



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

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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

AUGUST 2026 Notice Sheet



Intercultural
Neighbouring
Sunday



Intercultural Neighbouring Sunday, 16th August

Emerging from a decision of the 16th Assembly in 2022.

Intercultural Neighbouring Sunday (INS) celebrates the rich
tapestry of cultures and languages that make up the body of Christ
and encourages us to push deeper into what it means to live our
life and faith interculturally in the Uniting Church.

It is also an invitation to go beyond our own communities to make
connections with culturally diverse communities around us and join
in with what God is already doing in our neighbourhood. Ballarat
Central UC has invited Rev Dr David Dong Won Kim, Multicultural
Ministries Coordinator, Discipleship and Advocacy – eLM, to
preach on the day.

***We invite church members to bring something
"intercultural" (food, clothes, symbols etc) to share on the
day.***

WORSHIP SERVICES

AUGUST 2 PENTECOST 10 10am Communion Service Rev. Lauleti Tu'inauvai 7pm Taize Service <i>Genesis 32:22-31</i> <i>Psalms 17:1-7, 15</i> <i>Romans 9:1-5</i> <i>Matthew 14:13-21</i>	AUGUST 30 PENTECOST 14 Combined with Brown Hill UC 10am Worship Service Rev. Lauleti Tu'inauvai <i>Exodus 3:1-15; Jer. 15:15-21</i> <i>Ps. 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Ps. 26:1-8</i> <i>Romans 12:9-21</i> <i>Matthew 16:21-28</i>
AUGUST 9 PENTECOST 11 10am Worship Service Rev. Lauleti Tu'inauvai 2pm Hymn Singing 5pm Evening Service Prac Session <i>Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28</i> <i>Psalms 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b</i> <i>Romans 10:5-15</i> <i>Matthew 14:22-33</i>	SEPTEMBER—SEASON OF CREATION  Living Water Season of Creation 2026 Immersion in Living Water EZEKIEL 47:9, 12
AUGUST 16 PENTECOST 12 Intercultural Sunday 10am Worship Service Rev. Dr. David Dong Won Kim <i>Genesis 45:1-15; Isaiah 56:1</i> <i>Psalms 133; Psalm 67</i> <i>Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32</i> <i>Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28</i>	SEPTEMBER 6 FOREST SUNDAY 10am Communion Service Rev. Lauleti Tu'inauvai 7pm Taize Service <i>Genesis 2:4b-22</i> <i>Psalms 139:13-16</i> <i>Acts 17:22-28</i> <i>John 3:1-16</i>
AUGUST 23 PENTECOST 13 10am Worship Service Rev. Lauleti Tu'inauvai 5pm Evening Service <i>Exodus 1:8-2:10</i> <i>Psalms 124</i> <i>Romans 12:1-8</i> <i>Matthew 16:13-20</i>	SEPTEMBER 13 LAND SUNDAY 10am Worship Service Rev. Lauleti Tu'inauvai 5pm Evening Service Prac Session <i>Genesis 3:14-19; 4:8-16</i> <i>Psalms 139:7-12</i> <i>Romans 5:12-17</i> <i>Matthew 12:38-40</i>

INFORMATION



International Neighbouring Sunday 2026 Sunday 16th August

At its November 2025 meeting, the Assembly Standing Committee received the discussion paper “Uniting Decade of Intercultural Transformation (2026–2035)” as a theological and strategic vision for the life of the Church.

The paper proposed the development of a National Anti-Racism Action Plan, recognising that, to live as one body with many members, the Church must also name and dismantle racism in all its forms.

INS 2026 seeks to support congregations and communities in:

- receiving cultural and linguistic diversity as gifts of the Creator God, not threats to be feared or managed;
- speaking truthfully about racism, confessing where the Church itself has caused harm;
- deepening Covenant relationship, truth-telling and justice with First Peoples;
- ordering ministry, leadership and resources inclusively, justly and equitably across cultures;
- engaging in prophetic advocacy for racial, social and ecological justice;
- living as one body with many members, where every gift is needed and every person belongs.

The 2026 Theme is **Belonging: One Body, Many Members**

In a world marked by division, hatred, exclusion, and fear, we, as Uniting Church, are called to live as the body of Christ — one body, with many members, none dispensable and none alone. Paul’s image of the body, taken up by the Assembly in its 2012 statement One Body, Many Members, reminds us that our racial, cultural and linguistic diversity is not a problem to be managed but a gift of the Creator God, given so that the whole body may be built up in love. INS 2026 invites congregations to move beyond symbolic celebration of diversity towards the costly, practical work of belonging — honouring every member’s gifts, and confessing and dismantling whatever in our common life still excludes.

