

**Rev. Charissa Suli**

President, Uniting Church in Australia



**Uniting Church  
in Australia**  
ASSEMBLY

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

Friday 6th March

10am St Columba's Nigeria  
206 Gregory St  
2pm Carmel  
Welsh, 265 Albert St  
Sebastopol



WORLD DAY OF  
PRAYER  
SERVICE 2026



'I will give you rest:  
Come'

www.prayer2026.org

### HARMONY DAY 21/3/26

On Sunday  
22nd March at

11.30am we will be  
unveiling the BCUC  
Peace Pole to  
to advocate for world  
peace so desperately  
needed today.



## WORSHIP SERVICES

### FEBRUARY 1 EPIPHANY 4

10am Communion Service  
Rev. Lauleti Tu'inauvai  
**7pm Taize Service**  
**Micah 6:1-8**  
**Psalm 15**  
**1 Corinthians 1:18-31**  
**Matthew 5:1-12**

### FEBRUARY 8 EPIPHANY 5

10am Worship  
Rev. Lauleti Tu'inauvai  
**Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12)**  
**Psalm 112:1-9 (10)**  
**1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)**  
**Matthew 5:13-20**

### FEBRUARY 15 TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS

10am Worship &  
Launch of Planned Giving—Intro  
Rev. Lauleti Tu'inauvai  
**Exodus 24:12-18**  
**Psalm 2 or 99**  
**2 Peter 1:16-21**  
**Matthew 17:1-9**

### FEBRUARY 18 ASH WEDNESDAY

7.30pm Ash Wednesday Service  
Rev. Lauleti Tu'inauvai  
**Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12**  
**Psalm 51:1-7**  
**2 Corinthians 5:20b – 6:10**  
**Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21**

### FEBRUARY 22 LENT 1

10am Worship  
Rev. Lauleti Tu'inauvai  
Planned Giving—Grow our Ministry  
**5pm Family Evening Service**  
**Andy Gault**  
**Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7**  
**Psalm 32**  
**Romans 5:12-19**  
**Matthew 4:1-11**

### MARCH 1 LENT 2

10am Communion Service  
Planned Giving—Spirit's leading  
Rev. Lauleti Tu'inauvai  
**7pm Taize Service**  
**Genesis 12:1-4a**  
**Psalm 121**  
**Romans 4:1-5, 13-17**  
**John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9**

### REMINDER:

*As we gather to worship on Sunday, we ask that you please put your phones on silent before the service begins. Thank you.*



## More information ...

CHAMBER PHILHARMONIA COLOGNE



The Chamber Philharmonia Cologne will again be holding a Concert at Ballarat Central Uniting Church in 2026.  
**Tuesday, 17th March 2026, at 7 pm**

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 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.**

**4th Sunday of month**

**SUNDAY**

**5 PM SERVICE**

**Next Service**  
**22nd February 2026**



The KUCA program, will be sending Back Packs filled with School supplies overseas.

If you can provide any of these items on the list, please bring them to Church and leave them in the designated box in the Peart Wing foyer. We will fill the backpacks from your donations.

1 back pack to suit a child 10-12 years

6 exercise books ( 2 x 96 pages, 2 x 64 pages, 2 x 48 pages)

1x scrapbook 1x pk coloured pencils

1x pk felt-tipped pens

1x pk crayons 1 x metric ruler

1 hand towel, 1 soap box,

1 cake soap

1x lunch box 1 x drink bottle

**1 Pencil case big enough to hold:**

2 x Erasers

1 x Sharpener

1 pair school scissors

1 glue stick

4 black lead pencils

4 blue ball point pens

Red ball point pens & Black ball point pens

**Plus either**

1 tennis ball, 5 handkerchiefs (boys) or

1x skipping rope, 5 handkerchiefs (girls)



## Information

### Bach: St John Passion



Ballarat Central Uniting Church  
103 Lydiard Street South Ballarat

Saturday 28 March 2026  
2:00 - 4:30pm

**The Annual General Meeting and  
Election of Ballarat Central  
UC Office Bearers**  
will be held on **Sunday 12th April**  
after the Service

**Roles for Election**  
**Elders to Church Council**  
**Elders not on Church Council**  
**Church Council Members**  
**Congregation Representatives to  
Presbytery**

