



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.

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

MAY 2026 Notice Sheet

Built upon the one Lord Jesus Christ *(Basis of Union)*

The Uniting Church acknowledges that the faith and unity of the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church are built upon the one Lord Jesus Christ. The Church preaches Christ the risen crucified One and confesses him as Lord to the glory of God the Father. In Jesus Christ "God was reconciling the world to himself" (2 Corinthians 5:19 RSV). In love for the world, God gave the Son to take away the world's sin.

Jesus of Nazareth announced the sovereign grace of God whereby the poor in spirit could receive God's love. Jesus himself, in his life and death, made the response of humility, obedience and trust which God had long sought in vain. In raising him to live and reign, God confirmed and completed the witness which Jesus bore to God on earth, reasserted claim over the whole of creation, pardoned sinners, and made in Jesus a representative beginning of a new order of righteousness and love. To God in Christ all people are called to respond in faith. To this end God has sent forth the Spirit that people may trust God as their Father, and acknowledge Jesus as Lord. The whole work of salvation is effected by the sovereign grace of God alone.

The Church as the fellowship of the Holy Spirit confesses Jesus as Lord over its own life; it also confesses that Jesus is Head over all things, the beginning of a new creation, of a new humanity. God in Christ has given to all people in the Church the Holy Spirit as a pledge and foretaste of that coming reconciliation and renewal which is the end in view for the whole creation. The Church's call is to serve that end: to be a fellowship of reconciliation, a body within which the diverse gifts of its members are used for the building up of the whole, an instrument through which Christ may work and bear witness to himself. The Church lives between the time of Christ's death and resurrection and the final consummation of all things which Christ will bring; the Church is a pilgrim people, always on the way towards a promised goal; here the Church does not have a continuing city but seeks one to come. On the way Christ feeds the Church with Word and Sacraments, and it has the gift of the Spirit in order that it may not lose the way. *Basis of Union*

WORSHIP SERVICES

<p>MAY 3 EASTER 5 10am Communion Service Rev. Lauleti Tu'inauvai 7pm Taize Service</p> <p>Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14</p>	<p>MAY 24 PENTECOST 10am Worship Service Rev. Lauleti Tu'inauvai 5pm Family Evening Service Andy Gault & Worship Team</p> <p>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</p>
<p>MAY 10 EASTER 6 Mother's Day and Uniting Threads Quilt Exhibition 10am Worship Service Speakers: Manusi Tu'inauvai, Maureen Vallance,</p> <p>Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:8-20 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21</p>	<p>MAY 31 TRINITY SUNDAY 10am Worship Service combined with Brown Hill UC 10am Worship Service Rev. Lauleti Tu'inauvai</p> <p>Genesis 1:1-2:4a Psalm 8 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Matthew 28:16-20</p>
<p>MAY 17 EASTER 7 Ascension of Jesus 10am Worship Service Rev. Lauleti Tu'inauvai</p> <p>Acts 1:6-14 Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 John 17:1-11</p>	<p>JUNE 7 PENTECOST 2 10am Communion Service Rev. Dr. Graeme Sutton 7pm Taize Service</p> <p>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</p>

REFLECTIONS

May the Christ who walks on wounded feet
 walk with you on the road.
 May the Christ who serves with wounded hands
 stretch out your hands to serve.
 May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart
 open your hearts to love.
 May you see the face of Christ in ev'ryone you meet,
 And may ev'ryone you meet see the face of Christ in you. Amen.

May the path that you walk be ever guided by justice and light
 By the truth that you stand.
 May it show, into the land.
 May the words of Christ disturb you all your life.
 The road you've chosen is not easy – yet, here you stand!
(from the song, The Path, by Jason Mann, adapted)

Breathe in me O Holy Spirit that my thoughts may all be holy;
 Act in me O Holy Spirit that my works, too, may be holy;
 Draw my heart O Holy Spirit that I love but what is holy;
 Strengthen me O Holy Spirit to defend that is holy;
 Guard me then O Holy Spirit that I always may be holy.
St. Augustine of Hippo



Trinity

God says:
 I set you on a life journey. I built the road but I did not give you a map. There are gently rising hills as well as rough difficult rocks that you cannot see beyond. There are crossroads, detours, roundabouts and at times you may prefer to scuttle back to the safety of the predictable and known. You don't see me but you do see my creation and through that, occasionally glimpse my order, beauty in a seashell, a song, or a storm, and of course your purpose and ultimate justice.

Jesus says:
 I go beside you but do not always nudge you when there is a choice to make, a decision on the journey. I know the path. I have been a human sojourner, know about relationships, the easy and the difficult. I have had to make choices. Do not fear because I am beside you and understand your life, its joys and its pains.

