



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 Comunion.
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

JUNE/ JULY 2026 Notice Sheet

" THE WORD OF GOD ON WHOM SALVATION
DEPENDS IS TO BE HEARD AND KNOWN FROM
SCRIPTURE APPROPRIATED IN THE WORSHIPPING
AND WITNESSING LIFE OF THE CHURCH "

BASIS OF UNION ¶ 5

By Matthew Julius, Growing in Faith Circle Panel Member

The National Assembly is embarking on an important season of reflection and renewal in worship. A new Liturgical Renewal Project is underway, inviting the whole of the Uniting Church in Australia to help shape how we pray, gather and express our faith into the future. The project seeks to foster renewal through building shared understanding about *how* we worship, *why* we worship, and, most importantly, *who* we worship.

Liturgy' is often translated as 'the work of the people.' The origin of the word is more specifically associated with 'public works' (the Greek here is *leitōs* + *ergon* = *leitourgia*), originally public monuments like statues or stadiums. Perhaps a better translation of liturgy might be the Church's 'public work,' our task in worship is to make public an encounter with God. This is the beating heart of worship: an encounter with the life-giving God, whose Spirit makes Jesus heard and known.

This project is about celebrating the diverse expressions of worship across our church, which in their own ways help make public an encounter with God. Our hope is to reflect our church's diversity in how the Assembly speaks about and resources worship into the future.

This has to begin with acknowledging that this hasn't always been the case. The Assembly's resourcing of worship has often favoured patterns of worship which emphasise scripted forms of prayer, and more traditional forms of gathering. This approach is understandable: there is so much beauty and wisdom in the ecumenical tradition, and sharing common words and patterns of worship with others is a powerful symbol of unity. (We are still the *Uniting Church*!) Continued on page 7

WORSHIP SERVICES

<p>JUNE 7 PENTECOST 2 10am Communion Service Rev. Dr. Graeme Sutton 7pm Taize Service <i>Genesis 12:1-9, Hosea 5:15-6:6</i> <i>Psalms 33:1-12, Psalm 50:7-15</i> <i>Romans 4:13-25</i> <i>Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26</i></p>	<p>JULY 5 PENTECOST 6 10am Communion Service Rev. Lauleti Tu'inauvai 7pm Taize Service <i>Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67</i> <i>Psalms 45:10-17 or Song 2:8-13</i> <i>Romans 7:15-25a</i> <i>Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30</i></p>
<p>JUNE 14 PENTECOST 3 10am Worship Service Rev. Lauleti Tu'inauvai <i>Gen. 18:1-15(21:1-7), Ex. 19:2-8a</i> <i>Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19, Psalm 100</i> <i>Romans 5:1-8</i> <i>Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)</i></p>	<p>JULY 12 PENTECOST 7 10am Worship Service Rev. Lauleti Tu'inauvai <i>Gen. 25:19-34; Isaiah 55:10-13a</i> <i>Psalms 119:105-112;</i> <i>Psalm 65:(1-8), 9-13</i> <i>Romans 8:1-11</i> <i>Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23</i></p>
<p>JUNE 21 PENTECOST 4 UCA Anniversary 10am Worship Service Rev. Lauleti Tu'inauvai <i>Genesis 21:8-21, Jeremiah 20:7-13</i> <i>Psalms 86:1-10, 16-17,</i> <i>Psalm 69:7-10,(11-15),</i> <i>Romans 6:1b-11, 16-18</i> <i>Matthew 10:24-39</i></p>	<p>JULY 19 PENTECOST 8 10am Worship Service Rev. Lauleti Tu'inauvai <i>Genesis 28:10-19a; Isaiah 44:6-8 Ps.</i> <i>139:1-12, 23-2; Ps. 86:11-17</i> <i>Romans 8:12-25</i> <i>Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43</i></p>
<p>JUNE 28 PENTECOST 5 UnitingWorld Sunday 10am Worship Service Rev. Lauleti Tu'inauvai 5pm Family Evening Service Andy Gault <i>Genesis 22:1-14, Jeremiah 28:5-9</i> <i>Psalms 13, Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18</i> <i>Romans 6:12-23</i> <i>Matthew 10:40-42</i></p>	<p>JULY 26 PENTECOST 9 10am Worship Service Rev. Lauleti Tu'inauvai 5pm Family Evening Service Andy Gault <i>Genesis 29:15-28; 1 Kings 3:5-12</i> <i>Psalms 105:1-11, 45b; Psalm 128;</i> <i>Psalm 119:129-136</i> <i>Romans 8:26-39</i> <i>Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52</i></p>

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At the same time, the face of the church has changed: the centre of gravity for the church has moved to the Global South, and there are significant movements within contemporary evangelicalism and pentecostalism which are renewing parts of the Uniting Church. These changes challenge us to consider how our worship can continue to be a symbol of unity with new ecumenical partners, without stepping away from long-standing relationships with existing partners.

