



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

“O P E N C H U R C H”

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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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

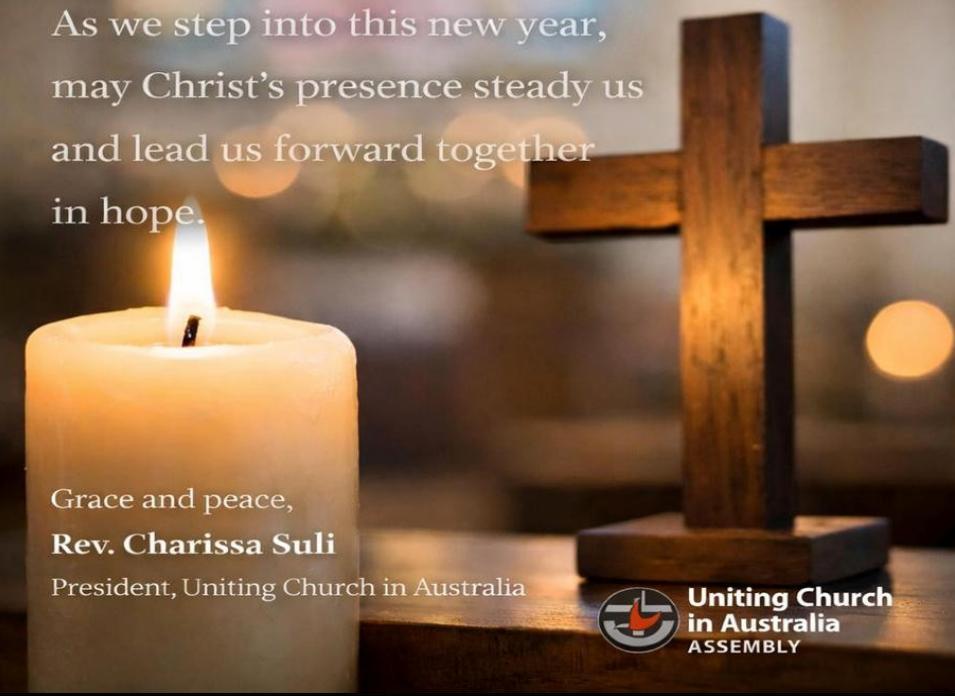


The Uniting Church in Australia
Ballarat Central Congregation
— a pilgrim people — on the way

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

www.wdop.org.au

I will give you rest.
Come!



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

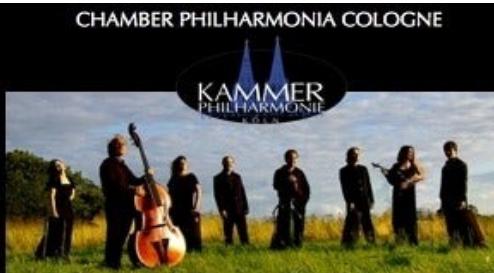
John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9

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 ...



The Chamber Philharmonia Cologne will again be holding a Concert at Ballarat Central Uniting Church in 2026.

Tuesday, 17th March 2026, at 7 pm



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 Australian
Boys Choir



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.

Entry by Donation

Novels
Soft Cover \$2
Hard Cover \$3

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.



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.



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.

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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**

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