



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.



**CHURCH
OPEN**
for quiet & prayer

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.

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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**Sudanese
Services:** Services currently led by Nyalip Pal, please phone Nyalip for more
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The Uniting Church in Australia
Ballarat Central Congregation
— a pilgrim people — on the way

OCTOBER 2026 Notice Sheet

Uniting Church President-elect Rev Dr Paul Goh has reflected on the Church's vocation to peace and reconciliation after attending the International Ecumenical Peace Convocation in Seoul in September

The gathering – organised by the World Council of Churches, Christian Conference of Asia and National Council of Churches in Korea – brought together Christians from around the world to consider the Church's role in peacebuilding amid war, division and growing geopolitical conflict, with particular focus on the Korean Peninsula.

The convocation marked 40 years since the historic Glion Consultation, where Christians from North and South Korea met and affirmed that their identity in Christ could transcend political division. For Rev Dr Goh, who represented the Uniting Church President's Office, the gathering was also a deeply personal return.

In 1988, as a university student, he attended a service adopting the Korean Church's “88 Declaration” on national reunification and peace. “Returning 38 years later, I realised I had not simply come back to where I began; I had been travelling,” he writes in his reflection on the convocation.

That journey, he adds, resonates with the Uniting Church's Basis of Union as a “pilgrim people, always on the way towards a promised goal”. “The pilgrimage of the Uniting Church and the pilgrimage of the worldwide ecumenical movement meet whenever Christians cross boundaries to listen to the wounds of the world and seek together the things that make for peace,” he added.



WORSHIP SERVICES

OCTOBER 4 PENTECOST 19 10am Communion Service Rev. Lauleti Tu'inauvai 7pm Taize Service <i>Ex. 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20, Isaiah 5:1-7</i> <i>Psalms 19, Psalm 80:7-15</i> <i>Philippians 3:4b-14</i> <i>Matthew 21:33-46</i>	OCTOBER 25 PENTECOST 22 10am Worship Service Rev. David Leach 5pm Family Evening Service <i>Deuteronomy 34:1-12</i> <i>Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17</i> <i>1 Thessalonians 2:1-8</i> <i>Matthew 22:34-46</i>
OCTOBER 11 PENTECOST 20 10am Worship Service & Commissioning of Office Bearers Rev. Lauleti Tu'inauvai 11.30am Congregational Meeting 5pm Evening Service Prac Session <i>Exodus 32:1-14</i> <i>Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23</i> <i>Philippians 4:1-9</i> <i>Matthew 22:1-14</i>	NOVEMBER 1 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE ALL SAINTS DAY 10am Communion Service Rev. Trevor Bassett 7pm Taize Service <i>Revelation 7:9-17</i> <i>Psalms 34:1-10, 22</i> <i>1 John 3:1-3</i> <i>Matthew 5:1-12</i>
OCTOBER 18 PENTECOST 21 10am Worship Service Rev. Peter Mather <i>Exodus 33:12-23</i> <i>Psalms 99</i> <i>1 Thessalonians 1:1-10</i> <i>Matthew 22:15-22</i>	NOVEMBER 8 PENTECOST 24 10am Worship Service Rev. John Thornton 5pm Family Evening Service <i>Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25</i> <i>Psalms 78:1-7</i> <i>1 Thessalonians 4:13-18</i> <i>Matthew 25:1-13</i>

Please note:

Rev. Lauleti will be on leave from 12th October to 15th November.
If you need pastoral care or have an urgent matter, please contact the Elders, Rod Devenish or Andy Gault.

REFLECTION & INFORMATION



The Fast Life

Fast from judging others;
Feast on Christ dwelling in them.
Fast from fear of illness;
Feast on the healing power of God.
Fast from words that pollute;
Feast on speech that purifies.
Fast from discontent;
Feast on gratitude.
Fast from anger; Feast on patience.
Fast from pessimism;
Feast on hope.
Fast from negatives;
Feast on encouragement.
Fast from bitterness;
Feast on forgiveness.
Fast from self-concern;
Feast on compassion.
Fast from suspicion; Feast on truth.
Fast from gossip;
Feast on purposeful silence.
Fast from problems that overwhelm;
Feast on prayer that sustains.
Fast from anxiety;
Feast on faith. *Author Unknown*

INFORMATION

UPDATE - Thank you to all who have already let us know of updates.