Nomination Forms are located on  
the Peart Wing Entry tables and will  
be available from Sunday 1st  
February to Sunday 1st March  
Completed forms should be  
**submitted by Sunday 1st March  
2026 to Rod Devenish, Andy Gault  
or the Office.**



**The most  
organised  
Book Fair**

St. Andrew's  
Church Hall  
Cnr. Dawson &  
Sturt Street,  
Ballarat

**Uniting**



**MARCH 2026**  
SATURDAY 7th March  
9am - 4pm  
SUNDAY 8th March  
10am - 3pm  
MONDAY 9th March  
10am - 3pm

**HUGE RANGE OF  
BOOKS plus Plants**  
Proceeds to Uniting  
Ballarat, Breezeway  
& Lifeline programs.

Novels  
Soft Cover \$2  
Hard Cover \$3

**Entry by Donation**

### A prayer about promises (Jeremiah 33)

God of truth and justice, it seems that the world is full of promises. As soon as we switch on the television the deluge begins: "buy this product and look ten years younger," "eat this food and lower your cholesterol," "place your insurance with us and be safe for ever!"

And when we open our newspapers the hollow promises of our political leaders seek to persuade us that if we vote for them all our troubles will be over, and a new era of justice and mercy will prevail. Even our own promises ring hollow in our ears, promises we make at the turning of the year, or in our prayers, or to our family and friends: all the good things we say we want to do, but then, amidst the pressure, allow to slide away. So in the light of humankind's tendency to make claims to ensure popularity and profit, or to try to appear better than we are, we turn to you, God of life, and remember your promises, and place our hope and faith in you. **Amen.**

Ann Siddall, Stillpoint Spirituality

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

Offering	Weekly Offering	Year To Date	Budget to date
23rd November	\$4,782.87	\$208,989.07	\$203,369.00
30th November	\$5,063.00	\$214,052.07	\$207,696.00
7th December	\$4,115.00	\$218,167.07	\$212,023.00
14th December	\$3,853.00	\$222,020.07	\$216,350.00
21st December	\$4,006.25	\$226,026.32	\$220,677.00
31st December	\$4,234.12	\$230,260.44	\$225,004.00
Offering	Weekly Offering	Year To Date	Budget to date
4th January	\$3,901.20	\$3,901.20	\$4,327.00
11th January	\$2,944.55	\$6,845.75	\$8,654.00
18th January	\$5,720.80	\$12,566.55	\$12,981.00
25th January will be included in the March Notice Sheet			

### 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  
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**



**We invite you to join us for a time of  
reflection as we enter the season of Lent at  
our Ash Wednesday Service on Wednesday  
18th February at 7.30pm. All Welcome**

## Information



### (For people who live alone)

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



**MEN'S BREAKFAST**  
**Sunday 22nd February 8am at Ballarat Central**  
Come and share food, fellowship & fun.

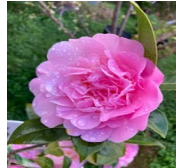
Cost \$5 for a cooked breakfast.  
Contact Lauleti for further information.

**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.*



### RELAXATION & VISUALISATION

**Thursday 5th February**  
10am—11am in the Manse Lounge.  
For further information, speak with Bron James.



### BREAKFAST STUDY GROUP

meeting 10am on the 3rd Tuesday of the Month  
**All Welcome.**

(not meeting during school holidays)  
Speak with Lauleti M: 0413 115 711 or Laura Shearer-Cox for more information.



**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.

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

## Information



### PANCAKE LUNCHEON

**Sunday 15th February (after morning Service)**

Enjoy a yummy two-course Pancake Lunch & help raise funds for Uniting Ballarat

#### COST:

\$15 Adult

Family (2 Adults, 2 children) \$40  
each additional child \$5

Children UNDER 12 FREE.

### Spirituality in the Cinema

**Sunday 15th February at the new time of 1.30pm in the Peart Wing.**



**"My Neighbour Totoro"**

Two sisters relocate to rural Japan with their father to spend time with their ill mother. They face a mythical forest sprite and its woodland friends with whom they have many magical adventures.

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



**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.



**Drawing Breath meets EVERY SECOND**

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



**Out to Lunch will be meeting on Sunday 22nd February at**

**Lake View Restaurant, Wendouree Parade, RSVP Charlotte Withers and/or Clipboard in PW. ALL WELCOME!**