



# THE BCUN

BALLARAT CENTRAL UNITING NEWS



On Palm Sunday, everyone was asked to bring a stick, around 1m long. During Andy's message, the congregation was asked to write their name on their stick. These were collected by the children who turned them into a cross (above) during KUCA time. As we are taught that Jesus died for our sins, this cross is to remind us that Jesus died for each one of us at BCUC – our names are clearly written on the sticks.

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A big thankyou to all of the contributors who provided articles and photographs for this edition of BCUN. As always, they are very much appreciated. If you would like to contribute to BCUN in any way, please email me, Leanne Keem, at:

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Please note, items for the June/ July edition of BCUN, to be pub-

lished on Sunday, June 7, will be due on Sunday, May 31.

## SERVICES

- \* Every Sunday - 10am
- \* 1st Sunday of the month - Taize service, 7pm-8pm
- \* 2nd and 4th Sunday - Sudanese service, 2.30pm
- \* 4th Sunday of the month - Family service, 5pm

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands and waters in the Ballarat area, the Wathaurong People of the Kulin Nations. We pay our sincere respect to their Elders: past, present and emerging. The Uniting Church in Australia commits its members to walk together with compassion and justice as First and Second Peoples. We are committed to continue this stewardship and reconciliation.

# Peace Pole unveiling and dedication

March 22, 2026



The time is right. Our world right now so needs Masahisa Goi's prayer "May peace prevail on earth".

When the idea of a peace pole was first introduced to the congregation, several men in the congregation reminded me that we need not only the languages of our people here, but also we must have Japanese as well because of its beginnings.

The founder of the Peace Pole movement, Masahisa Goi, a poet, philosopher and musician, as well as a mystic was horrified at the devastation caused by the two atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. While he was in deep meditation, he was given this prayer, "May peace prevail on Earth" and he believed that if people put all their thoughts and efforts into this prayer, it would have a uniting and positive effect on humanity.

Lauleti, the minister here at Ballarat Central Uniting Church, had already established a Peace Pole at his church in Nunawading, and wanted us to have one in Ballarat,

reflecting the predominant nationalities that make up our congregation. And so, Madonna was invited to talk to our Social Justice Group about Peace Poles.

Most importantly, she told us that Peter Clapinski was the pole maker here in Victoria. Now, despite the fact that Peter had retired as the official pole maker, he very generously agreed to make our pole.

So finally, after more than a year, here it is!

Our pole is planted on the land belonging to the Wadawurrung people and thus it contains an Acknowledgement of Country. It has the prayer "May peace prevail on Earth" written in English, Japanese and Tongan. Red is a culturally significant colour for the Tongan people so the Tongan translation is in red on a white background.

The Sudanese Nuer language is a spoken language, not written, so finding a translation was difficult. However, because their Bible is written in Nuer, they have chosen "Blessed are the peacemakers" in

bright colours, which they love, to be written on the pole.

Two other quotes have been added: "Peace begins with a smile", in a calming green, attributed to Mother Teresa and "where there is hatred let me sow love" from Francis of Assisi. The brown lettering on a cream background is a reminder of a monk's outfit. You might also like to note the rainbow people holding hands on our pole. Originally, this was planned to interest children, but it has morphed into a representation of the human race, with its people of many races and colours, including those who are disabled in some way, all holding hands as they surround the pole. Thank you, Andy and Noah for the artwork.

So, when you look at the pole, may you pray for peace within yourself, peace in your home, peace in your community and peace across our very precious Earth.

— Bron James on behalf of the  
Social Justice Group

From our Minister's Pen 



# “He is not here, for He has been raised!”

This issue of BCUN is distributed on the most (I believe) inspirational, encouraging, empowering and motivating day of our Christian journey – Easter Sunday, 5th April 2026. It is also the end of the daylight-saving season, with an extra hour of sleep to compensate what we have been through in Holy Week.

And we read and heard on Easter Sunday from one of the gospels' accounts of Jesus' resurrection story in Matthew. Jesus' resurrection is witnessed by two women: *After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. 2 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. 4 For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. 5 But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. (Matthew 28:1-6)*

We have been following Jesus

closely for 40 days and nights during the Season of Lent into Holy Week and we were deeply challenged by the way he was betrayed, abandoned, crucified, died, buried and on the third day, RESURRECTED — alive and live forever!

