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
"O P E N C H U R C H"
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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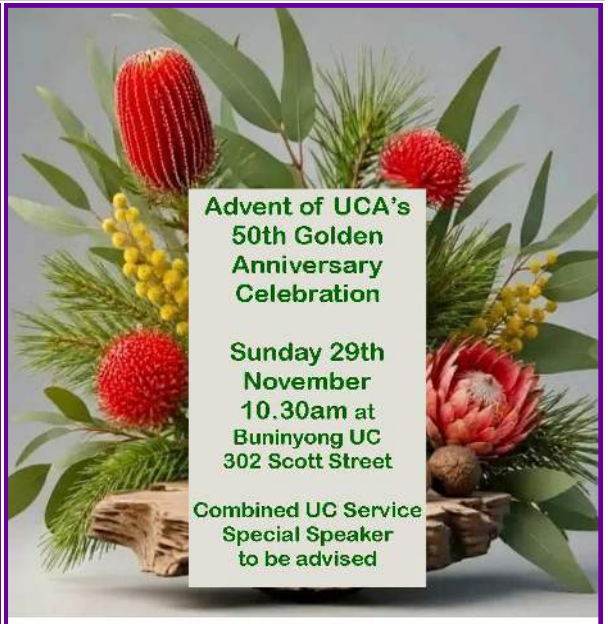
The Uniting Church in Australia
Ballarat Central Congregation
— a pilgrim people — on the way

NOVEMBER 2026 Notice Sheet

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.



We invite you to join us as we begin the Advent Season and the Advent of the UCA's 50th Golden Anniversary as a wider Ballarat Uniting Church community.

We will enjoy fellowship and celebration with a Celebration Lunch afterwards

God of Love, Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.
He is a sign of your love. Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent as we wait and prepare for His coming.
We pray in the name of Jesus, our Saviour. Amen.

WORSHIP SERVICES

NOVEMBER 1 **REMEMBRANCE SERVICE** **ALL SAINTS DAY** 10am Communion Service **Rev. Trevor Bassett** **7pm Taize Service** *Revelation 7:9-17* *Psalm 34:1-10, 22* *1 John 3:1-3* *Matthew 5:1-12*	**NOVEMBER 22** **REIGN OF CHRIST THE KING** 10am Worship Service **Rev. Rev. Dr. Graeme Sutton** **5pm Family Evening Service** *Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24* *Psalm 100* *Ephesians 1:15-23* *Matthew 25:31-46*
NOVEMBER 8 **PENTECOST 24** 10am Worship Service **Rev. John Thornton** **5pm Family Evening Prac Session** *Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25* *Psalm 78:1-7* *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18* *Matthew 25:1-13*	**NOVEMBER 29 ADVENT 1** **Advent of the UCA 50th Golden Anniversary** 10.30am Combined UC Outdoor Service held at Buninyong UC Followed by Celebration Lunch *Isaiah 64:1-9* *Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19* *1 Corinthians 1:3-9* *Mark 13:24-37*
NOVEMBER 15 **PENTECOST 25** 10am Worship Service **Rev. Susan Malthouse Law** *Exodus 33:12-23* *Psalm 99* *1 Thessalonians 1:1-10* *Matthew 22:15-22*	**DECEMBER 6** **ADVENT 2** 10am Communion Service **Rev. Lauleti Tu'inauvai** **7pm Taize Service** Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 2 Peter 3:8-15a Mark 1:1-8

Please note: Rev. Lauleti will be on leave until 15th November.
If you need pastoral care or have an urgent matter, please contact the Elders, Rod Devenish or Andy Gault.

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

ADVENT

ADVENT STUDIES

Tuesday Morning Study Group will be studying the Book of Genesis at Beechworth Bakery, 9.30am

Wednesdays 3-4pm at Brown Hill Uniting Church—study material to be advised.

You are invited to join any group as you are able, to share in discussion. For further details, please speak with Lauleti.

THE MEANING AND SIGNIFICANCE OF ADVENT

For many, "advent" means a countdown to Christmas. Whether we envision candy-filled Advent calendars or lights draped over houses with nativity scenes out front, Advent marks a happy season of celebrating.
But the word "advent" comes from the Latin *adventus*, which is about a "coming" or an "arrival." The Latin translation of the New Testament uses *adventus* to describe God the Son arriving on Earth, born as Jesus of Nazareth during the 1st century C.E. Still, throughout Church history, Advent has more traditionally referred to Jesus' future arrival, when he comes to complete his work of restoring all creation.

