

Order of Service - September 18th, 2022

Homelessness

Songs

- *To You* (201) [To You | Hillsong \(Featuring Darlene Zschech\) - YouTube](#)
- *God will take care of you* (201) [God Will Take Care of You \(with Lyrics\) - YouTube](#)

Welcome

Acknowledgement of Country

For thousands of years Indigenous people have walked
in this land, on their own country.

Their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives.

We acknowledge the Wurrundjeri people of the Kulin Nation and their stewardship
of this land throughout the ages.

We honour their history, their elders, past, present and emerging and commit to work
for reconciliation between all people, God and the land.

Welcome everybody to worship!

Lighting the Candles: Jesus said: 'I Am the Light of the World'.

Call to Worship

God, we come into your house with praise

It is in your house, that orphans are cared for,

Widows are protected

You make homes for the homeless

You lead captives to freedom

God we are restless

May we find our home in you.

(Prayer by Cheryl Williams, Sept 2022)

Hymn: Finding Our Home

www.rosslangmead.com/Downloads/SongsMP3/WeArePilgrims.mp3

Opening Prayer

God of hospitality,

We are thankful that you have chosen to make your home with us

We feel at home in your embrace.

For those places and people who have made us feel at home – **thank you**

For places of safety – **thank you**

For places where we feel at home – **thank you**

For places of welcome – **thank you**

For places where we are comfortable – **thank you**

For places where we can be ourselves – **thank you**

May we always feel at home in your presence. **Amen.**

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Scripture Reading: Isaiah 58:6-9 (CEV)

I'll tell you what it really means to worship the LORD. Remove the chains of prisoners who are bound unjustly. Free those who are abused! ⁷ Share your food with everyone who is hungry; share your home with the poor and homeless. Give clothes to those in need; don't turn away your relatives. ⁸ Then your light will shine like the dawning sun, and you will quickly be healed. Your honesty will protect you as you advance, and the glory of the LORD will defend you from behind. ⁹ When you beg the LORD for help, he will answer, "Here I am!" Don't mistreat others or falsely accuse them or say something cruel.

Passing the Peace

Shalom my friends
God's peace my friends
Go with you now
And stay with you
In all you do
Shalom, shalom.

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 4:7-11 (CEV)

⁷ Everything will soon come to an end. So be serious and be sensible enough to pray. ⁸ Most important of all, you must sincerely love each other, because love wipes away many sins. ⁹ Welcome people into your home and don't grumble about it. ¹⁰ Each of you has been blessed with one of God's many wonderful gifts to be used in the service of others. So, use your gift well. ¹¹ If you have the gift of speaking, preach God's message. If you have the gift of helping others, do it with the strength that God supplies. Everything should be done in a way that will bring honour to God because of Jesus Christ, who is glorious and powerful forever. Amen.

Children's Talk: At Home

Reflection: Finding Our Home

[BUV Justice and Advocacy Week: Homelessness on Vimeo](#)

Song: Were You There [\(201\) "When I Needed A Neighbour" | Romsey Abbey Choir \(George Richford\) - YouTube](#)

Prayers for the church and world

Remembering:

- Those known to us struggling with their health
- For those who are **homeless or at risk of or for whom home is not safe** in our community
- For those affected by the deaths of the **Queen and Uncle Jack Charles**
- For those who wait to hear about their visas
- **Those preparing for baptism** on October 2nd
- Our friends at **Sanctuary and the Houses of Hope** in Footscray
- Families attending the **'Come & Try' Playgroup**
- Peace in **Ukraine**

- Places of tension, unrest & conflict – **Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Gaza, Myanmar, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Syria, Taiwan & Ukraine**
- Places and people affected by Covid – especially those know to us & those grieving the loss of loved ones
- The peoples of **Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Palestine, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal**
- For our neighbours at **Westhaven**
- **Baptist Mission Australia** – work amongst the peoples of Malawi, Thailand and the First Peoples in urban and regional areas in Australia
- **Baptist World Aid** – pray for peace in our world and for Shalom – God’s wholeness on Sept 21 which is the International Day of Peace

Silence – in the silence and through our minds and imaginations we bring prayers which words cannot contain:

(p. 56-7 A Wee Worship Book)

God of all,

We pray now for your world.

Especially today we pray for those:

- Who lack the warmth of a home
- Whose home is not a safe place
- Who suffer because they have no shelter
- Who sleep in our streets and public spaces
- Who wander from place to place
- Who cannot pay the rent
- Who are lost and abandoned
- Who are driven to homelessness by poverty

We also pray for those who mourn, comfort them we ask.

Grant us the compassion of Jesus, who knew homelessness, inspire us to use what we can to ensure the dignity of our brothers and sisters. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Song: Don't Be Afraid [\(66\) Don't be Afraid - YouTube](#)

Offering

Generous God, you call us to look after the poor and shelter one another. Take our money, symbols of our very lives, take them and us and use us to provided hospitality and safety to those around us. Amen.

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Offerings can be made by using our direct debit facility or placed in plates at entrances and exits of the church

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News & Notices

- **Bible Study and Baptismal Training** – in Green Room following the service. Next one on Sept 25th
- **Cook Up for Church Lunch** – come along and help prepare food for church lunch on **October 1st** for following day. More details to follow.
- **Baptism and Church Lunch** – join us for the baptisms followed by lunch on **October 2nd**.
- **Reflective Prayer:** is having a break whilst Ros is away
- **BUV Advocacy and Justice Week** – September. During September we will spend each week looking at one issue they have identified. Sept 25 – Aged Care
- **The Sudy Challenge (Orange Sky)**. This is a fundraising challenge which I am undertaking this over the weekend.

WE'RE TAKING ON
THE SUDSY CHALLENGE!



- **Westhaven Project Group** – Tuesday from 11am - 2.30pm In Green Room on the 1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesdays in the month. Come when you can and leave when you must. Bring lunch and ideas. All materials provided. We will also have a session on Saturdays once per month. September dates September 20th
- **Garage Sale during National Garage Sale Week** – the deacons have decided not to go ahead with this.
- **Office Hours** – Grace will be in office on Tue & Wed from 10.15.am – 2.00pm. Cheryl will be there on Tuesdays and Thu/Fri mornings.
- **Food Donations for Sanctuary** – canned chickpeas, red lentils, tuna in oil, oil, kidney beans. Please no cereal as they do not eat cereals.
- Copies of the service and sermon can be found on our **website**.

Song: Christ Be Our Light [\(201\) Christ Be Our Light by Bernadette Farrell - YouTube](#)

Benediction

Go now from this place

And

May God shelter you under his wings

May Jesus who had nowhere to lay his head guide you

May the Spirit give you peace and comfort

Until all have found their home in You. Amen.

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