



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.

12 July, 2026 Pentecost 7

Reflection

Greetings, Sisters and Brothers in Christ!



Welcome to Worship!
Today, we will be reflecting on Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

Matthew tells us that “Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake” as crowds gathered around Him. The scene is simple, almost quiet, yet it becomes the setting for one of the most profound teachings Jesus ever gave. He steps into a boat, sits down, and begins to speak—not with complex theological arguments, but with a story. A sower went out to sow.

This is the beauty of Jesus. He takes the ordinary and reveals the eternal. He takes a familiar image—a farmer scattering seed—and uses it to expose the deepest truths of the human heart. This parable is unique because after presenting it to the multitudes, Jesus interprets it for his disciples. Notice how the farmer sows the seeds! There is no care taken. The farmer throws the seeds around – it flies in all directions and lands everywhere...on hard soil, rock littered patch, thorny bushes and good top- soil. He is not a normal farmer. He is a farmer whose methods reflect the kingdom of heaven. The farmer takes some losses – birds snatching the seeds, sun scorches the young plants, and tender sprouts are no match for the choking thorns – but never mind! In spite of the fair share of blows and setbacks, the farmer achieves a bumper crop.

Who is the sower? God is the sower, scattering seeds liberally, even wastefully, everywhere. God keeps on doing this, regardless of where the seeds might land. God’s love is generous, lavish, abundant and God will not deny this to anyone. God does not discriminate. It goes out into the whole world to transform those who accept it. The church knows the truth of this parable. It takes the gospel into the world, hardly knowing where to

TODAY AND NEXT WEEK

Worship services

12 July: Raymond Surujpal

19 July: Bruce Watson

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: Genesis 25:19-34, Psalm 119:105-112, Romans 8:1-11, Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Next week: Genesis 28:10-19a, Psalm 139:1-12, Romans 8:12-25, Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

What’s on this week

Tuesday: 9.30am Bible Study

Wednesday: 9.30am Property Group;

Thursday: 9.30am Gardening Group;
5.45pm Choir Practice

Rosters 12 July (19 July)

Greetings: Virginia Surujpal (Tulua Seulupe)

Audiovisual: Mahonrie Aiga (Jacob Lewis)

Morning Tea: Elaine Belchere & Julie Rees
(Fale & Rowena Aiga)

Music: Wendy Barnes (Gina Lee)

Prayers: Node Madu (Emily Metusela)

Reader: Julie Rees (Anemorie)

Werribee UC on Facebook:

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

Church office

Open 9.30am to 12 noon. Phone 97411084

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WUC Newsletter

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cast the seed. But the church also knows that it needs to keep on spreading the gospel, preaching the gospel and showing love and compassion of the kingdom. In ways that we don't know and in places we cannot see, the gospel is falling on good soil, and even now, God's kingdom on this earth is still spreading.

The message to the church is that the gift of the great harvest awaits them. The church is called upon to throw grace around like there is no tomorrow, precisely because there is tomorrow and it belongs to God.

Finally, let me add that God is not asking us to be perfect soil. He is asking us to be willing soil. Willing to be softened. Willing to be deepened. Willing to be cleared of thorns. Willing to be cultivated. If we allow Him to work the ground of our hearts, His Word will not only grow—it will multiply. Our lives will bear fruit that blesses others, honors God, and outlasts us.

So today, let us open our hearts to the Sower. Let us allow His Word to fall deeply within us. Let us welcome His work, even when it feels like ploughing or pruning. And let us trust that what He plants, He will bring to harvest. Amen.

Blessings Raymond Surujpal

Warm Up to Worship - today!

Everyone is welcome to join in our pre-service singing at 9.15am today, Sunday, July 12th. Come along to sing hymns and songs, old and new.

O.S.L.O

Occasional Sunday Lunches Out, Sunday 26 July, at 12md, we will be going to the Westside Hotel, corner of Fitzgerald and Leakes Road, Laverton for the first time. Senior Meals Available. Everyone welcome, please note this is a new venue.

Please contact Elaine 0435 998 013 or Lorna 0419 101 766 for bookings or cancellations. Thank you, Lorna Hodge.

Newsletter Articles

If in future anyone has an article that they think would be interesting or appropriate for the newsletter, please email it to the Church Office by Wednesday.

Walkin' Talkin' Amigos: Next Hike and Action

Next Hike: Saturday, July 18th, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM at the You Yangs (Main Car Park). Enjoy a free nature walk with guided mindfulness and purposeful conversations. Organised by the Justice Task Group and supported by Environment Victoria. Everyone is welcome! If transport is required, please talk to Armando so we can arrange pick-ups.

Take Action: Our Snow Gum Woodlands are at risk of ecological collapse- when one species disappears, the whole ecosystem loses balance. Please help us protect them by signing the federal petition to list them as endangered.

Sign Here: <https://tinyurl.com/savesnowtrees>

RSVP: Luciana on 0478 655 057(see flyer attached)

THE WALK IN NATURE EXPERIENCE AT THE YOU YANGS

LET'S WALK 'N' TALK

SATURDAY, JULY 18TH | 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM
YOU YANGS (MAIN CAR PARK AT THE ENTRANCE)

Walkin'Talkin' Amigos: A Seasonal Hiking Series
On the 3rd Saturday of every second month, move your body and spark your mind. We hike side-by-side to breathe, share inspiring conversations, and renew our wellbeing in nature. Come for the walk, stay for the community!

BE PART OF THE JOURNEY! ONE STEP AT A TIME!

- ✓ **THE WALK**
Guided moments through the granite peaks to clear your mind and find your focus.
- ✓ **THE NATURE**
Insights into local ecology and environmental justice.
- ✓ **THE TALK**
Purposeful conversation prompts and a 'Justice Jar' for actionable eco-tips.

WE PROVIDE: guided trail maps, talking prompts, and guided mindfulness.

YOU BRING: Water bottle, snacks, and sturdy walking shoes.

Snow Gum Woodlands: an icon at risk of ecological collapse

OPTIONAL DONATION: Gold coins to donate to Friends of the Earth. Sign our letter urging federal protection and help us save the Snow Gums. Link: <https://tinyurl.com/savesnowtrees>

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EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
FREE ENTRY

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