This is encouraging and hopeful for all of Jesus' followers. This is what we also professed in our Faith Statements and stated in the Apostles' Creed:

*“(Jesus) was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.”*

With this account of Jesus' extreme sufferings and victory over sin and death, and Jesus' followers to be like Jesus, I believe that these understandings of sufferings and victory have been the foundation and cornerstone of our mission and ministry here at Ballarat Central. We follow Jesus' challenging and even deadly mission and ministry believing that we will be like him – resurrected. We suffer as Jesus did! We will be resurrected in glory as Jesus was! In Lent we journeyed with our Planned Giving Program for 2026. We will soon hear what we have offered and committed to in Jesus' diverse ministry here at Ballarat Central.

We also reintroduced a Hymn Singing Afternoon at 2 p.m. on Sunday 8th February with Rev Dr Graeme Sutton leading with the

organ. We call it “Singing, Reflecting and Praying with the Hymns” (SRPH). The next SRPH will be on Sunday, April 12th. All are welcome!

We had the 99th anniversary of the World Day of Prayer on Friday, 6th March, 2026, with worship services at St Columba's Catholic Church, Carmel Welsh Church and St Andrew's Uniting Church in Creswick. Next year will be the WDP 100th anniversary! Faith Thompson, co-ordinator of the Emergency Relief Centre, Ballarat Uniting Victas, joined our worship service on 8th March and shared the Emergency Relief Centre's current services and challenges.

We unveiled and dedicated our BCUC Peace Pole on Sunday, 22nd March, 2026, with an inspirational and encouraging messages from Adri Stickland, Bron James, Madonna Quixley (Co-convenor, Let's Talk Peace Ballarat, National Peace Sector Lead, Australian Charter for Compassion) and our special guest, Juliana Addison MP, Member for Wendouree. This was during Harmony Week, March 16-22, 2026. I encouraged our members to become “Walking Peace Poles”.

We celebrated Holy Week sacredly from 29th March – 5th April with: an Ecumenical Palm Sunday Gathering on 29th March @ 9 a.m. at the Sturt Street Bandstand; Palm Sunday Worship combined with Brown Hill @ 10 a.m. led by Rev David Carter;

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# “He is not here, for He has been raised!”

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Palm Sunday Evening Reflection @ 7 p.m. led by Rod Devenish and The Explorers Group; Monday – Wednesday Holy Week Reflections @ 7 p.m. led by Lauleti; Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service @ 7 p.m. led by The Explorers Group; Good Friday Worship @ 9a.m. and Easter Day Service with Holy Communion. What a week of many blessings! We will have our Annual General Meeting on Sunday, 12 April. We will celebrate Harvest Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, 19th

April.

We will worship together with Brown Hill @ Brown Hill on Sunday, 26th April, because of the Marathon Weekend and the Ballarat Central area will be extra busy on that weekend.

We are celebrating the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026 on 17th – 24th May with the theme: “There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling” (Ephesians 4:4). We will have services at 2 p.m. on Monday 18th at St Patrick’s Catholic Cathedral; Tuesday 19th at Peel Street Church of

Christ; Wednesday 20th at St Peter’s Anglican; Thursday 21st at Ballarat Central Uniting; and Friday 22nd at the Anglican Cathedral.

We will celebrate the Day of Pentecost on Sunday, 24th May, with our commitments into Jesus’ mission and ministry here at Ballarat Central as we continue our roles as a worshipping, witnessing and a serving community.

Jesus is Risen! He is risen indeed. Hallelujah!

I wish you all a happy and blessed Easter Season.

— Lauleti

## Congratulations! 90th Birthdays

Three members of our congregation have recently celebrated, or are soon to celebrate, their 90th birthday. Our congratulations and best wishes are extended to Janice Cook, Barbara Dean and David Pratt.

## Older and Wiser Forum

A forum will be held on Sunday, 31st May, at 11.30am following the morning service at Ballarat Central Uniting Church on the theme: “What will I do with it all ?