If your contact details have changed, please contact the Office or speak with one of the Elders to update your records.

Sunday 22nd November after the Morning Service

- Get in early - and buy our beautiful Christmas crafts, and yummy goodies!



UNITING THREADS CHRISTMAS STALL
Great gift ideas!

INFORMATION



ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

*In which we remember
our loved ones who have died*

10.00 a.m. Sunday 1st November 2026

Ballarat Central Uniting Church

Cnr Lydiard and Dana Street

You are invited to bring a flower to place in memory of your loved one and/or please send a photo (jpeg format) of your loved one to be included in the powerpoint presentation

to admin@bcuc.org.au

or M: 0491 706 667



There will be a list of names at the door of the church for you to add the names of those who have died in the past year that you would like to have read in the service.



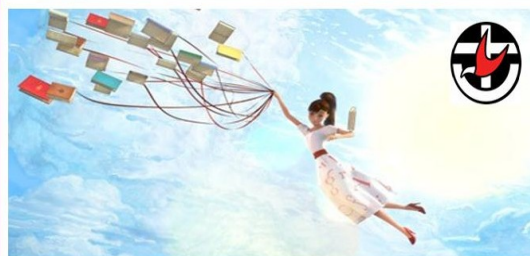
When you use our facilities, please check and ensure all Lights/Heaters/Air conditioners are turned off when you leave the Church premises.

Remember to please set the Security alarm (Church & Manse) if you are the last person to leave. Thank you.



TAIZE CONTEMPLATIVE

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



NOVEMBER 2026

SATURDAY 31st October

9am - 4pm

SUNDAY 1st November

10am - 3pm

MONDAY 2nd November

10am - 3pm

St Andrew's Church Hall, cnr
Sturt & Dawson Streets,
Ballarat

In Support of
Uniting Ballarat
programs.

Uniting

BALLARAT'S BIGGEST BOOK FAIR

Books are flying out the door, come in and bag a bargain.

Huge variety of books—new stock and rare & collectable books, **PLUS PLANTS**

2025 OFFERINGS Weekly Budget - \$4545 per week

Offering	Weekly Offering	Year To Date	Budget
30th August	\$4,220.00	\$151,955.41	\$159,075.00
6th September	\$4,915.25	\$156,870.66	\$163,620.00
13th September	\$3,106.00	\$159,976.66	\$168,165.00
20th September	\$4,882.20	\$164,858.86	\$172,710.00

27th September will be included in the November 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!

SUNDAY

**Next Date:
25th October 2026**

5 PM SERVICE



4th Sunday of the month



**BALLARAT CENTRAL UC
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING**

**Will be held on Sunday 11th
October after the morning
Service.**

We invite you to stay and join us as we reflect on our journey during 2026,

INFORMATION



(For people who live alone)

Next meetings of Uniting Friends will be on Sunday 4th October.

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 25th October
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.



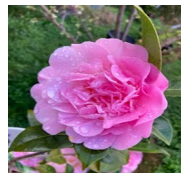
RELAXATION & VISUALISATION

Thursday 1st October

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.



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



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

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 6th October.**
6pm Casserole Tea,

Speaker: Glenice Warner "France"
ALL WELCOME.

Further Meetings in 2026:
1st December.

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



Out to Lunch will be meeting on **Sunday 20th September** at **Lake View Restaurant,**

Wendouree Parade, **RSVP Charlotte Withers and/or Clipboard in PW.**

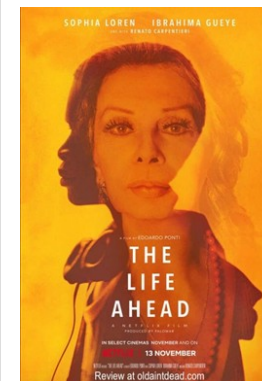
Drawing Breath meets **EVERY SECOND FRIDAY** at 9am in the Peart Wing. See Andy Gault for



A BIG thank you

Jan Souter thanks her whole Church Family for the support and Christian love received during her recent illness.

Spirituality in the Cinema Sunday 18th October, 2pm.



"The Life Ahead - la vita davanti a sé"

An ageing Holocaust survivor forges an unlikely bond with a bitter

street kid from Senegal when she takes him in after he robs her.

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.