



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.

21 July 2024: Pentecost 9

Church Council: July 10th report

- Church Council Executive discussed with Rev Ian Pearse the extension of his supply ministry to the end of October. It was agreed by all that this should occur and for the necessary paperwork to be sent to Presbytery Pastoral Relations Committee for approval.
- Social Justice Taks Group have agreed to coordinate the blanket/knee rug appeal for 2024 from Sunday 14 July to Sunday 4 August. This is in support of Uniting's Winter Appeal.
- Church Council approved the baptism of Jeremiah Maverick D on Sunday 4 August. Jeremiah is the step great grandson of Lorna H.
- Church Fete is planned for Saturday 26 October. Further details will be available by the end of July.
- Approval was given for the installation of a new video system in the church. Church Council will contact the appropriate person/s to determine the type of system to be installed.
- The resignation of Dorien P was received and accepted.

To contact the Rev. Ian Pearse

The Rev. Ian Pearse offers pastoral care to anyone in our congregation. Please ring mobile: 0411 771 853 or send an email to: enps@iinet.net.au.

Blanket/Knee rug drive for Uniting



Last year members of our congregation 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 coordinating the event. It will commence this Sunday July 14th and run for 4 weeks concluding on Sunday Aug 4th.

The rugs/blankets donated (including rugs purchased from money donated), will then be delivered to Uniting Werribee for distribution to worthy recipients. Contact either Armando A or Rob B to make a donation or bring your new rugs/blankets to church.

TODAY AND NEXT WEEK

Worship services

21 July: Rev. Ian Pearse

28 July: Rev. Bruce Watson

Bible readings

Today: 2 Samuel 7:1–14a; Psalm 23; Ephesians 2:11–22; Mark 6:30–34, 53–56

Next week: 2 Samuel 11:1–15; Psalm 14; Ephesians 3:14–21; Mark 6:1–21

What's on this week

Monday: 9.30am Playgroup

Tuesday: 11am Bible Discussion & Lunch

Wednesday: 2pm Seniors Afternoon Tea

Thursday: 9.30am Gardening Group;

5pm Health & Fitness;

5pm Choral Practice (chapel)

Saturday 7am Health & Health Fitness

Sunday 28th: 4pm Messy Church

Rosters 21 July (& 28 July)

Greetings: Margaret D (Node M)

Audiovisual: Paul K (Jacob L)

Morning Tea: Judy O'K & Dorothy R (Sandra S & Margaret G)

Flowers: Node M (Rose G)

Music: Tracey S (Wendy B)

Prayers: Margaret B (Node M)

Reader: Lyn O'M (Emily M)

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.

UCAF Backpacks To Solomon Islands



Thank you to all who took part in the "Backpack Pacific Islands project". Together we filled 71 backpacks - 38 for boys and 33

for girls. On Tuesday 16th July they will travel to Keysborough South prior to being loaded into a shipping container headed for the Solomon Islands by the end of July or early August. Many thanks to Ann C, State president of UCAF, and her husband Rev John Connan who introduced the program to us at Werribee. We now hope the 71 children who receive the backpacks are as happy as we are who filled them. Thanks again! (Margaret G, Photos: Doug M)



Sammy Stamp



Lois Cardwell

The UCAF Stamp Fund, better known as Sammy Stamp, coordinates the collection and sale of stamps to offer grants for missions and development work in Australia and overseas and is responsible to the UCAF Council. Last year Sammy Stamp raised over \$40,000. What a wonderful result volunteers have achieved from something we often toss in the bin. In 2019 Sammy Stamp reached a major milestone by exceeding \$1million from stamp sales since it began in 1977.

If you would like to help please save all the stamps you receive and pop them into the box in the entry to the church. Please leave some envelope around the stamp when you cut it off.

Sammy Stamp is also pleased to receive full stamp albums and postcards. Do you still have an album you created as a child which is just collecting dust?

OSLO this month

Sunday 27th July we are going to a new venue at Hoppers Crossing. It is the Hoppers Crossing Sports Club at 56-84 Hogans Road. They have senior meals but the sweets are rather expensive but we have membership which will include the group. 12md everyone is welcome but please contact Elaine or Lorna by Thursday 24th July for catering.

Vale Dawn Hosking



Dawn Hosking (pictured) lived all her life of 94 years in the Werribee area. Her schooling was at Werribee Higher Elementary. She was deeply loved by her church friends as a baptised member of the Church; and gave many years as a Presbyterian Elder, leader of the Women's Guild and in later years the Uniting Church Adult Fellowship.

This writer recalls that every Sunday morning before the Covid epidemic, Dawn was in a front seat at Sunday morning worship in Werribee Crossroads Uniting Church, setting an example of Christian discipleship.

Dawn's many friends included the tennis players from the St Andrew's Catholic and St Thomas' Anglican churches who participated in the Werribee competition.

She told this writer of her memories of many Sunday School anniversaries, the church choir and Annual Church flower show; her dad was Secretary and organizer.

After leaving school she became a trained seamstress in the Flinders Lane rag trade. She was appointed as Sewing Teacher at Balliang Primary School ("I rode my bike four miles from the family farm at Staughton Vale, every afternoon.")

Dawn and her late husband Jack brought up five boys. Jack was an electrical contractor and Dawn looked after the office work.

In 1977 Dawn together with Bible Study group members Chris C, Jenny G and the Rev. Bill Service brought their vision of a "Care and Concern" op shop and food relief outreach into being, starting in the Uniting Church Hall. That venture became an outstanding service to the needy folk in the Werribee community. It is now "Uniting" counselling agency for the City of Wyndham, located in Watton Street, near to the busy Uniting Op Shop down the street.

In recent years after the Covid epidemic, although she treasured the companionship of the church Dawn's life was limited to her home, where she was cared for by her son Alan.

Dawn had a special place in the hearts of her many friends at Crossroads now Werribee Uniting Church.

Dawn's funeral is arranged with Simplicity Funerals Werribee, for Tuesday 23 July at 2 pm at our Werribee Uniting Church. (Check Simplicity Funerals website to see if there will be a live video broadcast.) (N.T)