“There will be a discussion group, conducted by Jen Mitchell and Jean Miton about what to do with the “stuff” we accumulate during our lifetime. Everyone welcome.

— Maureen Vallance

## Emergency relief donation

After a valuable information session about emergency relief needs around us, the Social Justice Group

dedicated stall proceeds for emergency relief on Sunday, March 15. Approximately \$370.00 was forwarded on behalf of the congregation who support the monthly stalls so well.

Thank you, all.

— Jan Souter

## Backpack items due in May

Items for backpacks need to be brought to church before the end of May as we pack in June, so they will need to be brought to church by 31st May. Any items from the following list are most welcome.

### Backpack List:

**1 backpack to suit a child 10-12 years**  
**6 exercise books: 2 x 96 pages, 2 x 64 pages, 2 x 48 pages**  
**1 scrap book**  
**1 packet coloured pencils**  
**1 packet felt tipped pens**  
**1 packet crayons**  
**1 metric ruler**  
**1 hand towel, 1 soap box, 1 cake soap**  
**1 drink bottle**  
**1 lunch box**

**1 skipping rope**  
**5 handkerchiefs boys OR 5 handkerchiefs girls**

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

**2 erasers**  
**1 sharpener**  
**1 pair school scissors**  
**1 glue stick**  
**4 black lead pencils**  
**4 blue ball point pens**  
**2 red ball point pens**  
**2 black ball point pens**

### Please Note:

Could everyone please remove all packaging from items placed in the back packs. There is little or no garbage removal system in the Pacific Islands and we don’t want to send any unnecessary rubbish.

### Exceptions are:

Coloured pencils,  
 Crayons  
 Felt tipped pens

Back packs can be second hand provided that they are clean, no holes and the zips work.

Please ask family and friends if they have any. Otherwise, you might find some at the op-shop.



## Church Council Report

Rod Devenish, Chairperson

March 2026

*Executive & Finance Committee of Church Council met on the 11th of March; full Council met on the 25th March.*

### Worship

During worship on Sunday, 15th February, we launched our Planned Giving Program 2026 to run through Lent. Faith Thompson, Emergency Relief Centre Co-ordinator at Ballarat Uniting, joined our worship service on 8th March and shared information concerning the Emergency Relief Centre's current services and challenges. Faith also presented the congregation with a Certificate of Appreciation acknowledging our donations (trolley and funds) and ongoing support of the Emergency Relief Centre. (The certificate hangs to the right of door leading out of the Peart Wing.)

After our service on Sunday, 22nd March, we were able to participate in the unveiling of the BCUC

Peace Pole. Bron James, convenor of our Social Justice group, provided the background to bringing the BCUC peace pole projection to fruition and we heard from Madonna Quixley, co-convenor of Let's Talk Peace Ballarat about peace poles in Ballarat. Juliana Addison MP, State Member for Wendouree, attended our service (with daughter Sophia) and unveiled the peace pole. In closing the ceremony Lauleti charged us all with being walking peace poles in our community,

Our Holy Week Journey commenced with services on Palm Sunday (29 March) with the Ecumenical Gathering at the Sturt Street Bandstand, followed by our combined 10 am worship with Brown Hill, led by Rev David Carter.

Evening Reflections were offered on Palm Sunday (led by the Explorers group); on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (led by Lauleti); and culminated in a Maundy Thursday Tenebrae service (again led by the Explorers group).

We give thanks to all our worship leaders and contributors whether in spoken word or music.

# Uniting

### Uniting In Ballarat

HACC PYP - Home and Community Care Program for Younger People This program supports Victorians from birth to 65 years, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from birth to 50 years if their capacity for independent living is at risk. This may be due to chronic illness, mental health issues, disability or other conditions where they need one-off, inter-

mittent, or ongoing support to undertake the activities of daily living. HACC PYP supports Victorians to optimise their health and wellbeing, while maintaining or regaining their independence to live safely in their homes, and actively participate in their community. Funding is provided and managed by the Victorian Department of Health.

