



# 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.

25 May 2025: Easter 6

Relay for Life thanks



A heartfelt thank you to the Werribee Uniting Church community for your incredible support of our Relay for Life team! Thanks to your generosity and encouragement, we raised an amazing \$4,068.47, contributing to the impressive \$86,980 total raised at the Wyndham Relay for Life event. With over 20 team members, we walked 40km during the 10-hour event on Saturday 3 May. A special mention to the set up team (Fiona, Don and Roland Geilen) and to Harry Duckworth for his outstanding effort—completing 75 laps of the athletics track (30km) at age 8!

The funds raised will go directly to the Cancer Council to support vital cancer research, prevention programs, advocacy, and support services for those affected by cancer. Your support is helping make a real difference in the lives of many. We're so grateful and look forward to walking together again in 2026!

Backpacks for the Pacific nations



UCAF have again agreed to support the program 'Backpack Pacifica' sending filled backpacks to children in the Pacific area—Samoa, Tonga, Papua New Guinea, Kirribati, or the Solomon Islands. Last year's backpacks went to the Solomon Islands and were

hugely appreciated.

The program will run until the 20th June. If you would like to fill a back pack, or donate for the purchase of a backpack or anything from the list of stationery etc, all donations would be gratefully received.

## TODAY AND NEXT WEEK

### Worship services

25 May: Rev. Ian Pearce

1 June: Rev. Valerie Johnson

**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:** Acts 16:9–15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 22–22:5; John 14:23–29 or 5:1–9

**Next week:** Acts 16:16–34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12–14, 16–17, 20–21; John 17:20–26

### 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 (chapel)

**Saturday:** 7.30am Samoan Health & Fitness

### Rosters 25 May (& 1 June)

**Greetings:** Margaret Dent (Node Madu)

**Audiovisual:** Paul Kirkman (Christian Ropeti-Kilifi)

**Morning Tea:** Judy O'Keefe & Dorothy Rookes (TBA)

**Flowers:** Jennie Kirkman (Church)

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

**Prayers:** Lauina Levave (Node Madu)

**Reader:** Bev Lambie (Ian Gainey)

### 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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### Samoan service

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

Some very much appreciated gifts of stationery and backpacks have already been received.

For more information please talk to any of the UCAF ladies or see Margaret Gook (0417-513-984.) Everyone welcome to participate and thank you to those who have already indicated their willingness to fill a back pack.



Lyn O'Meara has complimentary copies of the daily Bible reading and prayer guide *With Love to the World* available at church this morning for anyone who would like to find out what they are like.



### Seniors Afternoon Tea

This Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> the Seniors Afternoon Tea program will be held at 2pm.

### National Volunteer Week (19–25 May)

National Volunteer Week is Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteering. It was established in 1989. This year the theme is Connecting Communities. More than six million people in Australia volunteer through organisations across the nation. Millions more volunteer informally

Volunteering creates lasting relationships that enrich lives and strengthen our community.

In our church volunteers are an essential workforce.

Church Council says thank you to all in the congregation who give their time and skills in a variety of ways to enhance the life of the congregation.

As leaders, committee members, gardeners, cleaners, office workers, drivers, pastoral carers, greeters, Bible readers, communion servers, prayer leaders, Baptism helpers and a variety of other unseen support roles.

THANK YOU! (Margaret Bull)

WE ♥ VOLUNTEERS!



The baptism of Hudson and Colby Hanniver will take place on Sunday. We are pleased to welcome the boys, their parents John and Samantha plus members of their family and friends to share in this service.

### How will I know?

How will I know the mind of God?  
When sorrow is redeemed by joy.  
How will I know the mind of God?  
When sorrow is redeemed by joy.  
How will I know the mind of God?  
When darkest thoughts are banished by the light.  
How will I know the mind of God?  
When error is exposed by truth.  
How will I know the mind of God?  
When war is not a last resort.  
How will I know the mind of God?  
When insight takes the place of reason;  
when silence punctuates the syntax of my faith; when all  
the world is seen within a drop;  
when power permits persuasion;  
when minus is converted into plus;  
when anxiousness is overcome by patience and I know all  
things as they simply are.  
Then, and only then,  
will I begin to know  
the mind of God.

*Karel Reus*

*Use the space below to write your own answer...*