



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.

13 July 2025

Christmas in July today!

Christmas In July service - this week!!!

We look forward to celebrating our Christmas in July service today, in conjunction with our donation of blankets to Uniting, and thank Rev. Ian for his preparation. Thank you also in anticipation to those who have contributed to our Christmas-themed morning tea, and we hope to see some "touches of Christmas" amongst the attire of congregation members!

Baptism Service



Our morning worship on Sunday 6th July was led by the Rev. Bruce Watson. It was a communion service and included the baptism of Jeremiah Tunai. I liked the way Ron Latu (as baptism elder) introduced the

baptism in Samoan. Jeremiah spoke briefly about how important this service was for him.



Tracey Seleupe (Liki) and her husband Tii Liki provided music for us and Anina sang two beautiful solos. 'The Master's Calling' and 'It is well with my soul.' Following the service

Jeremiah's parents hosted a feast for morning tea. (Bev Lambie)

The Rev. Valerie Johnson

Valerie grew up in England, the family of six children moved to Australia in 1957. After leaving school she became a librarian. Later moving to Tasmania as Regional Children's Librarian and then Regional Librarian.

Valerie was the first woman in Tasmania to train for the Methodist ministry. After completing her study at Theological Hall in 1975 she was appointed to Kyabram Methodist Circuit with responsibility for five country congregations. Then ordained in October 1975 at Wesley Church Melbourne.

TODAY AND NEXT WEEK

Worship services

13 July: Rev. Ian Pearce

20 July: Rev. Bruce Watson

For Pastoral Care: Please contact Raymond Surujpal, convenor of the pastoral care team on: 0432 619 184 or Margaret Bull: 0417 500 961.

Bible readings

This week: Amos 7:7–17; Psalm 82; Colossians 1:1–14; Luke 10:25–37

Next week: Amos 8:1–12; Psalm 52; Colossians 1:15–28; Luke 10:38–42

What's on this week

Wednesday: 9.30am Property Group

Thursday: 9.30am Gardening Group;

5.30pm Health & Fitness;

5.30pm Choral Practice

Friday: 6.30pm Youth Group

Saturday: 7.30am Samoan Health & Fitness

Rosters 13 July (& 20 July)

Greetings: Paul Kirkman (Margaret Dent)

Audiovisual: Paul Kirkman (Noel Savory)

Morning Tea: Jan Bradley & Julie Hamilton (Judith O'Keefe & Dorothy Rookes)

Music: Wendy Barnes (Wendy Barnes)

Prayers: Fa Tuipea (Node Madu)

Reader: Elizabeth Barnes (Fa Tuipea)

Werribee UC on Facebook:

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Samoan service

3rd Sunday, 4pm, in the Church: All welcome.

In 1979 she moved to the Hume Highway Parish which stretched from Greenvale to Broadford, when Valerie married Denis Beanland, a Church of Christ Minister. Dennis was working for Church Advisory Services fundraising for the NSW Synod so they spent their "honeymoon" in the Synod offices with accommodation in a church retirement village.

When her daughter Michelle was born in 1982 Valerie took time out from ministry and returned to library work at TAFE and CAE for a time, becoming a Minister in Association at Terang and later in Alice Springs where she also worked with the Public Library and the Central Australian Aboriginal Congress.

In 1992 they returned to Victoria where Valerie provided supply ministry for local congregations while working in libraries at Sandringham, Camberwell and Victoria University Sunbury Campus. 2006 it was time to retire and she and Denis enjoyed two months in New Zealand, then several years travelling around Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria.

Valerie provided supply ministry at Footscray for six weeks that became two years. Other supply positions were at Broadmeadows, Sunshine, Keilor and Werribee plus two years of Intentional Interim Ministry in Tasmania and two years at Glenroy/Pascoe Vale. Currently she is still providing services for Bacchus Marsh, Mount Macedon and Keilor as well as coming to us. Her spare time activities include reading, knitting, sewing, water colour painting and sorting her large collection of stamps and postcards. We thank Valerie for making time for Werribee. (Bev Lambie)

Blanket/Knee rug drive for Uniting

For the last 2 years members of our congregation have supported Uniting's Winter appeal by holding a 'blanket/knee rug' drive where we either collected new rugs/blankets (or \$15 donations to purchase same) for those not able to keep themselves warm during our colder months. This year our Justice Task Group is again coordinating the event. It will commence this Sunday June 22nd and conclude on Sunday July 13th when a representative from Uniting will come to morning worship to accept the blankets.



Here is a photograph of a sample rug (1.2 x 1.5m) purchased from Big W or similar store indicative of the type of rug/blanket we have in mind.

The rugs/blankets donated (including rugs purchased from money donated), will then be delivered to Uniting Werribee for distribution to worthy recipients.

Contact either Armando Aragon 0423922414 or Rob Bradley 0431964544 to make a donation or bring your new rugs/blankets to church.

OSLO (Occasional Sunday Lunch Out)

O.S.L.O Occasional Sunday lunches out. On July 27th we are expected at 12md at the R.S.L. for lunch. Everyone is

welcome. Please contact Elaine 0435 998 013 or Lorna 0419 101 766 for catering numbers by Thursday 24th July.



Hi from Joan Sturgess

Lorna and I had a lovely visit with Joan Sturgess in April at the Loman Geelong centre. She looks amazing at 99 and gets to play the piano regularly. She gives much joy to the other residents. (Bev Cox)

UCAF at Bentleigh East

On 25th June 3 members of the congregation attended a U.C.A.F. gathering at Bentleigh East. Ann Connan President of the U.C.A.F. Council under difficult circumstances bravely lead the meeting. The Rev. John Connan, Ann's husband, afterwards took her to Monash Hospital where Ann was diagnosed with Myasthenia Gravis. This is a chronic autoimmune neuromuscular disease. There is no cure but various treatments can help manage symptoms. Many members know Ann so please remember her and the family in your prayers. (Margaret Gook)

BACKPACKS

As of today we have filled 52 backpacks, of which 20 have started their journey to Keysborough to go into the shipping container. The remaining 32 will be taken as soon as I get a date to deliver them. Thankyou everyone who has contributed to the PACIFICA BACKPACK program. This lot are heading to Samoa late July or early August. If you still have a backpack or any items to fill a backpack, could you please return them to me in the next week or 10 days. Thank you. (Margaret Gook)

FETE FETE FETE

The Church council have approved a date for another Church fete. It will be the last Saturday in October ... the **25th October**. Times and further details will be announced at the first fete meeting which may be the last Sunday in July after church and before we head to OSLO at the Werribee RSL. Now that the cold months are here maybe you would like to start knitting or sewing items for sale, or maybe make jam or sauce, pickles, etc. Tracey Seulepe-Liki and Armando Aragon are 'taking charge' this year and looking for volunteers to work before the fete and on the day. Please start thinking about how you can get involved in the fête—the more the merrier. and watch this space!! (Margaret Gook)