Uniting is looking at getting HACC clients to participate in activities which encourage social connection and getting back into the community. Volunteers would run the activity groups on behalf of Uniting. Possible activity groups include: art, walking, gardening, reading, card & games afternoon, but could be potentially any other activity volunteers are interested in contributing to. Uniting Ballarat is currently seeking volunteers to oversee these types of activities. You can do as much or as little as you would like; 2 hours a week, or a fortnight. Elsewhere in this issue of BCUN you will find the flyer providing contact information for those seeking to volunteer.

### Fundraising in support of Uniting

Two key fundraising events were held recently:

Pancake Luncheon, Sunday 15 February, which raised \$922.93; and

The Labour Day weekend in March Book Fair and Plant sale raised \$8305.54.

(A note from Anita Hinton: People often ask why the odd cents? This is due to the transaction fee for the "Square" machine for Eftpos sales which make up approx. 1/3 of all our sales.)

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# Church Council report continued

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From the funds raised thus far this year by our events Committee, \$11,000 will be shared equally between BreezeWay and Lifeline.

We have received a letter of thanks for our congregation collectively taking part in the Coffee Cup Challenge and directing the proceeds (\$2,404.15) to Ballarat's Breezeway program.

## Our Building

On the advice of our insurance risk advisors, we have undertaken the installation / or upgrading of smoke detectors throughout our buildings. A security upgrade is partially completed. On entry into the 'old manse' via the 'driveway' entrance, on entering the Peart Wing, either from the old manse or the main entry doors there will need to be a code entered into a key pad, otherwise an alarm will sound. We will advise when this system is fully activated.

Following recent vandalism at the rear of the old manse it has been decided to install key card operated gates on the Lydiard Street driveway. This will prevent unauthorised access to the carpark gar-

age and youth spaces.

## Stewardship Program

Our Stewardship (Planned Giving) Program has concluded, although if you have not yet provided your response you could do this by giving it directly to Rod Devenish or mailing it to Sabine at the church office. We are currently in the process of collating the responses and are aiming to make a brief report at the AGM.

## Annual General meeting

A reminder that the AGM of our congregation will be held after the service on Sunday, 12 April. Nominations have closed and it is pleasing to report that we received nominations for the positions of Elders and Church Councillors. Please familiarise yourself with the names of the nominees prior to the election.

Regrettably we did not receive any nominations for Presbytery Representatives.

## Music in April 2026

Hymn Sing. The next afternoon of Hymn singing at BCUC will be held on Sunday, 12 April, at 2pm, to be followed by afternoon tea (at 3 pm). Attendees are asked to bring a small plate.

Hymn Sing will now be a regular fixture on our calendar – the second Sunday of the second/even months of the year.

Eureka Brass in Concert will be held 2.30 – 4.30 pm on Saturday, April 18th. This year the ENTIRE profits of the concert will be donated to BCUC to use/distribute for a charitable use of our choice. There will be a short interval in the program for tea and coffee; the band will provide biscuits / light refreshments for patrons. The BCUC congregation have been asked to serve tea and coffee. Please encourage family and friends in the wider Ballarat community to attend.

## Sammy Stamp

The UCAF Stamp Fund, better known as Sammy Stamp, coordinates the collection and sale of stamps to offer grants for mission and development work in Australia and overseas. We have a box in the entrance foyer where you can deposit any stamps – perhaps those from envelopes by which you received 2025 Christmas cards.

— Rod Devenish,  
Chair of Council

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## Lectionary Readings: April 12 to June 7

**April 12 Easter 2** Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

**April 19 Easter 3** Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

**April 26 Easter 4** Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

**May 3 Easter 5** Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-

10; John 14:1-14

**May 10 Easter 6** Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

**May 14 Ascension Day** Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47 or Psalm 93; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

**May 17 Easter 7** Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

**May 24 Pentecost** Acts 2:1-21 or

Numbers 11:24-30; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21; John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

**May 31 Trinity Sunday** Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

**Jun 7 Pentecost 2** Genesis 12:1-9, Hosea 5:15-6:6; Psalm 33:1-12, Psalm 50:7-15; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

# President's Easter Message 2026



**Rev Charissa Suli**

**President,  
Uniting  
Church in  
Australia**

If life feels loud right now...  
If the world feels more anxious than peaceful... The first Easter happened behind locked doors. Not in a cathedral. Not in celebration. But in fear.  
And into that fear, the risen Jesus stood among his disciples and said: "Peace be with you."  
He says it twice — because sometimes once isn't enough.  
As President of the Uniting Church in Australia, I want to speak into this moment we are living through — because the world does not need more noise. It needs peace.  
Many of us are carrying more than we show.

