



# 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 September 2025

### Pre-service singing- today!!!

The Worship & Music Committee warmly welcome everyone to join in with some pre-service singing, starting at 9.15am, this Sunday. Come along to share in old favourites and new classics! (Judy Vincent)

### OSLO Next Sunday 28 September

We plan to join together at Altona Sports Club, 11 Altona Road, for our monthly OSLO lunch. Seniors meals are available. All are welcome. We just ask that you let either Lorna 0419101766 or Elaine 0435998013 know by Thursday 25 of your attendance (or cancellation if necessary). Shared transport will be arranged for those needing a lift.

### Season of Creation next Sunday

The Social Justice Task Committee would like to inform the church that we are blessed to have a guest preacher from UnitingWorld to celebrate the Season of Creation. He is the Rev. Dr Apwee Ting who is the International Partnership Manager for UnitingWorld.

We invite children, youths and adults to come and listen to the message of creation according to God's plan for humanity. In order to support the ministry of UnitingWorld a **retiring offering** will be collected. Place your offering in the bowl at the entrance as you exit the church hall. (Node Madu)

### Church Fête— Saturday 25 October

Stalls so far include Books (preferably children's books, novels, autobiographies, jigsaw puzzles are great... etc...but not necessarily magazines or old encyclopaedias), Good Trash and treasure, Plants, Cake stall including slices, jams pickles etc... Sausage Sizzle and other Hot foods (Samoan ladies to cater) Handcrafts, Embroidery (Nola) Second hand Jewellery (Bev Cox) Chocolate Toss, maybe fairy floss to name a few.



If you have an idea or would like a table at the fete, please let any of the fete committee know.

Chocolate Toss: Donations of Chocolate blocks are welcome. Now is the time to start looking for some specials at the supermarkets if you plan to donate. (Thanks from Tracey, Margaret, Wendy, Liz, Geoff and Armando.)

### TODAY AND NEXT WEEK

#### Worship services

21 September: Rev. Bruce Watson

28 September: Social Justice Task Group

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

#### Bible readings

**This week:** Jeremiah 8:18–9:1 Psalm 79:1–9

1 Timothy 2:1–7 Luke 16:1–13

**Next week:** Jeremiah 32:1–3a, 6–15 Psalm 91:1–6, 14–16 1 Timothy 6:6–19 Luke 16:19–31

#### What's on this week

**Wednesday:** 9.30am Property Group;  
2pm Seniors Afternoon Tea.

**Thursday:** 9.30am Gardening Group;  
5.30pm Health & Fitness;  
5.30pm Choral Practice

**Friday:** 6.30pm Youth Group

#### Rosters 21 Sept (28 Sept)

**Greetings:** Tulua Seulupe (Tulua Seulupe)

**Audiovisual:** Noel Savory (Jacob Lewis)

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

**Music:** Wendy Barnes (Gina Lee)

**Prayers:** Vivien Bleakley (Fa Tuipea)

**Reader:** Fa Tuipea (Lyn O'Meara)

#### 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

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[bookings@werribeeunitingchurch.org.au](mailto:bookings@werribeeunitingchurch.org.au)

#### Samoan service

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

## Church Council Election — Sunday 9 November

These Council members complete their term this year: Lauina Levave, Node Madu, Amelia Ropeti-Kiliffi, Wendy Barnes and Ron Holman. There are also two vacancies so we need to elect seven Church Council members. Please start to think about this and consider who you wish to nominate. Those who have completed a term may be renominated if they are willing to stand again. Nomination forms will be available from

19<sup>th</sup> October. (Bev Lambie Congregation Secretary)

## Reading the Bible as Narrative

Are you interested in a new way of reading the Bible? The Progressive Christian Network of Victoria and HeartWell Christian Community are holding a Zoom-only session next Sunday 28 September, at 4pm, led by the Rev. Dr Merryl Blair. Merryl, until her retirement, was amongst many things, Lecturer in Old Testament at Stirling College. She writes “Hebrew narrative works quite differently to English narrative. When we understand some of its poetics, we can enjoy and enter into the invitation of story, rather than trying to force narrative into the straitjacket of doctrine. We will explore how this works with two well-known stories, and see what invitations to life might be opened up for us as we play with the text.”

Join us for an entertaining and informative session. Here are the links —

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84688760460?pwd=yWUYVXblC0EvWkDBguRLwMr3CZnFxE.1>

Meeting ID: 846 8876 0460 Passcode: 116667

## Coffee Cup Challenge

Uniting Vic/Tas is running the Coffee Cup Challenge as a way of raising money to help with its programs. **A small weekly sacrifice can make a big difference.**

From International Coffee Day on Tuesday 1 October 2025 through to Shrove Tuesday on 17 February 2026, we invite you to take part in the Coffee Cup Challenge by setting aside the cost of one cup of coffee each week.

Each donation goes into your Coffee Cup Challenge collection, helping support people facing crisis, vulnerability, and disadvantage. When you register, you'll receive details on how participants can access a tax-deductible receipt. Together, let's turn coffee into compassion!

You can find more information and how to enrol yourself at

<https://www.unitingvictas.org.au/fundraising/fundraise-for-us/coffee-cup-challenge/>.

## Victorian treaty introduction



On 9 September, in the Uniting Church's Facebook page, the Moderator, the Rev. Salesi Faupula welcomed the introduction of legislation to the Victorian Parliament to establish a Treaty between the State Government and Victoria's First Peoples.

Salesi said a Treaty represented long overdue recognition of the right of Victoria's First Peoples to self-determination and begins to address the enduring harm of colonisation, dispossession and injustice as experienced by First Peoples. He said a speech by First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria member, Aunty Esme Bamblett, at the very recent Synod meeting had offered a powerful reminder of why a Treaty mattered so much to indigenous Victorians.

“As the Synod continues the journey of walking together with First Peoples, we acknowledge the importance of a Treaty within Victoria as part of that journey,” Salesi said. “Treaty, though, is only the first step in acknowledging the historical and ongoing injustices suffered by Victoria's First Peoples as a result of colonisation. As such, at its recent meeting the Synod once again affirmed its commitment to walking together as First and Second Peoples, and to working cooperatively towards a more just future for First Peoples.”

In 1991, Yothu Yindi released an album “Tribal Voice” on which was the song, “Treaty”, that became very popular. You can find the words at <https://www.google.com/search?client=safari&rls=en&q=treaty+song+lyrics&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8>

The first words of the song...

“Well I heard it on the radio  
And I saw it on the television  
Back in 1988  
All those talking politicians  
Words are easy, words are cheap  
Much cheaper than our priceless land  
But promises can disappear  
Just like writing in the sand  
Treaty Yeh Treaty Now  
Treaty Yeh Treaty Now”.

### Church Office Volunteers

The church office is open from 9.30am to 12 noon

Monday	Liz Barnes
Tuesday	Julie Hamilton
Wednesday	Helen Grech
Thursday	Liz Barnes
Friday	Margaret Gook.