We are also challenged about whether we have lived up to all of our commitments as a church in how we approach worship: Has our commitment to covenanting and walking together truly changed our Church? Beyond acknowledging Country, have we allowed ourselves to renew our love for the Creator and God's good creation by listening to the wisdom of First Nations members of our church? And what have we been willing to share in return?

Have we truly lived out our claim that, "We are a multicultural church"? Not simply by offering translations of resources developed from the majority culture centre, but allowing minority culture communities to reshape inherited practice.

Does our commitment to worshipping as a symbol of Christ's reconciling unity and love for all people truly extend to all? In particular, to those who have historically been excluded from churches, and alienated by inherited language? The last Assembly resolved to commission guidance on "language which welcomes and affirms transgender, gender diverse, and intersex people." (*Assembly Minute 24.21.07*) How might our language make public God's reconciling love for all people?

Our diversity must be seen as an instrument of our unity, because our unity is a proclamation of Jesus: who reconciles all people to God and to one another. Our diversity is not a challenge to our unity, but a gift from God, and that's where our worship begins: with the life-giving God, the Creator who makes us all unique and who draws us all together.

Whether your community is bound together by a deep connection to Country, drawn from across the *moana*, or shaped by stories of migration old and new — or maybe your community is "a colourful mess" (to quote the Moderator from my Synod, Rev. Salesi Faupula). Whether your church has organs, guitars, drums, or just voices. Whether the Spirit lingers with you during the week as you craft every word, or the Spirit inspires you with fresh words at the moment you begin to pray. Whether you have always felt welcomed and accepted by our Church, or you have had to struggle to find love and acceptance. Whether your theology is conservative, progressive, evangelical, liberal, pentecostal, liberationist, or something else entirely — or, if we're honest, a mixture of everything! **Everyone** is invited to participate in this project of liturgical renewal, because everyone is invited to worship the life-giving God we meet in Jesus.

INFORMATION

SUNDAY JUNE 14TH HYMN SINGING

To celebrate the 288th Anniversary of Charles (1707-1788) and John (1703-1791) Wesley Conversions



Charles - 21 May 1738



John - 24 May 1738).

Join us at 2pm for Hymn singing and we will end our singing with Afternoon tea at 3pm. Please bring a small plate to share.



Frontier Services

Dave Parker has been appointed as the new National Director. The Board described him

as an “outstanding fit” for Frontier Services’ future, particularly as the organisation seeks to expand Bush Chaplaincy placements, strengthen First Peoples’ Chaplaincy, and grow. David says “I am excited and honoured to be joining the Frontier Services team, and to lead the organisation whose profound legacy continues to support those in the furthest corners of our nation.”

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.

Please speak to **Rod Devenish** or **Anita Hinton** for further information.



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

4th Sunday of month

SUNDAY

5 PM SERVICE

Next Dates:
28th June & 26th July

Biggest Book Fair.

St Andrews Church
Cnr Sturt & Dawson St.

CLEARANCE SALE

NOVELS

Soft Cover \$2 Hard Cover \$3

SATURDAY 6th JUNE 2026

10AM -4PM

Boxes of selected Novels at bargain prices!

Regular Genre Available

Uniting

WORSHIP SERVICES

AUGUST 2 PENTECOST 10

10am Communion Service

Rev. Lauleti Tu’inauvai

7pm Taize Service

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalms 17:1-7, 15

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21

AUGUST 9 PENTECOST 11

10am Worship Service

Rev. Lauleti Tu’inauvai

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Psalms 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b

Romans 10:5-15

Matthew 14:22-33

Please put your phone on silent before the service begins. Thank you.

2025 OFFERINGS Weekly Budget - \$4545 per week

Offering	Weekly Offering	Year To Date	Budget
19th April	\$4,024.80	\$69,384.56	\$72,720.00
26th April	\$2,186.67	\$71,571.23	\$77,265.00
3rd May	\$7,098.50	\$78,669.73	\$81,810.00
10th May	\$3,279.40	\$81,949.13	\$86,355.00
17th May	\$4,585.00	\$86,534.13	\$90,900.00

24th, 31st May and June/July will be included in August 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.

Staff Leave

Please note that Sabine is on leave from 27th

May to 14th July and Andy is on leave from 1st July to 10th July.

For Office enquiries, please contact Lauleti or Rod Devenish.



INFORMATION



(For people who live alone)

Next meetings of Uniting Friends will be on Sunday June 7th and July 5th

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 28th June and 26th July, 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 4th June and Thursday 2nd July

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.

INFORMATION

Spirituality in the Cinema

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.

Sunday 19th July, 2pm.

Screening 2 Films

(one 1 hour and one 12 mins)

“The Message of the Lyrebird”



“The Great Forest National Park”

The long-term impact campaign of The Message of the Lyrebird is to restore and safeguard the biodiversity of native forests to sustain the wellbeing of all living creatures, including humanity, both in Australia and around the world.

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.



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.

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 21st June and Sunday 19th July at Lake View

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