We feel it when making ends meet feels harder than it used to. In private grief.

In young people wrestling with anxiety.

In conversations that divide more than they heal.

Across the world, families live behind locked doors of their own.

Across the Pacific, rising seas remind us how fragile home can feel. Here in Australia, the wounds of this land are still carried by First Peoples. Easter does not look away from any of this.

When Jesus appeared, he showed his hands and his side. He did not hide his wounds.

Resurrection is not denial.

It is love moving through scars.

He stood among his disciples — not performing, not demanding — simply present. And he breathed on them and said:

**"Receive the Holy Spirit."**

This is how his peace comes alive in them.

Not by pretending everything is

fine, but in the middle of real life. It brings them back to God — and back to one another. As Christians, this matters for us.

Because if Christ is risen — and he is — then fear does not have the final word.

The Church does not live by anxiety. We live by resurrection.

Not anxious about survival, but faithful in witness. We are here to represent Jesus Christ.

And that peace does not stay behind locked doors.

It moves outward. It sends us.

So, this Easter — Receive His peace.

Stand firm in resurrection hope.

And live as people of resurrection — because death and fear do not have the final word. Because the tomb is empty.

Love has not ended. Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Happy Easter.

Peace be with you.

— Rev Charissa Suli



Chaplain Lyall Reid, was among the officers and sailors from HMAS Ballarat who exercised their freedom of entry into the City of Ballarat on March 15. They were accompanied by the Royal Australian Navy Band and marched along Sturt St before coming to attention for inspection by the Mayor of Ballarat, Tracey Hargreaves. Lyall was attached to BCUC prior to his current appointment.

Photo: Ron Fleming



The Palm Sunday Ecumenical gathering was once again held at the Sturt Street rotunda. Above left: from left are Rev Lauleti Tu'Inauvai (Uniting Church), Bishop Mark Freeman (new Bishop of the Catholic Church, Ballarat), Fr Michael Davies (Anglican Church).

# The unveiling of the BCUC Peace Pole



Member for Wendouree Juliana Addison address the congregation to unveil the BCUC Peace Pole.



Left: Social Justice convener Bron James with the Peace Pole. Above: Three Tongan nurses training at Grampians Health with leis to present.



Naomi James led the congregation with her guitar in singing of "Make me a channel of your peace" as we are encouraged to become "Walking Peace Poles" wherever we are.



Chamber Philharmonic Colonge on their annual visit to BCUC played to an audience of 225 patrons.



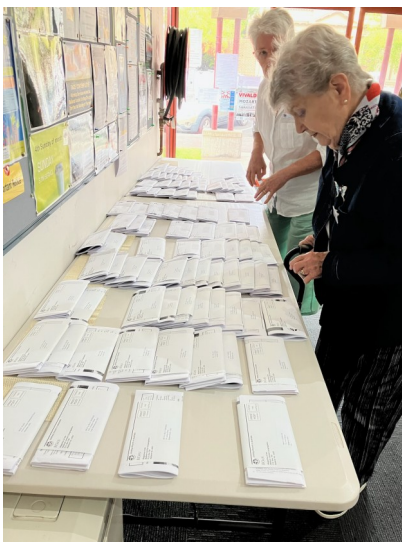
Eager diners line up for a pancake lunch that raised \$922 for Uniting Bal-larat. Pictures: Ron Fleming



Elder Rod Devenish serves communion to Andrew and Angus Shearer Cox.



Charlotte Withers, Faye Withers, Lesley Lyons and Ron Harris are served sweet pancakes.



Left: Robyn Giles looks for her copy of BCUN.

Right: Helen Duggan conducts the congregation in the sung psalm 130.

Below: Rev Laleti Tu'inavai breaks bread during Communion.





Presbytery Chairperson Rev. Rosemary Carter, Rev Dr Graeme Sutton and Pastor Andrew Shearer-Cox.



The musical group drawn from Brown Hill and BCUC.



