



# 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.

15 February 2026

## UnitingWorld's Lent Event



### Lenten Event 2026

#### Walking Together with UnitingWorld

The Werribee Uniting Church invites everyone to take part in this year's Lenten Event organised by UnitingWorld, 18 Feb to 2 April.

This Sunday we begin Week 1 of our Lenten Event journey with UnitingWorld.

We will be sharing the first story and video resource, introducing the theme for Week 1 and exploring how our faith calls us to act with compassion and justice.

Video link for Week 1:

<https://vimeo.com/1139896841?fl=pl&fe=sh>

Full Lent Event resource library:

<https://donate.unitingworld.org.au/lent-event/lent-event-resources>

**Reminder**, ways to support. Your donations help communities facing hunger and climate-driven hardship, especially in Timor-Leste.

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

Let's begin this Lenten season with purpose and hope.

We will have a guest speaker, Antony McMullen from UnitingWorld, on Sunday 1 March. We are delighted to welcome Antony as our guest speaker as we take on our Lenten journey.

**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.

## TODAY AND NEXT WEEK

### Worship services

15 February 2026: Rev. Bruce Watson

22 February 2026: Mr Raymond Surujpal

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

### Bible readings

**This week:** Exodus 24:12–18; Psalm 2 or 99; 2 Peter 1:16–21; Matthew 17:1–9

**Next week:** Genesis 2:15–17, 3:1–7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12–19; Matthew 4:1–11

### What's on this week

**Monday:** 9.30am Playgroup

**Wednesday:** 9.30am Property Group;  
7pm Church Council

**Thursday:** 9.30am Gardening Group;  
5.45pm Choral Practice

**Friday:** 1pm Sew'n'Sow;  
6pm Youth Group

### Rosters 15 February (22 February)

**Greetings:** Deb Cochran (Elizabeth Barnes)

**Audiovisual:** Jacob Lewis (Faith & Chelsea)

**Morning Tea:** Fa Tuipea & Site Tupua (Mary Dixon & Margaret Dent)

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

**Prayers:** Sandra Savory (Elizabeth Barnes)

**Reader:** Paul Cochran (Mabel Msopero)

### 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

Send information for inclusion to the Editor at [robert.renton@bigpond.com](mailto:robert.renton@bigpond.com) or 0427 812 606.

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### To book facilities at WUC:

Email: (Elizabeth Barnes)

[bookings@werribeeunitingchurch.org.au](mailto:bookings@werribeeunitingchurch.org.au)

### Samoa service

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

## Warm Up to Worship



Our monthly preservice singing will start for 2026 today, February 15th. Come along at 9.15am to join in hymns and songs, old and new!

## AV Training and Operating

Are you interested in helping out the congregation on a Sunday by learning how to operate the audiovisual equipment? If so, could you please let the office know as soon as possible, as we are wanting to arrange some training in the near future.

## Occasional Sunday Lunch Out

O.S.L.O. Occasional Sunday lunches out. We are starting the year at the Racecourse hotel one of our favourites at 12md.on Sunday 22nd February. Please contact Elaine 0435 998 013 or Lorna 0419 101 766 if you would like to come before Thursday 19th as we need to inform the venue of the number coming. Everyone is welcome.

## Lost and Found

LOST....Does anyone know the whereabouts of the Drum kit. It's been "missing" for several weeks now.

FOUND....We have a string guitar 🎸 sitting in the office for about 6 months. Is it yours? Please identify and claim it from the office. Please contact the Church Office on either of these items, or any other lost and found items.

Thank you.

## My prayer's seed struck root

My prayer's seed struck root  
amongst the rocks  
on my life's path.

That tiny shoot attracted me  
and I would have it grow.

I watered it  
with self-indulgent tears.

My prayer's languid growth  
called forth generous  
sprinklings of anger, judgment,  
fury and virtue  
...but only thorns  
and fibrous stalks appeared.

My prayer's green tone  
left much to be desired  
so hastily I showered it  
with ego,  
special pleading,  
desires and demands  
...to no avail.

I took my prayer  
into a sacred space  
and dosed it well  
with ritual and creed;  
with scripture, song

and noble thoughts  
...but it refused to grow.

I brought my prayer  
into my heart,  
and sheltered it with soul.  
I called my mate from Galilee  
who knows about  
growing things.

"Just let it be ", he said,  
"but pay it close attention".

"Most of all, consider its  
waving leaves,  
its straining roots,  
its bending stalks  
the rising sap.

Think not of your prayer's form,  
nor of its benefit for you;  
think rather of its heart and soul  
and being"

I did as my Galilean mate advised  
and my prayer,  
boosted by an attentive  
accepting and loving Spirit,  
flowered.

*(Poem by Karel Reu, from "Conversations with God")*