The Advent season leads to the celebration of Jesus' birth and also emphasizes his future arrival. It's a season that includes practices like prayer, giving to those in need, and worship. And it reminds us that we're living during the time between Jesus' first and second advents, leading us to lament the hardships we experience in a still-broken world, while also forming us into people who wait with longing for the renewed world to come. Celebrating Advent also means living into it by practicing a generous way of love and care for our neighbors as we partner with Jesus to bring peace on Earth.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Ballarat Central Uniting Church
Advent and Christmas Services 2026
- UCA 50th Anniversary

Sunday 22nd November **CHRIST THE KING/REIGN OF CHRIST**
10am Worship Service & ***Uniting Threads Craft Stall***

Sunday 29th November **ADVENT 1 " Hope"**
10.30am Buninyong Uniting Church, 302 Scott St, Buninyong
Advent of UCA's 50th Golden Anniversary Celebration—
Combined Ballarat UC Service followed by celebration Lunch

Sunday 6th December **ADVENT 2 "Peace"**
10am Communion Service

Sunday 13th December **ADVENT 3 "Joy"**
10am Worship Service

Sunday 20th December **ADVENT 4 "Love"**
10am Carol & Lesson Service

Thursday 24th December **CHRISTMAS EVE**
7.30pm Family Service
11pm Candlelight Communion Service

Friday 25th December **CHRISTMAS DAY**
8am Coffee & Croissant Breakfast
9am Christmas Service

Sunday 27th December 10am Worship Service

Sunday 3rd January 2027
10am Holy Communion & Renewing of Covenant Service

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!

Advent God,
we journey with you
to Bethlehem's
stable and a
new-born King;
ears attuned
to the song of
angels, eyes alert
for Bethlehem's
star.
Forgive us
if on our journey
we are distracted
by the tempting
offers of this world.
Keep our hearts
aflame with the
hope of Christmas,
and the promise
of a Saviour.
Amen

When you use our facilities, please ensure Lights/ Heaters/Air conditioners are turned off and remember to re-arm the Security alarm (Church & Manse) if you are the last person to leave.

2025 OFFERINGS Weekly Budget - $4545 per week

Offering	Weekly Offering	Year To Date	Budget
27th September	$2,997.72	$167,856.58	$177,255.00
4th October	$5,839.20	$173,695.78	$181,800.00
11th October	$3,178.00	$176,873.78	$186,345.00
18th October	$5,408.50	$182,282.28	$190,890.00
25th October will be included in the Dec/Jan Notice Sheet			

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

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 Central Giving
We invite you to be involved—by
direct transfer to Bendigo Bank
BSB 633 000 Account 133779470
(enter "Pledge & your name; or speak with 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: 22nd November**
5 PM SERVICE

4th Sunday of the month

INFORMATION

Coffee Cup Challenge. A small weekly sacrifice can make a big difference.
From International Coffee Day on 1st October 2026 through to Shrove Tuesday on 9th February 2027, we invite you to take part in the Coffee Cup Challenge by setting aside the cost of one cup of coffee each week.
Thank you for your support.

RELAXATION & VISUALISATION
Thursday 5th November
10am—11am in the Manse Lounge.
For further information, speak with Bron James.

MEN'S BREAKFAST
Sunday 29th November
8.30am
at Buninyong Bakehouse
318 Learmonth St, Buninyong
Come and share food, fellowship & fun.
Contact Lauleti for further 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.

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.*

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 15th November at Lake View Restaurant,
Wendouree Parade, **RSVP Charlotte Withers and/or Clipboard in PW.**

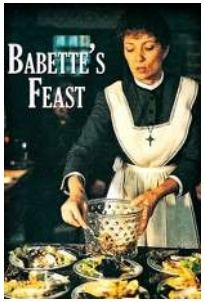
INFORMATION

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

7.30pm Tuesday 1st December
Christmas Celebration
ALL WELCOME.
Please speak to Rod Devenish or Anita Hinton for further 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.
Please contact Andy on 0439827888.

Spirituality in the Cinema
Sunday 15th November, 2pm.



"Babette's Feast"
In a Danish village, two sisters lead a rigid life under the authority of their father, a local minister. As their father gets older, they hire a French refugee, Babette, who throws them a party.

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.

UNITING FRIENDS

(For people who live alone)
Next meetings of Uniting Friends will NOT be meeting on Sunday 1st November.
The next meeting will be Sunday 6th December.
. Any queries contact Lesley Lyons or Janice Cook.