Rev Dr Graeme Sutton, Les George and Laurenne Robertson participate in the Service to mark the conclusion of the Ministry of Pr Andrew Shearer-Cox as Chaplain Co-ordinator.



Lyn Fleming leads prayers for the people.



Rev Lauleti Tu'inauvai delivers the message on the "Day of Mourning with the First Peoples".



Above: Books are still in demand and readers supported Breezeway through book and plant sales raising \$4,500. Left: Uniting Ballarat's Emergency Relief Services Co-ordinator Faith Thompson addresses the congregation on the service and its needs.



Claudia Forsberg reads the scripture lessons.

# Huggable chickens provide support two ways

Lesley Lyons has been busy knitting Emotional Support Chickens and wants to thank the congregation and others for their support.

Emotional Support Chickens are created as a therapeutic, light-hearted and huggable project to help people cope with anxiety and stress.

Lesley's chickens are \$30 each and the money is being donated to Breezeway.

She has sent a couple of updates to BCUN but, at last count, Lesley



had made 46 chickens and raised \$975 for Breezeway so far — with orders still coming in!



Photos from KUCA time, showing the woman at the well story and the making of the cross from the congregation members' sticks on Palm Sunday.  
— Charlotte Withers on behalf of Andy, Marg and Faye



# Vale

## Nola Oliver

On January 29th our Congregation lost a lady who had been a much loved member for over 70 years. Nola Ross married Geoffrey Oliver and fairly soon after their marriage Nola became involved with many of the congregation's activities. One of her greatest loves was her involvement with the group of ladies who provided the floral arrangements for each Sunday's Service. When we were organising the setting up of the Lifeline Service in Ballarat, Nola set up a ladies committee to raise funds, an activity which she continued up to the day of her funeral and indicated that donations to Lifeline Ballarat would be more acceptable than floral tributes. Nola and her family were great benefactors especially to people less fortunate. The new commercial kitchen set up to cater for the meals for Uniting's clients was



**Nola May Oliver**  
25/12/1931-29/1/2026

just one of her family's gifts. Nola was for many years an active member of the Ballarat Golf Club and was a committee member. Nola served as Club President and a term as Club Captain. Nola was a founding member of Ballarat YM Club for Ladies. Nola was very active at Ballarat College where her children were pupils and organised the Tuck Shop for many years. Nola was a proud citizen of

Ballarat and was quick to contact 'the right' people when something was not working as it should. She was mentally alert to what was happening in the world of politics and the commercial life of Ballarat. Nola supported her husband, Geoff, in his business life primarily in the Footwear business and in later life, The Tiltani Vinyard at Avoca. The Thanksgiving and Memorial Service very ably conducted by Lauleti, was attended by around 300 people representing a broad representation of Ballarat business and sporting circles.

To me it was sad that there were only about 10 people at her service who are part of our regular worshipping congregation.

It was unfortunate that her health in recent years prevented Nola from attending worship each Sunday but she was grateful when the live streaming of our Services commenced.

— Ron Harris OAM

### HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE

**Sunday 19th April  
at 10am**

Please bring Fresh fruit,  
vegetables and  
non-perishable food to  
celebrate Harvest  
Thanksgiving.

Donations will be  
distributed to Breezeway  
and members and friends  
of our church community.  
Thank you.





# Volunteer Team at Uniting

Come and  
Join Us

HACC PYP Program is seeking Volunteers to assist with running meaningful social connection groups. Allowing isolated people to 'get back to the things they love.'

Are you passionate about helping others?

As a volunteer you would be able to use your skills, passions and knowledge to help others connect in the community and participate in a wide range of activities.

This might involve chatting with someone while having a coffee, getting out-and-about doing something the person enjoys in the community, having a phone conversation with someone about a mutual interest or running a gardening, walking, art or games group.

If this sound like something that you might be interest in. We would really like to hear from you.

Get in touch  
Please contact Karen on 0481 619 350

Visit  
[unitingvictas.org.au](http://unitingvictas.org.au)

# Uniting



# HYMN SING



**Hymn Singing  
Every 2nd Sunday of  
Every 2nd month at 2pm  
Next date: April 12th**

Come and join us as we sing our  
favourite Hymns.

