



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.

1 March 2026

UnitingWorld's Lent Event



Lenten Event 2026

Welcome to guest speaker Antony McMullen

Antony McMullen is from UnitingWorld and we are delighted to welcome Antony as our guest speaker as we take on our Lenten journey.

Antony McMullen has significant experience in the not-for-profit and faith-based sectors, including previous work as a social justice advocate with the UCA Synod of Victoria and Tasmania. With qualifications in theology, community services and community development, Antony is committed to bringing people together in good faith – for the common good.

He has collaborated with diverse stakeholders in a variety of ways to address economic disadvantage and foster sustainable, community-led solutions to poverty and injustice. He is a qualified spiritual director, loves music and has a particular interest in eastern Christian spirituality.

Week 2

Welcome to our second week together learning how God is at work on the front lines of climate change, and the part we can play to support the work of our global brothers and sisters in Christ.

This week we're featuring UnitingWorld's Disaster Preparation work: Australia is one of the world's wealthiest countries. We're generally well prepared for natural disasters, and we have strong systems to help people recover. Even so, disasters are frightening. For our neighbours in Vanuatu and other developing countries, disasters are not only happening more often — they hit much harder. People have far fewer resources to prepare, respond or rebuild. Homes are often very basic and emergency services are limited. There are few services to help with emotional or psychological recovery and

TODAY AND NEXT WEEK

Worship services

1 March 2026: H.C. Rev. Bruce Watson

8 March 2026: Mr Raymond Surujpal

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

Bible readings

This week: Genesis 12:1–4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1–5, 13–17; Matthew 17:1–9

Next week: Exodus 17:1–7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1–11; John 4:5–42

What's on this week

Monday: 9.30am Playgroup

Tuesday: 9.30am Bible Study

Wednesday: 9.30am Property Group

Thursday: 9.30am Gardening Group;
5.45pm Choral Practice

Friday: 6pm Youth Group

Rosters 1 March (8 March)

Greetings: Judy Khor (Margaret Dent)

Audiovisual: Noel Savory (Noel Savory)

Morning Tea: Tupu Latu

(Mae Joy & Louise De Nove)

Music: Wendy Barnes (Gina Lee)

Prayers: Ron Latu (Fale Alga)

Reader: Judy Khor (Mahonrie Alga)

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Samoa service

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

resilience. Rebuilding after a disaster can take years, with little government or social support available.

UnitingWorld's partner, the Presbyterian Church in Vanuatu, has congregations in almost every community across the nation. Last year disaster preparedness workshops reached more than 1300 people on the island of Tanna. People learned how to identify high-risk areas, plan escape routes, protect homes, set up evacuation centres and care for their most vulnerable neighbours.

Options to give, Werribee Uniting Church Lent Event link, Lent Event envelopes, online giving, or in person to Armando, Luciana, Mae or Node.

Why we're participating, climate change is driving a global hunger crisis. In places like Timor-Leste, one in four people experiences hunger. Half of all children face stunting due to failed crops and limited access to clean water. Our Lent giving helps empower communities facing these challenges.

We hope you'll join us in this meaningful, compassionate journey.

Church Council report

Council received the report from the Presbytery on the inspection of the Hoppers Crossing manse, about which we reported last week. Little work has to be done inside, but much more work is needed on the outside. We have two quotations to replace one of the fences there, and our Property Committee is looking after this project.

We were not able to upgrade our NBN offer from Synod due to the NBN workers being not allowed to go into or onto the roof. We will get our electrician to put in a conduit with a draw wire.

The boom gate is still a work in progress.

The Council has agreed to have a visiting Korean Christian Choir to perform in our church either afternoon or evening, at a date to be fixed in August.

Following the order to close the hall from all users, all hirers of the hall have been contacted and with the exception of the Theatre company and the Scottish Dancers, they are able to use the red brick manse.

The Lisu, unfortunately, will have to seek another venue.

Finally, the Council approved our AGM to be held on the 29th of March, following morning worship. Bev Lambie (Congregational Secretary) would like all reports to her by March 7th, please. (Ken Storey)

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Occasional Sunday lunches out ...

We have booked The Brook Hotel, Point Cook 215 Sneydes Road. They have senior meals \$19 for one course and \$21 for two courses. Please contact Lois for bookings or cancellations on 0414 758 243 as both Elaine and Lorna are away.

Slow prayer

Slow me down, good Lord...

Slow me down, good Lord,
when I apply myself to prayer.
Put brakes upon my hasty soul.

Let my words be considered,
deliberate, cautious,
chosen with much care,
discerned, distilled,
savoured, relished;
fit responses to your sacred Word.

May my praying be like childbirth;
come to life through struggle, pain and blood.

May my praying be like pulling teeth;
painful, slow, but healing for all that.

May my praying grow by evolution's rules
two steps forward, one step back.

May my praying be an uphill grind
to scale a peak and see a vista grand.

May my praying lead to silent awe
when, lost for words, my spirit finds its voice.

May my praying never hurried be
that this my stumbling gait will fall in step with you.

May my praying grow on me
and it's right season find;
that sprouting, blooming, dying
in its own good time
my prayer a pleasing offering will be.

(Karel Reus, "Conversations with God")

