



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.

17 November 2024

Congregational Meeting next week

We have good news!

We are about to begin the process of calling a minister. Our first task is to form a Joint Nominating Committee (JNC) comprised of two presbytery reps and six members of our congregation.

A Congregational Meeting has been called for November 24th to appoint six people to be our representatives.

The role of the JNC is explained in more detail in the document sent with this newsletter (see the reverse side).

Role of a JNC.

The JNC has the responsibility to prepare a profile of the congregation for approval by the Church Council and the Presbytery, then to read profiles of potential ministers and, if appropriate, conduct a conversation with one or more ministers, and eventually to recommend to the congregation the calling of a particular minister. Much of this work is done confidentially.

Please pray for wisdom as you think about the person/s whom you believe are suitable for this role. If there is someone you would like to nominate please advise Bev Lambie (Congregation Secretary) as soon as possible (Text 047 407 5554 or email bevlambie@palllake.net.au).

UC Adult Fellowship in December

Our next meeting will be Wednesday 4th December, with more details to follow. Anyone who hasn't been before or is new to the congregation would be very welcome, too!

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Occasional Sunday Lunches Out. Nov 24th at 12pm we will be celebrating Christmas with a carvery lunch at the Hoppers Club, Hoppers Crossing. Everyone very welcome but please contact either Elaine 0435 998 013 or Lorna 0419 101 766 before Thursday 21st for catering numbers.

Christmas appeal from Uniting

Our congregation has had a long history of supporting the Uniting Church's social support agency, including hosting the local agency for many years. They've now moved into central facilities in Watton Street but the opportunity to support their work is still very much ours. You can donate via the website:

<https://www.unitingvictas.org.au/christmas/#donate>

and make a very worthwhile contribution to caring for many who are no so fortunate.

TODAY AND NEXT WEEK

Worship services

17 November: Rev. Bruce Watson

24 November: Linley Liersch

For Pastoral Care: TBA

Bible readings

This week: 1 Samuel 1:4–20; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11–25; Mark 13:1–8

Next week: 2 Samuel 23:1–7; Psalm 93; Revelation 1:4b–8; John 18:33–37

What's on this week

Monday: 9.30am Playgroup

Tuesday: 9.30am Bible Study in Foyer

Thursday: 9.30am Gardening Group; 5pm Health & Fitness; 5pm Choral Practice (chapel)

Rosters 17 November (& 24 November)

Greetings: Jady & Hamish (Margaret Dent)

Audiovisual: Jacob Lewis (Noel Savory)

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

Flowers: Node Madu (Rose Geilen)

Music: Wendy Barnes (Angela Murnane)

Prayers: Jan Bradley (Ashok Sherwal)

Reader: Val Tardrew (Ashok Sherwal)

Werribee UC on Facebook:

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

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Samoan service The Samoan language service is held every 3rd Sunday at 4pm in the church. All welcome.



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To begin the search for a minister for our new congregation at Werribee we are invited to nominate suitable people to form a Joint Nominating Committee.

The Joint Nominating Committee (JNC)

Presbytery has appointed two Presbytery Liaison People (PLPs) for our congregation Lorraine Leitch, elected member of Pastoral Relations Committee (PRC), and Rev Peter Beale who will chair the Joint Nominating Committee (JNC).

At a meeting of the congregation after worship on November 24th we will appoint six people to be our representatives. Please pray for wisdom as you think about the person/s who you believe are suitable for this role. If there is someone you would like to nominate please advise Bev Lambie (Congregation Secretary) as soon as possible (Text 047 407 5554 or email bevlambie@palmlake.net.au)

We expect that the JNC will include various age groups and the diverse backgrounds and cultures of the congregation.

As we choose our representatives we need to be aware that:

Paid employees, other ministers/pastors including current or previous supply ministers are not eligible to be a congregational rep on the JNC. Any previous ministers of the congregation who are members of the congregation are also not eligible to be on the JNC due a conflict of interest.

The JNC will:

- Meet to put the Profile of the congregation together
- Present the Profile to Church Council for approval
- Present the Profile to PRC (following Church Council approval)

- Have conversations with any names provided by the Synod Placements Committee
- **THIS PART IS VERY CONFIDENTIAL – The ministers' names MUST NOT be made public.**
- When appropriate, recommend a name to be called to a meeting of the congregation.

The JNC operates in a confidential way until there is agreement with a minister as to when confidentiality is no longer required.

Note: In line with the confidentiality of this process it is not permitted for JNC members to go to worship at the minister's current congregation.

Reverse Advent Calander

What is a Reverse Advent Calendar?

A Reverse Advent Calendar begins as an empty box. For 20 days in the lead up to Christmas you place one item (non-perishable food, toiletries, Christmas treat) into the box. After 20 days your filled Reverse Advent Calendar is dropped off to a designated location where it is distributed by food relief agencies to people in your immediate community who are experiencing food insecurity.

Unlike a regular Advent Calendar where the focus is on receiving a treat every day the Reverse Advent Calendar takes the focus off receiving and places the focus on giving to others.

You can participate by collecting a box from the church office, filling it with items and returning it by December 15.

Alternatively you can place an item or two in the box found in the church foyer. Contact Lauren Duckworth (Withers) for further details

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Website: www.reverseadventcalendar.com.au

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