



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.

22 June 2025

A letter from Common Grace

I'm writing to invite you to join us in speaking out for creation and climate justice.

Many of you would have seen the recent government approval of the North West Shelf Gas Project extension. We are deeply concerned about the government's decision to approve this gas project until 2070.

Common Grace, alongside environmental organisations from across the country, and our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander brothers and sisters, have been calling on the Albanese Government to prioritise bold, reliable, and credible climate action that ensures Australia reaches our commitment to net-zero emissions by 2050 and plays our part in limiting global temperature rise to 1.5°C.

This step taken by the Albanese Government to approve and extend one of Australia's major fossil fuel projects undermines these commitments.

This decision also has significant implications for Australia's climate obligations and the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples of the affected lands and waters.

Common Grace has recently sent a letter to the Minister for Climate Change and Energy of Australia, Chris Bowen MP, to express our strong concern and call on the government take principled leadership to end support for fossil fuel expansion projects, including gas; uphold the sovereignty and self-determination of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples; and prioritise investment in renewable energy and just transitions for affected workers and communities.

We're inviting our Common Grace movement to write to their federal Labor MP—or, if they don't have one, to a Labor Senator in their state or territory—using our [template letter here](#) to call for urgent action.

Please share and invite others in your community to join you in acting on this issue.

We would also love to hear if you reach out to your MP or Senator and any response you may receive. Please email us at info@commongrace.org.au

If you have already joined us in taking this action, thank you! We are so grateful for this step you have taken to speak out for creation and climate justice. Please continue to pray that our deep care and concern is heard and responded to by our federal representatives.

In prayer and action,

Jane and the Common Grace team

TODAY AND NEXT WEEK

Worship services

22 June: Rev. Ian Pearce

29 June: Rev. Bruce Watson

For Pastoral Care: Please contact Raymond Surujpal, convenor of the pastoral care team on: 0432 619 184 or Margaret Bull: 0417 500 961.

Bible readings

This week: 1 Kings 19:1–15a; Psalm 42 & 43; Galatians 3:23–29; Luke 8:26–39

Next week: 2 Kings 2:1–2, 6–14; Psalm 16; Galatians 5:1, 13–25; Luke 9:51–62

What's on this week

Monday: 9.30am Playgroup

Tuesday: 9.30am Bible Study

Wednesday: 2pm Seniors Afternoon Tea

Thursday: 9.30am Gardening Group;

5.30pm Health & Fitness;

5.30pm Choral Practice

Friday: 6.30pm Youth Group

Saturday: 7.30am Samoan Health & Fitness

Rosters 22 June (& 29 June)

Greetings: Sandra Savory (Liz Barnes)

Audiovisual: Noel Savory (Christian Ropeti-Kilifi)

Morning Tea: Elaine Belcher & Julie Rees (Marie Craw & Site Tupua)

Flowers: Church Flowers (Node Madu)

Music: Asanka Pakura (Tracey Seuleupe)

Prayers: Sandra Savory (Amelia Ropeti-Kilifi)

Reader: Paul Cochran (Bev Lambie)

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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To book facilities at WUC:

Email: (Elizabeth Barnes)

bookings@werribeeunitingchurch.org.au

Samoan service

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

Baptism



The baptism of **Noah Ashleigh Matskarofski** will be celebrated today. We welcome Noah, his family and friends to this service.

Blanket/Knee rug drive for Uniting

For the last 2 years members of our congregation have 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 again coordinating the event. It will commence this Sunday June 22nd and conclude on Sunday July 13th when a representative from Uniting will come to morning worship to accept the blankets.



Here is a photograph of a sample rug (1.2 x 1.5m) purchased from Big W or similar store indicative of the type of rug/blanket we have in mind.

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 Aragon 0423922414 or Rob Bradley 0431964544 to make a donation or bring your new rugs/blankets to church.

We speak many languages



On the day of Pentecost the Rev. Ian Pearse asked people to stand if they spoke two or more languages. It was surprising to see how many people spoke more than two. We learnt that we have members from at least 12 countries.

Burma, Holland, Fiji, India, Malaysia, PNG, Philippines, Samoa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Tonga. If your country is not in this list please text me. (Bev Lambie 0474 075 554) or speak to Fa.

Last Sunday Fa Tuipea spoke to us about the importance



of language to her and encouraged us to try to learn to say at least one or two words of another person's language. When Fa first told me that even one word in her language would make her feel welcome. I suggested we create a welcome slide for the PowerPoint with 'Welcome' in many languages. Fa has worked

hard to talk to members and find all those welcome words. We now have them on a slide. Please let us know if your language has been missed. (Bev Lambie)

OSLO (Occasional Sunday Lunch Out)

Our next lunch gathering will be on Sunday 22nd June, 12 noon, at the Racecourse Hotel, Cottrell Street, Werribee. Please join us. Everyone is welcome. We just ask that you let Lorna (0419 101 766) or Elaine (0435 998 013) know of your attendance by Thursday 19th. See you there!



If you can't go in person, you can still join in via Zoom, and here is the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87552625395?pwd=SwhNaRIAWSzVJgcr360Zq8b7JCdAcj.1> Or: <https://tinyurl.com/fe2bbeeb>

Meeting ID: 875 5262 5395 Passcode: 535467

