



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.

Contact Information

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**Sudanese
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

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.



Advent of UCA's
50th Golden
Anniversary
Celebration

Sunday 29th
November
10.30am at
Buninyong UC
302 Scott Street

Combined UC Service
Special Speaker
to be advised

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 <i>Revelation 7:9-17</i> <i>Psalm 34:1-10, 22</i> <i>1 John 3:1-3</i> <i>Matthew 5:1-12</i>	NOVEMBER 22 REIGN OF CHRIST THE KING 10am Worship Service Rev. Rev. Dr. Graeme Sutton 5pm Family Evening Service <i>Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24</i> <i>Psalm 100</i> <i>Ephesians 1:15-23</i> <i>Matthew 25:31-46</i>
NOVEMBER 8 PENTECOST 24 10am Worship Service Rev. John Thornton 5pm Family Evening Prac Session <i>Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25</i> <i>Psalm 78:1-7</i> <i>1 Thessalonians 4:13-18</i> <i>Matthew 25:1-13</i>	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 <i>Isaiah 64:1-9</i> <i>Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19</i> <i>1 Corinthians 1:3-9</i> <i>Mark 13:24-37</i>
NOVEMBER 15 PENTECOST 25 10am Worship Service Rev. Susan Malthouse Law <i>Exodus 33:12-23</i> <i>Psalm 99</i> <i>1 Thessalonians 1:1-10</i> <i>Matthew 22:15-22</i>	DECEMBER 6 ADVENT 2 10am Communion Service Rev. Lauleti Tu'inauvai 7pm Taize Service <i>Isaiah 40:1-11</i> <i>Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13</i> <i>2 Peter 3:8-15a</i> <i>Mark 1:1-8</i>

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.



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.



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



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.*

**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!

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:
5 PM SERVICE 22nd November



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.



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.



Out to Lunch will be meeting on Sunday 15th November at Lake View Restaurant,

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

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.



Drawing Breath
meets **EVERY**

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

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.



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

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.



(For people who live alone)
Next meetings of Uniting Friends will be on Sunday 1st November.

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.