



# 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.

20 October 2024

## A prayer of mothers for life and peace

By Sheikha Ibtisam Maḥameed and Rabbi Tamar Elad-Appelbaum.

God of Life  
Who heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds  
May it be your will to hear the prayer of mothers  
For you did not create us to kill each other  
Nor to live in fear, anger or hatred in your world  
But rather you have created us so we can grant  
permission to one another to sanctify  
Your name of Life, your name of Peace in this world.

For these things I weep, my eye, my eye runs down with  
water  
For our children crying at nights,  
For parents holding their children with despair and  
darkness in their hearts  
For a gate that is closing, and who will open it before the  
day has ended?

And with my tears and prayers which I pray  
And with the tears of all women who deeply feel the pain  
of these difficult days  
I raise my hands to you please God have mercy on us  
Hear our voice that we shall not despair  
That we shall see life in each other,  
That we shall have mercy for each other,  
That we shall have pity on each other,  
That we shall hope for each other

And we shall write our lives in the book of Life  
For your sake God of Life  
Let us choose Life.

For you are Peace, your world is Peace and all that is  
yours is Peace,  
And so shall be your will and let us say Amen.  
(For the prayer's origin: <https://tinyurl.com/5n783jw7>)

## Congregational meeting today

The congregation will meet immediately after worship today. As well as the election there will be important information from the Church Council. We hope you can be present.

We have three nominees for the Church Council: **Wendy Barnes, Ron Holman and Ken Storey.** They will each speak for two minutes before you are asked to complete the ballot paper. (Please bring a pen.) The results of the election will be announced in next week's newsletter.

At the Congregational meeting Synod and Presbytery Property Representatives will join us to present to the

## TODAY AND NEXT WEEK

### Worship services

20 October: Rev. Ian Pearse  
27 October: Rev. Linley Liersch (Presbytery Minister)

**For Pastoral Care:** Contact the Rev. Ian Pearse: please ring mobile: 0411 771 853 or send an email to: [enps@iinet.net.au](mailto:enps@iinet.net.au).

### Bible readings

**This week:** Job 38:1–7; Psalm 91:9–16; Hebrews 5:1–10; Mark 10:35–45

**Next week:** Job 42:1–6; 10–17; Psalm 34:1–8; Hebrews 7:23–28; Mark 10:46–52

### What's on this week

**Monday:** 9.30am Playgroup

**Tuesday:** 9.30am Bible Study

**Wednesday:** 2pm Seniors Afternoon Tea

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

**Friday:** 5pm Fête set-up

**Saturday:** 9am -2pm Fête

### Rosters 20 October (& 27 October)

**Greetings:** Margaret Dent (Sandra Savory)

**Audiovisual:** Christian Ropeti-Kilifi (Noel Savory)

**Morning Tea:** Elaine Belcher & Julie Rees (Margaret Forrester & Christine Chok)

**Flowers:** Mary Dixon (Emily Mehiseb)

**Music:** Wendy Barnes (Angela Murnane)

**Prayers:** Sophia Latu (Sandra Savory)

**Reader:** Rayan Latu (Margaret Forrester)

### Werribee UC on Facebook:

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

### Church office

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

Congregation a concept plan for the Werribee Uniting Church Property. The aims of the concept plan are:

- To reduce maintenance costs of existing buildings
- To ensure long term sustainability for the congregation
- To provide better useable spaces for the life and ministry of the congregation now and into the future
- To create new opportunities for bringing the church and local community together

This information is to enable discussion, comment and questions both at the meeting on 20th October and at future meetings.

There will be no voting on the plan on 20th October.

### Future Ministerial Placement

Presbytery Pastoral Relations Committee (PRC) has advised Church Council that they have agreed that Werribee Uniting Church can commence the process to call a Minister.

The next steps required of the Church Council and the Congregation will be outlined at the meeting.

## Sunday lunch—all welcome!

O.S.L.O. Sunday 27th October we will be going to the Altona Sports Club for lunch at 12md. Senior meals. Every one welcome but please contact Elaine 0435 998 013 or Lorna 0419 101 766 by Thursday 24th for catering.

## For the Fête

On behalf of Amelia and Tracey, our Fête Convenors:

We are looking for assistance with the **Church Fête on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2024**, which is on from 9.00am to 2.00pm. Also with set up on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024** from 4pm.

We are still looking for anyone you can volunteer some of their time to assist with many of the activities on the day. Even if you can only give us a little of your time that will be greatly appreciated.

Along with this we are looking for donations of the following:

**180g Blocks of Chocolate** – any flavours, for the Chocolate Throw.

**Goods for the following stalls:** Trash & Treasure, Crafts, Cakes and Slices (these must show a list of the ingredients), Scones (to be served with a cuppa) all types e.g. Plain, date, fruit, pumpkin, Potted Plants, Books, Jewellery, and Clothes (These must be of good quality, and washed and cleaned).

**Jewellery — Bev Cox will pick up donations — 0401 116 842.**

Except for the food and plants, please make sure that anything is delivered to the church prior to the day or then on Friday Evening 25<sup>th</sup> from 4pm onwards.

We thank you for any assistance that you may be able to provide.

## Carols by Candlelight 2024

As we approach the Christmas season, we are excited to share that Wyndham Carols by Candlelight 2024 is back again and fast approaching! Taking place on **Saturday, 7 December at the Werribee Mansion**, this year's event will feature the incredible Silvie Paladino, Australian soprano, and the Salvation Army Melbourne Staff Band led by the legendary Ken Waterworth who will be concluding 30 years as Bandmaster.

Following last year's sell-out success with over 5,000 attendees, we are anticipating another extraordinary evening of worship through carols, celebration of the story of the Nativity, and sharing God's love through bringing the community together.

How unique that so many different churches of different denominations can come together as the body of Christ to put on this spectacular outreach to our local community.

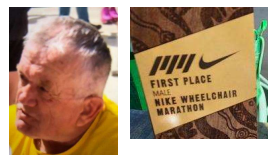
Wyndham Carols has always relied on the help of dedicated volunteers from the local churches, and this year is no different. We need volunteers for everything from parking to welcoming guests, manning kids activities, or even helping set up and pack up. If members of your church would like to get involved, they can express their interest at

<https://wyndhamcarols.org.au/volunteer>.

## Bible Study resumes

The Tuesday morning bible study program resumes this week—9.30am in the church foyer. (NT)

## Congratulations, Ian Gainey



I'm sure we all want to share in congratulating Ian on his award, for his win last Sunday, 13 October. He was the winner of the Nike Wheelchair Marathon division. He joined over 42,000 fitness folk who ran the Melbourne Marathon, finishing inside the MCG. It is a huge fundraiser, as all participants pay to run. Ian has participated in 32 Melbourne Marathons plus numerous wheelchair events around the world, in London, Japan, Germany and elsewhere.

Ian has lived with his disability following contracting polio in 1954—but he's never let it stop him. He says "I've lived a good life". He has worked professionally since his late teens, and even now in retirement he volunteers nine hours a week with Uniting AgeWell, and he helps out at the bowling club. (Bev Cox)

## Rosters

We still need people to fill the rosters for November and December, especially the Prayer roster.

They will be at the front Door on Sunday.