



Werribee United 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.

14 June 2026 Pentecost 3

Reflection



Greetings, Sisters and Brothers in Christ!

Today, we will be reflecting on Mathew 9: 35-10:8

In our text today, we see the heart of Jesus on full display. He travels through towns and villages teaching, preaching, and healing, but what stands out most is his compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. He sees people who are weary, burdened, and in need of care. This picture reminds us that the ministry of Jesus begins not with obligation, but with love.

Jesus then tells His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few." These words still speak powerfully to the church today. There is no shortage of need in our communities. Many people are searching for hope, peace, forgiveness, and belonging. The challenge is not whether there is work to be done, but whether we are willing to respond to God's call. Before sending his disciples, Jesus tells them to pray. Prayer comes first because the mission belongs to God, and the workers are sent in his strength, not their own.

What follows is striking: the very disciples who are told to pray for workers become the answer to that prayer. Jesus gives them authority and sends them out to proclaim that the kingdom of heaven has come near, to heal the sick, and to bring freedom to those in distress. In other words, they are invited to continue the compassionate work they have seen in him. This is an important reminder for us as well. Christian faith is not only about receiving grace; it is also about sharing it. We are blessed so that we may be a blessing to others.

For a church community today, this passage is both a comfort and a challenge. It comforts us by showing that Jesus sees people with deep compassion. It challenges us to open our eyes to the needs around us and to ask how we might serve in his name. Sometimes that service is public and visible; often it is quiet and personal—a kind word, a visit, a prayer, a meal, or a faithful witness.

TODAY AND NEXT WEEK

Worship services

14 Jun: Raymond Surujpal

21 Jun: Bruce Watson

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

Bible readings

This week: Genesis 18:1-15(21A:1-7) Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19, Romans 5:1-8 Matthew 9:35-10:8

Next week: Genesis 21:8-21, Psalm 86: 1-10,16-17 Romans 6:1b-11,16-18, Matthew 10:24-39

What's on this week

Monday: 9.30am Playgroup

Tuesday: 9.30am Bible Study

Wednesday: 9.30am Property Group;
7.00pm Church Council

Thursday: 9.30am Gardening Group; 5.45pm
Choir Practice **Friday:** 6.30pm Youth Group

Rosters 14 Jun (21 Jun)

Greetings: Tulua Seulupe (Margaret Dent)

Audiovisual: Faith & Chelsea (Jacob Lewis)

Morning Tea: Sandra Savory & Margaret Gook
(Fa Tuipea & Site Tupua)

Music: Gina Lee (Wendy Barnes)

Prayers: Emily Mehtusela (Node Madu)

Reader: Sandra Savory (Bev Lambie)

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

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

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To book facilities at WUC:

Email: (Elizabeth Barnes)

bookings@werribeeunitingchurch.org.au

Samoan service

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

However we are called, the message remains the same: "Freely you have received; freely give." May we be people who pray for the harvest and who are ready, when called, to step into the field. **Amen.**

Image above: Last Supper, Convent of Santa Maria della Grazie, Milan by Leonardo da Vinci.

(Photo of a photo taken by Elizabeth Barnes)

Sammy Stamp Donations.

The Sammy Stamp program has been operating since 1977 and is run by a dedicated group of volunteers through UCAF (Uniting Church Adult Fellowship). What began as a simple collection of used postage stamps has grown into a long-running fundraising initiative that has supported missions, charities, and community projects for almost 50 years.

Volunteers carefully sort, trim, and sell donated stamps to collectors, with all proceeds going towards grants for worthwhile causes. Over the years, Sammy Stamp has provided more than \$1.2 million in grants, supporting projects both in Australia and overseas, including chaplaincy programs, education initiatives, and community welfare services.

As fewer letters are being sent and fewer stamps are available for collection, the program is now also accepting other collectable items such as postcards, coins, badges, medals, stamp albums, and similar memorabilia. These items can also be sold to collectors, helping to continue the valuable work of the Sammy Stamp program.

If you have any stamps or collectable items you would like to donate, please place them in the collection box located in the foyer or you can give to Lois Cardwell. Every donation, no matter how small, helps support this worthwhile cause. (Lois Cald

Warm Up to Worship – Sunday June 21st

Everyone is welcome to join in with hymns and songs, old and new, from 9.15am on Sunday June 21st, when our next Warm Up to Worship will take place. We hope to see you there! (Judy Vincent)

O.S.L.O.

Occasional Sunday Lunches Out.

We will be having lunch on Sunday 28th June at 12md at the Commercial Hotel everyone welcome but please contact Elaine 0435 998 013 or Lorna 0419 101 766 for bookings or cancellations. Senior meals available

Uploading of Service to YouTube and Facebook

We are looking for a person or persons who have the knowledge, time and would be willing to edit the recording of the service for uploading onto YouTube and Facebook. Unless someone is able to undertake this task,

the uploading of services will not happen for the foreseeable future.

Instructions for the process that has been used are available, but we would also welcome suggestions of other ways it could be done.

So if anyone is interested, please speak to either Margaret Bull or myself. Thanks, Liz

Worship PowerPoint

Every week Robert Renton has been preparing our PowerPoints for worship. When he was not able to prepare them I filled the gap.

Since Robert's death I have done the PowerPoint each week. That is fine but we need at least one back-up person. There will be occasions when I am on holiday or need a break so we need a person who understands the task and can fill those gaps. I am now looking for one or two orpeople who would be willing to assist.

If you are really keen about doing PowerPoint you might like to offer to do it once a month

Or you might just want to say you will do it occasionally when I am not available.

If you can help with this please text me on 0474 075 554. Bev Lambie

Blanket/Knee rug drive for Uniting

For the last 3 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 commenced last Sunday June 7th and will conclude on Sunday June 28th when a representative from Uniting will come to morning worship to accept the blankets.

Big W or similar stores have rugs/blankets (1.2 x 1.5m) like we have donated in previous years. This photo shows some of the blankets we collected last year.

Contact either Armando or Luciana for more information or to make a donation.

Rosters July – September 2026

Rosters are available in the foyer, if you are able to assist, please complete asap or advise the office.

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.