



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.

4 October, 2026 Pentecost 19

Rev Mark Dunn

Welcome to Rev. Mark Dunn

Today we welcome Rev. Mark Dunn back to Werribee to lead our worship service.

Mark was with the congregation in February and March 2024 as a supply minister for us.

We thank Mark for stepping in at short notice when Rev. Rose Broadstock was unable to lead worship today.

Say hello to and catchup with Mark after the service during morning tea.

White Sunday 11 October, 2026

Next week our Samoan Children and young people will be leading us in worship as we celebrate White Sunday.

You are invited to wear something white.

White Sunday (known in Samoan as Lotu Tamaiti, or "Children's Service") is a national public holiday in Samoa dedicated to celebrating and honouring children. It falls on the **second Sunday of October**, with the following Monday observed as a public holiday.

How It Is Celebrated

- Dressing in White: Children and families wear all-white clothing to church, symbolizing purity, innocence, and new beginnings.
- Leading the Church Service: Children take complete centre stage, running and leading the church programs by reciting Bible verses, singing, dancing, and acting out scriptural skits.
- Special Treatment: On this day, children receive special privileges like being served first at family meals, getting excused from household chores, and receiving gifts and favourite treats.
- Photo from White Sunday 2025



TODAY AND NEXT WEEK

Worship services

4 Oct: Rev Mark Dunn

11 Oct: White Sunday

Samoan service

3rd Sunday, 12pm, in the Church: All welcome.

Pastoral Care: Please contact Raymond Surujpal, convenor, pastoral care team on: 0432 619 184.

Bible readings

This week: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Psalm 19, Philippians 3:4b-14, Matthew 21:23-32

Next week: Exodus 32:1-14, Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23, Phil 4:1-9, Matthew 22:1-14

What's on this week

Monday: Playgroup

Tuesday: 9.30am Bible Discussion

Wednesday: 9.30am Property Group;
1pm UCAF

Thursday: 9.30am Gardening Group;
5.45pm Choir Practice

Rosters 4 Oct (11 Oct)

Greetings: Julie Rees (White Sunday)

Audiovisual: Mahonrie Aiga (Rayan Latu)

Morning Tea: Tulua Seulupe (White Sunday)

Music: Wendy Barnes (Tracy Seulupe)

Prayers: Mahonrie Aiga (White Sunday)

Reader: Elizabeth Barnes (White Sunday)

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

Please send information for inclusion to the church office by Wed on 97411084 or email office@werribeeunitingchurch.org.au

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To book facilities at WUC:

Email: (Elizabeth Barnes)

bookings@werribeeunitingchurch.org.au

Church Council Report

The tree in the corner of our property will be coming down on the 1st. Of October and will take 2 days. The Arborist has organized the necessary safety permits, so please keep away from the front corner while they work.

Council has agreed to continue the lease of the manse at Filippin court, and we are in discussions with Presbytery and our Agent. Unfortunately, the dishwasher at the manse had some problems and we sought a cost for repair. The cost for the repair was very close to the cost of a new machine, so we opted to replace the unit with a new unit, which comes with guarantees.

Unfortunately, we were unable to meet with the builder and our project manager from Synod on the 23.9.26. regarding some concerns our property committee had in relation to new pumps being installed into existing storm water pits. Church council has supplied to the builder a copy of the original drainage drawings so they could be marked up as to where the new pumps would be installed. There are some other construction issues the property committee would like clarification to be explained. Church council has approved of the works to continue subject to the property committee obtaining clarification on the items they have.

Council Secretary, Margaret Bull, has been working tirelessly in organising worship leaders up until Christmas. So far so good.

Council is in the process of finalising a hire arrangement with the Historical Society and are waiting for a response from Synod.

Our Youth Group has put together a request for a grant of \$5,000. from UCAF Sammy Stamp organisation for various activities and was approved by church council.

Church council continues to be proactive in managing the issues to keep our congregation active and having fun. We have had no response from Synod Placement committee in relation to a minister being available for consideration by our JNC. Don't despair, have faith and we will find a spiritual leader soon.

Bruce Watson

Hello friends at Werribee Uniting Church,

I am running 10kms on Saturday 10th October as part of the Melbourne Marathon Festival, and am planning to fundraise \$700 for a cause that is close to my heart, the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC). Please help me by making a donation through my page. Just click on the link below.

The ASRC supports people and families with their basic food, housing and medical needs during their journey to safety and freedom; as well as advocating for a fair, just and welcoming Australia.

Making a donation only takes a minute and any money you can give (no matter how large or small) will go a long way to helping me reach my target. Together we will champion hope and compassion!

Thank you, I really appreciate your support.

Bruce Watson

<https://melbmara2026.grassrootz.com/asrc/bruce-watson-1>

Rosters

We still need people to assist with the Prayer Roster for 13, 20 and 27 December. If you can assist please fill in your details on in Roster in the foyer or let the office know. Thank you to everyone who has already filled in their name.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

If you have included your name on a roster for the first time, please provide the office with your email address so that we can provide your contact name to the preacher to contact you with the service details.

Newsletter Articles

If in you have an article that you think would be interesting or appropriate for the newsletter, please email it to the Church Office by Wednesday.

Lost Property

If you think you may have lost anything on the church premises, please contact the church office on 97411084 or email

office@werribeequitingchurch.org.au