Werribee Uniting Church

We acknowledge the people of the Kulin alliance, the original custodians of the land which was never ceded and on which our buildings for worship stand and we gather.

1 November, 2026 Penticost 23

All Saints Day

Taumafai Komiti

Welcome to Taumafai who is leading our service this morning. He is currently completing his studies as a candidate for Ministry of the Word for the Uniting Church in Australia.

Holy Communion for November and December

Church Council advises that for the months of November and December the celebration of Holy Communion will take place on the second Sunday.

The dates are 8th November and 13th December.

National Survivors' Day

National Survivors' Day – Tuesday 10 November 2026

National Survivors' Day (NSD) is an initiative of National Survivors Foundation, recognising and honouring Survivors of sexual assault and institutional abuse, and encouraging communities to take action. In 2026, the Foundation has adopted the banner: "Every ribbon, every conversation, and every voice counts".

This annual Day helps us all to recognise and commemorate the courage and journeys of Survivors of Sexual Assault and Institutional Abuse, their Supporters, and whistle-blowers across our nation.

People can show your support for the entire week by wearing multi-coloured ribbons, tying them to your property in places of prominence such as letterboxes, verandas, cars and by making the pledge to acknowledge survivors through social media. More information at www.nationalsurvivorsday.org.au.

On Sunday 8 November in our worship, it is hoped that we will offer a moment of recognition of this day. Whilst recognising just how difficult such abuses are for all impacted, NSD provides a focus for us as Church for

TODAY AND NEXT WEEK

Worship services

1 Nov: Mr Taumafai Komiti
8 Nov: Raymond Surujpal (Holy Communion)

Samoan service

3rd Sunday, 12pm, in the Church: All welcome.

Pastoral Care: Please contact Raymond Surujpal, convenor, pastoral care team on: 0432 619 184.

Bible readings

This week: Psalm 34:1-10, 22, 1 John 3:1-3, Matthew 5:1-12
Next week: Jos 24:1-3a, 14-25, Psalm 78:1-7, 1 Thess4:13-18, Matthew 25:1-13

What's on this week

Monday: Playgroup
Wednesday: 9.30am Property Group; 1pm UCAF
Thursday: 9.30am Gardening Group; 5.45pm Choir Practice

Rosters 1 Nov (8 Nov)

Greetings: Tulua Seulupe (Margaret Gook)
Audiovisual: Mahonrie Aiga (Jacob Lewis)
Morning Tea: Launa Levave (Judy Khor & Margaret Dent)
Music: Wendy Barnes (Gina Lee)
Prayers: Emily Metusela (Judy Vincent)
Reader: Bev Lambie (Julie Rees)

Werribee UC on Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/621987747878234/

Church office

Open 9.30am to 11.30am. Phone 97411084

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WUC Newsletter

Please send information for inclusion to the church office by Wed on 97411084 or email office@werribeeunitingchurch.org.au

Bank Account & Boom Gate (0459#)

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To book facilities at WUC:

Email: (Elizabeth Barnes)
bookings@werribeeunitingchurch.org.au

reflection, advocacy, support as we hear the call to be a safe and compassionate place for all people. May we be a community that is carefully sensitive to those who continue to live with the painful and complex impacts of abuse.

Christmas Workshops 2026

The Workshops will be held at the church after school on Tuesdays December 1, 8 and 15. A cost of $10 per child is asked.

Registration of children is required. To register, please email the church office on

(office@werribeeunitingchurch.org.au) with your contact details (phone, email) and names/ages of children.

If interested in volunteering, please see/contact Vicky Withers on 0415 381 203 or Lauren Withers on 0437 008 328.

Bruce Watson

A big thank you to members at Werribee Uniting Church who helped raise $1010 for the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre.

Rev. Bruce Watson successfully completed the 10km run on Saturday10th October and is very grateful for the support and encouragement he received.

Donations to the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre are welcome at any time as it supports people and families with their basic food, housing and medical needs during their journey to safety and freedom.

The ASRC also advocates for a fair, just and welcoming Australia, urgently needed at a time of proposed cuts to immigration and asylum programs.

Armando Aragon
Melbourne Marathon

Werribee Uniting Church was well represented at the Melbourne Marathon on 11 October. Armando successfully completed the gruelling 42.2-kilometre race in 4 hours and 22 minutes—seven minutes faster than last year!

Luciana was by his side throughout the race, supporting, encouraging and helping him whenever he needed it most. At kilometre 36, for example, Armando suffered a cramp that almost forced him to withdraw from the race. Luciana came to the rescue with water and a protein bar, helping him recover sufficiently to keep running.

What makes this achievement even more remarkable is that Armando fractured his left foot just two weeks before the marathon and wore a moon boot until the day before the race. You may spot Armando training along the Werribee River on Sunday mornings before the service. Well done, Armando!

Church Council

Tree removal still has some problems getting started, hopefully will be cut down cup weekend.

Youth group grant from Sammy Stamp ($5,000) has been given to us.

Agreed to change office hours to 9.30- 11.30 am.

Seeking approval from Property trust for the ongoing use of No. 21 by the Werribee Historical Society, together with parking of a 21-&-24-seater buses, from the Julie Gillard Special Needs School, in the car park.

Council agreed to fund the Advent workshop.

We have some other news that may be of interest.

Our JNC joint nominating committee will meet this week to consider a name given to us from the Placements Committee in Synod.

Last weekend a substantial amount of water leaked into the church office from the ceiling causing issues with both the office light and the copier/printer. Advice is being received from a service technician and an electrician to resolve the issues.

Please note until further notice the copier/printer is unable to be used.

(Ken Storey & Margaret Bull)

Electra Street Booking Details
Friday 27 November 2026

