



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.

3 August 2025

A Letter to the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister

On 6 and 9 August 2025, the world will commemorate 80 years since the catastrophic atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. In 1945, two cities were utterly destroyed and more than 200,000 lives were lost.

As these significant anniversaries approach, Uniting Church President the Rev. Charissa Suli has written to Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Foreign Minister Penny Wong urging the Australian Government to immediately sign and ratify the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW).

In her letter, Charissa Suli said the anniversaries were “a solemn reminder of the catastrophic consequences of nuclear warfare,” and called on the Government to show leadership in advancing global disarmament.

“For more than four decades, the Uniting Church in Australia has rejected the use, proliferation and threat of nuclear weapons in the strongest possible terms,” she wrote. “These weapons are morally indefensible and fundamentally incompatible with the Gospel of Christ, which calls us to be peacemakers and reconcilers in a world where violence and enmity threaten human life and God’s creation.”

The Rev. Charissa Suli affirmed the Government’s stated commitment to a world without nuclear weapons, but urged more decisive action.

“We urge you now to translate those commitments into action by immediately signing and ratifying the TPNW, and offering leadership in international disarmament efforts for the sake of the whole creation.”

As a peacemaking Church following Jesus, the prince of peace, the Uniting Church has long stood in opposition to nuclear weapons and nuclear testing. The Uniting Church Assembly is a member organisation of the International Campaign for the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), joining with them in calling for Australia to immediately sign and ratify the Treaty.

WORKING BEE

ON SATURDAY AUGUST 9 AT 8.00 am.

All welcome to come and have breakfast, at the church. Cereal and Toast provided together with margarine milk tea or coffee. BYO jam, Vegemite or whatever you have on toast.

Following on from breakfast we want to clean out the Op-shop re-locating items to one of the manses, so it is clear for the Fete.

TODAY AND NEXT WEEK

Worship services

3 August: Rev. Bruce Watson

10 August: Rev. Ian Pearce

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: Hosea 11:1–11; Psalm 107:1–9, 43; Colossians 3:1–11; Luke 12:13–21

Next week: Isaiah 11:10–20; Psalm 50:1–8, 22–23; Hebrews 11:2–3, 8–16; Luke 12:32–40

What’s on this week

Monday: 9.30am Playgroup

Tuesday: 9.30am Bible Study

Wednesday: 9.30am Property Group; 12.30pm UCAF; 3pm Pastoral Care Committee

Thursday: 9.30am Gardening Group; 5.30pm Health & Fitness; 5.30pm Choral Practice; 6.45pm Worship Committee

Friday: 6.30pm Youth Group

Saturday: 8am Breakfast 9am Working Bee

Rosters 3 August (10 August)

Greetings: Ken Storey (Margaret Bull)

Audiovisual: Jacob Lewis (Noel Savory)

Morning Tea: Lauina Levave (Julie Rees & Margaret Dent)

Music: Wendy Barnes (Gina Lee)

Prayers: Elizabeth Barnes (Margaret Bull)

Reader: Julie Rees (Emily Metusela)

Werribee UC on Facebook:

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Samoan service

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

We need another car and trailer to assist, and also, ladies, we need a couple of vacuum cleaners to clean up No.19. (Many thanks, Ken Storey)

Ron Holman



Ron grew up in Mount Waverley with one younger sister. After completing year 12 he started work at age 18. In 1976 Ron met and married the love of his life Therese. She was the eldest of 9 siblings in an Irish Catholic Family. They moved to Werribee after their son and daughter were born. Both children are now

adults with their own homes in Werribee.

Therese lived with a lifelong lung deformity and she died in February 2020 at the age of 65 after 43 years of marriage. For the last six years of her life Therese's declining health led to her working from home so they got a King Charles Cavalier puppy as a companion dog for her.

Ron worked at Melbourne Water as an Admin Officer and stayed there until he received the gold watch for over 25 years of service!

He was encouraged to study part time to obtain a degree qualification. He chose a Bachelor of Business with a major in Accounting.

In 1986 he realised that the degree qualification entitled him to obtain a Tax Agents Licence from the Australian Taxation Office. He started his own part time accountancy practice doing bookkeeping and tax returns for individuals and small businesses, while still working full time for Melbourne Water.

For ten years Ron also worked with Mambourin Enterprises - a day program for adults with an intellectual disability.

In 2006 Ron decided to turn his part time accountancy practice into a full-time business. In 2010 they merged their business 'Holman and Associates' with another full time accountancy practice based in Werribee and formed a new Company based in rented accommodation in Point Cook. This became a very successful practice and employed nine staff. They were awarded Wyndham Business Awards on two occasions.

In 2018 Therese's declining health meant Ron became her full-time carer and they decided to sell the business.

Now Ron has retired so he is able to give more time to his church activities. Ron has a strong faith and is keen to learn more from the Bible. He regularly attends the Tuesday Bible Discussion.

He is a member of Church Council and the Property Team and works hard at the Thursday gardening group. Most Sundays you will find him at the door of the church welcoming people. (Bev Lambie)

Baptism of Leo



On Sunday 27 July we welcomed Leonardo (Leo) Stevenson into God's family by baptism. Leo's sisters Marcella and Yvette brought along their baptism candles and the Rev. Ian Pearce lit

them from the Christ candle to remind the girls of their baptism. The Stevenson family are regular attenders at our Monday playgroup.

UC Adult Fellowship

The August meeting is next week Wednesday August 6. This is a reminder that this meeting will be our **Soup and Sandwich** one and we would like to commence at 12.30 pm.

Occasional Sunday Lunches Out

O.S.L.O. On August 24th we are booked into the Club Tarneit, 622 Leakes Road Tarneit at 12md. There is an extensive senior's menu, no lamb's fry but sausages and mash! Please contact Elaine 0435 998 013 or Lorna 0419 101 766 for catering numbers if you are coming or cancelling by Thursday 21 August, as it is important to notify as near as possible the hotel for setting up the tables.

Backpacks



On Tuesday I took another 39 Backpacks to Keysborough UC ready to start their journey to... a change of destination... now going to the Highlands of Papua new Guinea. The Rev. John Connan and his wife Ann were delighted with our second contribution. Thank you everyone who has supported this worthy cause. Much appreciated 🙏. (Margaret Gook On behalf of Werribee Uniting UCAF)