*We will end our singing with  
Afternoon Tea at 3pm.  
Please bring a small plate to share.*



**Ballarat Central Uniting Church Rosters April 12th—June 7th 2026**

Regular Leaders Rev L. T'uinvaiau Andy Gault	1,2: Readers 3: Bearer See page 6 for readings	Prayer	Musician/s	Elder/s 1. Elder on Duty 2. Communion Elders	Welcome 1: General greeter 2: Welcome Support Group representative	Door Stewards	Morning Tea
<b>April 12</b> <b>Harvest Thanksgiving</b> <b>Easter 2</b>	1.2. Heather GILBERT Nina N'WAY 3. Emily SH-Cox	Chris KYNOCH	Roger PECK	Maureen VALLANCE	1. Shirley V'BOM 2. Merriel LeM.	Ken JENKIN Judy STONE	<u>Faye WITHERS</u> Jan TOZER Bev H'SON Charlotte W.
<b>April 19</b> <b>Easter 3</b>	1.2. Miriam P. Helen PEART 3. Fila FIFITA	Ron BROWN	Graeme SUTTON Karen COAD Charlotte W. Steve HOLOYDA	Margo C'HAM	1. Heather BROWN 2. Maureen V.	Lyn & Ron FLEMING	Mary HOLLICK Merriel & Geoff LeM Nancy O'L.
<b>April 26</b> <b>Easter 4</b>	Service to be held at Brown Hill—Ballarat Marathon						
<b>May 3</b> <b>Easter 5</b>	1.2. Bron JAMES Marg BENNETT 3. Andy GAULT	Adri STICKLAND	Evan DUGGAN	1. Nancy O'L 2. Anita HINTON Bron JAMES Miriam PECK	1. Jan TOZER 2. Susan PIEROTTI	Merriel & Geoff LeMARSHALL	Maureen DOONAN Shirley V'BOM Judith WHEATON Jan DIMOND
<b>May 10</b> <b>Easter 6</b> <b>Mother's Day</b>	1.2. Jen M. Barb SNIBSON 3. Fila FIFITA	Helen DUGGAN	Roger PECK	Maureen VALLANCE	1. Greta CHRISTIE 2. Bron JAMES	Ken JENKIN Judy STONE	Men of BCUC

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<b>May 17</b> <b>Easter 7</b>	1.2. Andrew BOATMAN Ron BROWN 3. Lauren M.	Graeme SUTTON	Graeme SUTTON Karen COAD Charlotte W. Steve HOLOYDA	Miriam PECK	1. Maureen DOONAN 2. Nancy O'L	Lyn & Ron FLEMING	<u>Ros SUTTON</u> Miriam GIBSON Heather BROWN Shirley V'BOM
<b>May 24</b> <b>Pentecost</b>	1.2. Pam T. Manusi T. 3.Fila FIFITA	Mary HOLLICK	Ray HODDER	Bron JAMES	1.Bev H'SON 2.Marg BENNETT	Rod DEVENISH Ken JENKIN	<u>Jan SOUTER</u> Jan DIMOND Betty STEWAR Barb SNIBSON
<b>May 31</b> <b>Trinity</b>	1.2. Andy G. Lesley LYONS 3.Maureen V.	Karen COAD	Evan DUGGAN	Jen MITCHELL	1.Adri STICKLAND 2. Miriam PECK	Nur SISSON Nancy O'L	Tongan families
<b>June 7</b> <b>Pentecost 2</b>	1.2. Margo C. Susan P. 3.Emily SH'COX	Chris KYNOCH	Evan DUGGAN	1. Jean MITON 2. Merriel LeM Rod D. Susan P.	1.Miriam PECK 2.Anita HINTON	Merriel & Geoff LeMARSHALL	<u>Alan HINTON</u> Greta CHRISTIE Nina N'WAY Jan SOUTER

**OOS/Notice Sheet folders:** Lesley Lyons, Jan Tozer, Helen Peart, Betty Stewart **Flowers:** Anita Hinton/Jen Mitchell /Bron James

**Communion Preparation/Pack-up:** Communion Elders **IT/Video:** Ben Daniel, Andrew Boatman **Choir Director:** Helen Duggan

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