



# 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.

15 June 2025: Trinity Sunday

Refugee Week: 15–21 June 2025

The journey towards freedom represents the challenging path that many refugees take, escaping oppression and uncertainty for safety in a new place. For Refugee Week 2025, the Refugee Council of Australia will continue the three-year theme of *Finding Freedom, with a focus on diversity in community* to emphasise the vital role community plays in all our lives, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, gender, language, disability, sexuality and age.

This Refugee Week, we celebrate the inclusive communities across Australia that open their arms to those seeking refuge, providing platforms for connection and a sense of belonging. In these new spaces, community is more than just a physical place or a group of people; community is a lifeline. It offers refugees safety, belonging, and the strength to rebuild. Community is where people find the strength to solve problems together, where voices are amplified, and where aspirations find direction and support. It's a space where everyone can feel safe, valued, and empowered to pursue their dreams without fear or judgment.

This Year in 2025, we accentuate the importance of diverse communities and their ability to bring people together, showing that our differences make us stronger, more united, and capable of facing challenges, helping to support the refugee journey.

We invite you to help us celebrate the powerful fellowship of community that provide solace and agency for all. For freedom should not be an ask, it should be a way of life. What does it mean to be free? To live without the fear of war, to have your basic human rights upheld, to live in equality and without the fear of persecution are just some of the examples of what freedom can entail. Everyday millions of people across the world embark on dangerous journeys for the sole purpose of finding safety and freedom. From Australia to nations across the globe, settling into a new environment after experiencing the perils of a refugee's journey can also provide the opportunity to live, to love and to dream.

(This information has been reproduced from the Refugee Council's site <https://www.refugeeweek.org.au/>)



**Refugee Week**

Coordinated by  
Refugee Council of Australia

## TODAY AND NEXT WEEK

### Worship services

15 June: Rev. Bruce Watson

22 June: Rev. Ian Pearse

**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:** Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1–5; John 16:12–15

**Next week:** 1 Kings 19:1–15a; Psalm 42 & 43; Galatians 3:23–29; Luke 8:26–39

### What's on this week

**Monday:** 9.30am Playgroup

**Tuesday:** 9.30am Bible Study

**Wednesday:** 7pm Church Council

**Thursday:** 9.30am Gardening Group;

5.30pm Health & Fitness;

5.30pm Choral Practice (chapel)

**Friday:** 6.30pm Youth Group

**Saturday:** 7.30am Samoan Health & Fitness

### Rosters 15 June (& 22 June)

**Greetings:** Judy & Hamish (Sandra Savory)

**Audiovisual:** Paul Kirkman (Noel Savory))

**Morning Tea:** Mary Dixon & Margaret Dent (Elaine Belcher & Julie Rees)

**Flowers:** Church Flowers

**Music:** Gina Lee (Asanka Pakura )

**Prayers:** Liz Barnes (Sandra Savory)

**Reader:** Val Tardrew (Paul Cochran)

### 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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Email: (Elizabeth Barnes)

[bookings@werribeeunitingchurch.org.au](mailto:bookings@werribeeunitingchurch.org.au)

### Samoan service

15th June 2025, 12pm, in the Church:  
All welcome.

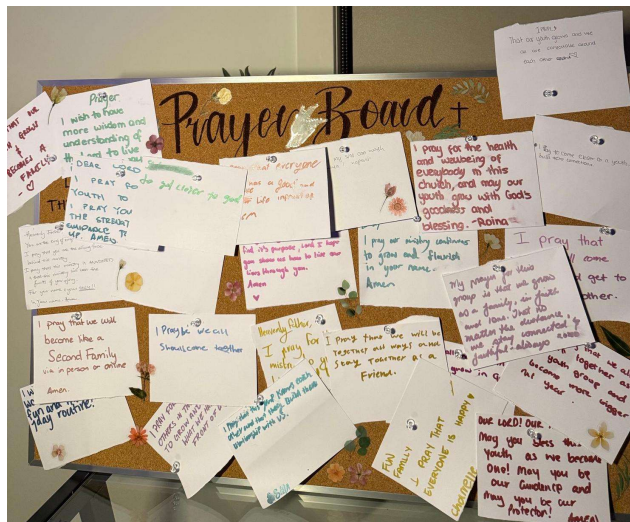
## Our youth fellowship



My name's Anina and I'm one of the youth leaders for Werribee UC's youth group! Last Saturday night, our Werribee Uniting Church youth held our very first get-together — a night built on the theme of “*Better Together*.” It was more than just games and snacks — it was about connection, community,

and laying the foundation for something real.

We kicked off with a few laughs, followed by team challenges like the human knot and a Bible verse hunt that got everyone moving and thinking. Each activity was designed to remind us that faith isn't meant to be lived out alone — we're stronger when we work together, support one another, and grow side by side.



The heart of the night came as we filled our prayer board with hopes for ourselves, our group, and what God is calling us into. It was powerful to see what's on everyone's hearts — and a beautiful way to end our first night together.

This was just the beginning. We're excited to see how God continues to shape this youth family — united in Him. Our next Youth fellowship night will be on Friday 27th June from 7pm. God Bless.



## Seeking a new ministry: a report

Four members of our Joint Nominating Committee met with the Presbytery Pastoral Relations Committee recently to promote our congregation's profile. The PRC highlighted a couple of items that they would like to see changed and we agreed that they do that and forward the profile to Church Council for ratification. In the process, we had to present our case as to why we wanted a

minister either full time or part time. Our response was strong, highlighting the fact they we are a developing congregation with plenty of energy to go forward to being a vibrant congregation in the Wyndham area. We have a youth group that is developing and so we are looking for spiritual leadership to keep this action alive and healthy.

Without a spiritual leader encouraging our congregation moving forward it was stated that we may well see a decline in the numbers of the congregation and we would miss a great opportunity developing our diversity, especially with the youth that we have.

There was some discussion about whether we could afford only 0.8 time, but that was before the finance committee took into consideration our investments, and that we could cover any shortfall from income for the first 5 years. So the proposal, with PRC's support, is to seek a full-time minister appointment.

The PRC will now consider the profile and pass back any other comments, and we look forward to the next stage. We do recognise that there may be some time before a minister may become available! (Ken Storey)

## Working Bee—Help needed!

Our Property Committee would like 6-8 fit bodies to help pick up the remaining items at the Hoppers Crossing church. This will be the last opportunity we have to gather what is left of the Hoppers Crossing congregation's items. *Saturday June 21st at Hoppers Crossing Church at 10 am.* We aim to store them in the bluestone manse.

The *Property Committee* advises that the leasing of the manse at Fillipin Court is progressing, with our application now having been forwarded to Presbytery.

## OSLO (Occasional Sunday Lunch Out)

Our next lunch gathering will be on Sunday 22nd June, 12 noon, at the Racecourse Hotel, Cottrell Street, Werribee. Please join us. Everyone is welcome. We just ask that you let Lorna (0419 101 766) or Elaine (0435 998 013) know of your attendance by Thursday 19th. See you there!