The Spirit whispers:
 You barely see me, perhaps a glimpse at sunrise or like a bird hovering high in an arc near the clouds. But I sweep across the sky and indicate the better or best path to follow, though the voices in your head are constantly bickering and confusing you. Watch out for dangerous paths. You will need to pause, slow down, patiently listen, then look upward to discern me. I will keep you safe to go ahead in your journey, to experience both challenges and abundance of life far beyond your imagining.
(Source: Wendy Ratawa, Prayers that Unite)

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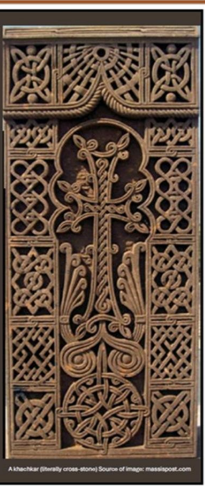
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

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17 – 24 May 2026

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and one Spirit, just
as you were called
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your calling”*

(Ephesians 4:4)



BALLARAT WEEK OF PRAYER SERVICES

Monday 18th May, 2pm
St Patricks Cathedral
Cnr. Sturt & Dawson Street, Ballarat

Tuesday 19th May, 2pm
Peel Street Church of Christ
37-39 Peel Street, Bakery Hill

Wednesday 20th May, 2pm
St Peter's Anglican Church
1309 Sturt Street, Ballarat

Thursday 21st May, 2pm
Ballarat Central Uniting Church
101-103 Lydiard St Sth, Ballarat

Friday 22nd May, 2pm
Ballarat Anglican Cathedral
49 Lydiard Street South, Ballarat

“THERE IS ONE BODY AND ONE SPIRIT, JUST AS YOU WERE CALLED TO THE ONE HOPE OF YOUR CALLING” (Ephesians4:4)

For this year, the prayers and reflections for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by the faithful of the Armenian Apostolic Church, along with their brothers and sisters of the Armenian Catholic, and Evangelical Churches. These resources draw upon centuries-old traditions of prayer and petitions used by the Armenian people, along with hymns that originated in the ancient monasteries and churches of Armenia, some of which date as far back as the fourth century. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026 extends an invitation to draw upon this shared Christian heritage and to delve more deeply into our fellowship in Christ, which unites Christians worldwide.

Unity is a divine mandate at the core of our Christian identity, more than simply an ideal. It represents the essence of the Church's calling –a call to reflect the harmonious oneness of our life in Christ amidst our diversity. This divineunity is central to our mission and is sustained by the profound love of Jesus Christ, who has set before us a unified purpose. As the Apostle Paul asserts in his letter to the Ephesians, “there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling” (4:4). This Bible verse, chosen for this year, encapsulates the theological depth of Christian unity.

2025 OFFERINGS Weekly Budget - \$4545 per week

Offering	Weekly Offering	Year To Date	Budget to date
22nd March	\$2,909.55	\$52,436.24	\$54,540.00
29th March	\$4,614.32	\$57,050.56	\$59,085.00
5th April	\$5,219.20	\$62,269.76	\$63,630.00
12th April	\$3,090.00	\$65,359.76	\$68,175.00
19th, 26th April will be included in the June/July Notice Sheet			

4th Sunday of month

SUNDAY

5 PM SERVICE



**Next Service
24th May 2026**

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.



Older and Wiser Forum

Sunday 31st May at 11.30am following the morning service at Ballarat Central Uniting Church.

'What will I do with it all ?'

A discussion group conducted by Jen Mitchell and Jean Miton about what to do with the 'stuff' we accumulate during our lifetime. Everyone welcome.

TAIZE CONTEMPLATIVE

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

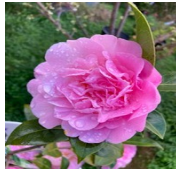


Information



(For people who live alone)
Our next meeting of Uniting Friends will be on Sunday May 3rd. 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.

RELAXATION & VISUALISATION
Thursday 7th May
10am—11am in the Manse Lounge.
For further information, speak with Bron James.



TUESDAY STUDY GROUP
meeting 9.30am on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the Month

at Beechworth Bakery, Ballarat
All Welcome.

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



MEN'S BREAKFAST
Sunday 31st May
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.

Information



Youth meets each Friday 7-9pm week. (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.



Spirituality in the Cinema

Cancelled in May. Next screening: Sunday 21st June, 2pm.

“Prime Minister”

Chronicling Jacinda Ardern's unexpected journey as New Zealand's 40th Prime

Minister, this documentary offers an unfiltered window into her years in power.

Feel free to bring a friend and stay for a cuppa and chat after the Screening. All welcome. For more information please speak with Mary Hollick or Bron James.



Circle of Friends

Circle of Friends now meets on a bi-monthly basis.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 2nd June at 7.30pm.

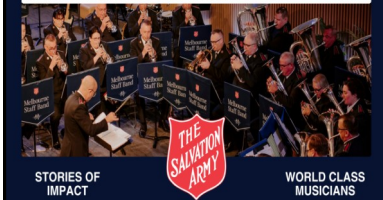
ALL WELCOME.

Coming Meetings:

4th August, 6th October and 1st December.
If you have any questions please speak with Rod Devenish or Anita Hinton.

GREATER BALLARAT SALVOS
RED SHIELD APPEAL CONCERT

FEATURING MELBOURNE STAFF BAND



STORIES OF IMPACT

WORLD CLASS MUSICIANS

SUNDAY MAY 17TH - 2:30PM

BALLARAT CENTRAL UNITING CHURCH (LYDIARD ST, BALLARAT)

TICKET PRICE \$10 ADULTS KIDS FREE

ORDER YOUR TICKET AT: [HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/DL0TK](https://www.trybooking.com/dl0tk)



Drawing Breath meets EVERY SECOND

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

OUT TO LUNCH

Out to Lunch will be meeting on Sunday 17th May at Lake

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