



Werrabee 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.

28 July 2024: Pentecost 10

Rough Psalm 1

In what marvellous ways will I witness to my God?
How can my life an image of the Godhead be?

I will lift my voice in song and prayer
and speak of peace.

I will lift my eyes to see creation's wonder
and observe the travail of my neighbour.

I will see injustice upon my land
and show it for what it is.

I will tune my ears to hear creation's roar
and the still small voice within.

I will list to my neighbour's voice
and hear her cry for help and understanding.

I will cry for the widow, the poor, the homeless alien
and weep with them, shelter them and feed them.

I will hope despite the facts, against the stream
in knowledge of resurrected grace.

In what marvellous ways will I witness to my God?
With every breath let it be so.

This poem, written by Karel Reus, is part of a collection entitled "Conversations with God", which were originally written for use in the Armadale church where Karel provided some leadership. This one in particular was inspired by Walter Brueggemann's Reality, Grief, Hope. You can read about Brueggemann's book which is entitled "Reality, Grief, Hope" at <https://eerdword.com/three-urgent-prophetic-tasks-walter-brueggemann-on-reality-grief-hope/>

Here is his introduction:

"In my book *Reality, Grief, Hope*, I have delineated three contemporary prophetic tasks. I identified those prophetic tasks by paying careful attention to what the Old Testament prophets were doing in their society. I did not, however, linger in that ancient context, but rather paid attention over time to our contemporary socio-economic, political, and cultural condition. I have concluded that the three recurring actions of the prophets that I have identified are in fact prophetic responses to social condition and social policy in both ancient and contemporary context. Thus in order to appreciate fully the argument and summons of my book, it is necessary to go behind the "prophetic tasks" to the cultural conditions and practices to which the prophetic tradition responds." (Accessed 24/7/24 ex above site)

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.

TODAY AND NEXT WEEK

Worship services

28 July: Rev. Bruce Watson

4 August: Rev. Ian Pearse

Bible readings

Today: 2 Samuel 11:1–15; Psalm 14; Ephesians 3:14–21; John 6:1–21

Next week: Exodus 16:2–4, 9–15; Psalm 78:23–29; Ephesians 4:1–16; John 6:24–35

What's on this week

Today: 4pm Messy Church

Monday: 9.30am Playgroup

Tuesday: 11am Bible Discussion & Lunch

Thursday: 9.30am Gardening Group;

5pm Health & Fitness;

5pm Choral Practice (chapel)

Saturday: 7am Health & Fitness

Rosters 28 July (& 4 August)

Greetings: Node M (Judy & V)

Audiovisual: Jacob L (Noel S)

Morning Tea: Sandra S & Margaret G
(Samoan Ladies)

Flowers: Rose G (Lorna H)

Music: Wendy B (Wendy B)

Prayers: Node M (Sandra S)

Reader: Emily M (Julie R)

Werrabee UC on Facebook:

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

Church office

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bookings@werribeeunitingchurch.org.au

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

Narana and Wathaurong Cooperative

Official notification has been received from Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Congress Victorian Regional Committee; “After 30 years, Narana Creations will return to the genesis of its first imagining and be transferred to the Wathaurong Co-operative Geelong.”

The Revs Will Pickett and Greg Crowe say: “It is a sign of the Church’s commitment to the covenant and relationship with First Peoples that this centre and the land be returned to the First Peoples.

As reported to Synod of 2023, the UAICC Victoria Oversight Committee has been in conversation with the Wathaurong Aboriginal Co-operative about the future of Narana Creations.

Since Uncle Vince R’s retirement, Narana has continued to be an important place.”



Vince Ross at Narana

The Rev. Greg Crowe says “For up-dates, please refer to the letter that is linked to the latest e-news site on the VicTas Uniting Church website. Once there is more to say it will be announced through the UCA Synod channels.” (NT)

Environment News

Australia’s Oceans drowning in plastic waste

“Australia needs to act now to protect its natural environment for future generations.” Tony Zappia MP, chair of the House of Representatives Standing committee on Climate Change.

Volunteers continue to work for the benefit of the whole nation

Beach Patrol and Love our Street Victoria have collected 7,863kg of rubbish so far this year.



BeachPatrol | Love Our Street

National Tree Day (sponsored by Planet Ark)

To celebrate National Tree Day a planting activity has been organised by the City of Wyndham at 47 Dowling Avenue Hoppers Crossing today. It is good to hear of

efforts around the country to recognise the vital importance of tree planting and forest protection (in contrast with the disaster of tree clearings and the cutting down of old growth forests that continue to occur in various parts of Australia). (NT/RR)

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 or members of Justice Task Group to make a donation or bring your new rugs/blankets to church.

Sammy Stamp



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?

Disabled Parking.

Please note that the ‘2’ parking spaces direct in front of the Entrance Doors to the foyer are for those with disabled permits only.