



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.

16 November 2025

CHURCH COUNCIL

Our Church Council Election was held during worship on 9 November. Seven positions were available but only four nominations were received: Wendy Barnes, Node Madu, Lauina Levave and Fa Tupea.

Ballot papers were distributed as people arrived for worship. The four nominees each spoke for two minutes



before the ballot papers were filled in and collected. All four nominees received far more than the required number of votes. All four have been elected. (Bev Lambie Congregation Secretary)

ASYLUM SEEKER RESOURCE SUPPORT

The Rev. Bruce Watson sincerely thanks all donors who supported the raising of funds for the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre during the recent Melbourne Marathon festival. Bruce successfully completed the 10km run and raised \$800. Thank you for your generous support.

O.S.L.O CHRISTMAS FUNCTION

Occasional Sunday Lunches Out— Next Sunday — November 23rd will be our Christmas Lunch at 12md at The Hoppers Club 180 Pannam Drive Hoppers Crossing. We go there every Christmas as they serve a 3 course carvery meal for \$24 for seniors. Everybody is welcome but please contact Elaine 0435 998 013 or Lorna 0419 101 766 for bookings. We hope to see you all again in February next year.

SAMOAN INVITATION

FINAL SAMOAN LANGUAGE SERVICE for 2025 will be held on Sunday at 4pm ... followed by a meal. All welcome. Please come along and enjoy this cultural experience with us. (Ron Latu)

PRAYER CIRCLE

If you would like our prayer team to pray for you or others (with their permission), or you would like to join our prayer team, please contact **Raymond Surujpal** rvsurujpal@gmail.com or 0432 619 184. Prayer requests can also be placed in a "prayer request" box, available in church.

TODAY AND NEXT WEEK

Worship services

16 November: Mr Doug Mullett

23 November: Rev. Valerie Johnson

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

Bible readings

This week: Isaiah 65:17–25; Isaiah 12; 2 Thessalonians 3:6–13; Luke 21:5–19

Next week: Jeremiah 23:1–6; Luke 1:68–79; Colossians 1:11–20; Luke 23:23–43

What's on this week

Monday: 9.30am Playgroup

Tuesday: 9.30am Bible Study

Wednesday: 9.30am Property Group; 7pm Church Council

Thursday: 9.30am Gardening Group;

5.30pm Health & Fitness;

5.30pm Choral Practice;

6.45pm Worship Committee

Friday: 1pm Sew'n'Sow;

6pm Youth Group

Rosters 16 November (23 November)

Greetings: Elizabeth Barnes (Sandra Savory)

Audiovisual: Noel Savory (Jacob Lewis)

Morning Tea: Sandra Savory & Margaret Gook (Mary Dixon & Margaret Dent)

Music: Angela Murnane (Angela Murnane)

Prayers: Claudette Latu (Node Madu)

Reader: Lyn O'Meara (Mae Madu)

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

Send information for inclusion to the Editor at robert.renton@bigpond.com or 0427 812 606.

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To book facilities at WUC:

Email: (Elizabeth Barnes)

bookings@werribeeunitingchurch.org.au

Samoa service

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

CAROLS PREPARATION

My name is Merin Chacko, and I am a volunteer for the Wyndham Carols by Candlelight 2025 event. I am reaching out because this year I have been entrusted with the responsibility of overseeing all the volunteers who contribute to this wonderful Wyndham event.

To guarantee the success of the Carols by Candlelight event, we require the support of more than 120 volunteers in diverse roles, such as organisers, performers, car park attendants, ticket checkers, etc., both in the weeks leading up to and on the day of the event. I am thrilled to be involved in this important occasion.

If you are available to assist once again, please reply to this email address below with the following information:

- Your name
- Days you are available (e.g., the week leading up to December 13th or just on Saturday, December 13th)

We sincerely hope that you are available to help us organise one of the largest carol events in Victoria.

volunteers@wyndhamcarols.org.au.

To learn more about the event, visit: <http://wyndhamcarols.org.au/>

CHURCH GOING

Once I am sure there's nothing going on
I step inside, letting the door thud shut.
Another church: matting, seats, and stone,
And little books; sprawling's of flowers, cut
For Sunday, brownish now; some brass and stuff
Up at the holy end; the small neat organ;
And a tense, musty, unignorable silence,
Brewed God knows how long. Hatless, I take off
My cycle-clips in awkward reverence,
Move forward, run my hand around the font.
From where I stand, the roof looks almost new-
Cleaned or restored? Someone would know: I don't.
Mounting the lectern, I peruse a few
Hectoring large-scale verses, and pronounce
"Here endeth" much more loudly than I'd meant.
The echoes snigger briefly. Back at the door
I sign the book, donate an Irish sixpence,
Reflect the place was not worth stopping for.
Yet stop I did: in fact I often do,
And always end much at a loss like this,
Wondering what to look for; wondering, too,
When churches fall completely out of use
What we shall turn them into, if we shall keep
A few cathedrals chronically on show,
Their parchment, plate, and pyx in locked cases,
And let the rest rent-free to rain and sheep.
Shall we avoid them as unlucky places?
Or, after dark, will dubious women come
To make their children touch a particular stone;
Pick simples for a cancer; or on some
Advised night see walking a dead one?
Power of some sort or other will go on
In games, in riddles, seemingly at random;

But superstition, like belief, must die,
And what remains when disbelief has gone?
Grass, weedy pavement, brambles, buttress, sky,
A shape less recognizable each week,
A purpose more obscure. I wonder who
Will be the last, the very last, to seek
This place for what it was; one of the crew
That tap and jot and know what rood-lofts were?
Some ruin-bibber, randy for antique,
Or Christmas-addict, counting on a whiff
Of gown-and-bands and organ-pipes and myrrh?
Or will he be my representative,
Bored, uninformed, knowing the ghostly silt
Dispersed, yet tending to this cross of ground
Through suburb scrub because it held unspilt
So long and equably what since is found
Only in separation – marriage, and birth,
And death, and thoughts of these – for whom was built
This special shell? For, though I've no idea
What this accoutred frowsty barn is worth,
It pleases me to stand in silence here;
A serious house on serious earth it is,
In whose blent air all our compulsions meet,
Are recognised, and robed as destinies.
And that much never can be obsolete,
Since someone will forever be surprising
A hunger in himself to be more serious,
And gravitating with it to this ground,
Which, he once heard, was proper to grow wise in,
If only that so many dead lie round.

(by Philip Larkin, 1922–1985)



A church in Lincolnshire, England

Fete Update – Leftovers

After the fete we have a number of leftover books and green vinyl chairs.

These are available free to anyone interested.

See Geoff, Alan or Ken.