INFORMATION



Circle of Friends
now meets on a
bi-monthly basis.
Our next meeting is
on

Tuesday 4th August, 7.30pm.

ALL WELCOME.

Coming Meetings:

6th October and 1st December.

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



Hymn Singing
Every 2nd Sunday of
Every 2nd month at 2pm
Next date: 9th August

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.*



If you wish to receive the **BCUN**
electronically rather than have it
mailed out to you, please advise the
Office - 0491 706 776
admin@bcuc.org.au

**Ballarat
Choral Society**
Musical Director - Helen Duggan

**Ballarat
Voices**
Musical Director - Lyndell Allen

Presents

What a wonderful world

3.30pm, **SUNDAY 9th August 2026**
Ballarat Performing Arts Community
501-503 Neill Street, Soldiers Hill, Ballarat
Followed by Afternoon Tea

Tickets
Adults - \$25, Students - \$10
Family - \$50 (2 Adults & 2 Children)
At the door - Cash or EFTPOS or
online at
<https://www.trybooking.com/DNRZU>

Christ Church Anglican Cathedral
Diocese of Ballarat
presents

REQUIEM
in D Minor, K.626
W. A. Mozart
sung within a Memorial Liturgy

August 23, 2026
3pm

Remember loved ones and
reflect in the beautiful
ambience of the
Ballarat Anglican Cathedral
49 Lydiard Street South

Sung by the
**Anglican Cathedral
Occasional Choir**
With guest instrumentalists
Instrumenti di Ballarat
and soloists
Soprano: Leif Taylor
Alto: Fleur Goodman
Tenor: Nicholas Collins
Bass: Michael May

For more information please
contact the Cathedral office:
dean@ballaratanglican.org.au
0437 650 805

2025 OFFERINGS Weekly Budget - \$4545 per week

Offering	Weekly Offering	Year To Date	Budget
24th May	\$3,931.17	\$90,465.30	\$95,445.00
31st May	\$5,932.20	\$96,397.50	\$99,990.00
7th June	\$3,441.00	\$99,838.50	\$104,535.00
14th June	\$2,743.95	\$102,582.45	\$109,080.00
21st June	\$4,857.40	\$107,439.85	\$113,625.00
28th June	\$3,121.67	\$110,561.52	\$118,170.00
5th July	\$6,022.60	\$116,584.12	\$122,715.00
12th July	\$4,409.60	\$120,993.72	\$127,260.00
19th July	\$5,197.00	\$126,190.72	\$131,805.00
26th July will be included in the September Notice Sheet			

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

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.**

Prac session every 2nd Sunday of the month

Come and join us!

Next Dates:
9th & 23rd
August 2026

SUNDAY
5 PM SERVICE



4th Sunday of the month

INFORMATION



(For people who live alone)

Next meetings of Uniting Friends will be on Sunday 2nd August.

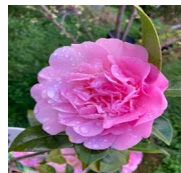
The location each month will be listed on the sign-up sheet in the Peart Wing where those attending can write their names. Any queries contact Lesley Lyons or Janice Cook.

RELAXATION & VISUALISATION

Thursday 6th August

10am—11am
in the Manse
Lounge.

For further
information,
speak with



Bron James.



TUESDAY STUDY GROUP
meeting 9.30am
every 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.



**MEN'S
BREAKFAST**
**Sunday 30th
August**
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.



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 16th August, 2pm. "A Boy called Sailboat"

*Sailboat, a
Hispanic child,
finds a guitar one
day and he begins*

*to play melodies on it. His family and
those around him are surprised at this
newfound acquisition and talent.*

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.



INTERGENERATIONAL FUN EVENING FRIDAY 14th August 6-9pm

(Youth Group till 9pm)
Meeting in the Peart Wing for
FUN
PUZZLES
CHALLENGES
FOOD & FELLOWSHIP



COME AND JOIN US FOR
INTERGENERATIONAL FUN

Speak with Andy to let him know you are coming

**Out to Lunch will be
meeting on Sunday
16th August at Lake
View Restaurant,
Wendouree Parade,
RSVP Charlotte Withers and/or
Clipboard in PW. ALL WELCOME!**



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