

# Glen Waverley

## Uniting Church

### Welcome

*GWUC is a faithful, Christ-centred community that meets God and shares that unconditional love*

#### SUNDAY PREACHING PLAN - May 2017

Time	May 7 Easter 4	May 14 Easter 5	May 21 Easter 6	May 28 Easter 7
8.00 am	Alanee Hearnshaw	Rev Tom Rose Communion	Rev Evan Laidlaw - Communion	Peter Baker Communion
9.15 am	Rev Neil Peters Communion	Rev Neil Peters Alanee Hearnshaw	Rev Neil Peters	Alanee Hearnshaw
11.00 am	Rev Neil Peters	Rev Neil Peters	Rev Neil Peters Communion	Alanee Hearnshaw
4.30 pm	Children & Families	Children & Families	Children & Families	Children & Families
7.00 pm	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw
Lectionary	Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 23 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10	Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-4	Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:8-20 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21	Acts 1:6-14 Psalm 68:1-10; 32-35 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11 John 17:1-11
Liturgical Colour	White	White	White	White

#### APRIL

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2 April	12noon	Club 2017 Lunch
3 April	2.30pm	Leisure Time AGM
9 April	12noon	Light Lunch
9 April	2pm	Walk for Justice for Refugees
14 April	9.15am	Good Friday Combined Service followed by Hot Cross Buns and Cuppa
16 April	10am	Easter Day Combined Service
16 April	3pm	Children's Easter Event
18 April	10am-12.30pm	Star Making
18 April	8pm	Tent of Nations Peace Project
29 April	8am	Annual Walk-a-thon for Chaplaincy
30 April	1.15pm-3.15pm	Pastoral Care Workshop



## Is this your Fete?

Each year, the Fete in October is a highlight of our church calendar. Cliff Baker, as a member of the Fete Committee, has been a pivotal part of this event for over 10 years. Regrettably (for him, and even more for the rest of us), Cliff has stood down, and it is essential that we find someone to replace him.

The role which Cliff has undertaken primarily involves organising the loan of equipment (trestles, tables and other items) from schools and churches in the area, and booking entertainment to attract interest on the day. The precedent of many previous fetes and the support of the committee and other church members means that these tasks will largely involve following up established contacts. They will require attention to detail and at times persistence. In the days leading up to the fete, collection rosters for equipment loaned and items donated will need to be drawn up and collections overseen.

A calendar of all required actions is followed by the committee. This can be found at <http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/FeteCommittee>.

Do you think that this might be a way that you could assist? Please speak to Murray Lowe or Sue Morgan if you have any queries or, better yet, would like to volunteer.

PS: Cliff's other major contribution, the Silent Auction, where he has successfully solicited over 100 donations in past years, has been taken up by Free Spirit as their new contribution - an exciting move for which we thank them.

There are lots of opportunities to volunteer here at Glen Waverley Uniting Church.

The fete is one ... what others can you think of?

How might you help?



## TENT OF NATIONS PEACE PROJECT

Tuesday 18 APRIL at 8 pm

Amnesty International South Eastern group

invites you to meet via skype, with

**DAOUD NASSAR**

- Palestinian farmer and director of the *Tent of Nations Peace Project*.

Find out about the project from Daoud and how it arose from his struggle to retain his grandfather's 100 acre farm on the West Bank in face of Israeli government threats to seize the land.

The farm has been in Daoud's family for 100 years, and today is an educational, environmental farm, welcoming thousands of visitors each year. It is a centre of peace where people from many different countries come together to learn, to share and to build bridges of understanding. As the family farm thrives, so too it promotes the prospect of peace-with-justice as a hope throughout Israel/Palestine.

Daoud's nephew, Roujeh Mizher will be present with us on the night to introduce the skype session and be available for comment/questions. There will be opportunity during the skype session for Q&A directly with Daoud Nassar.

❖ *Light Supper* will be served afterwards

❖ Gold coin donation appreciated

**Venue:** St Stephen's & St Mary's Anglican Parish Centre,  
383 High Street Road, Mt. Waverley, VIC 3149 [Melway 61:D11]  
[Note: parking available next to Parish Centre, behind Church]

**RSVP & Inquiries to:**

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or Lu Thek, tel 98021703, email: [johnthek@westnet.com.au](mailto:johnthek@westnet.com.au)

## Annual Op Shop Support for Lentara

Between 1 May and 12 May 2017, Glen Waverley Uniting Church Asylum Seekers Support Group will again fundraise by staffing the Lions Club Op Shop in Mt Waverley. Volunteers are required to assist with running this store and your name can be added to the timetable on the Outreach Notice Board if you are available.

Feel free to come along and offer your support.

For further details contact Heather Wilkins on 9560 1440 or Andrew Hosking via [andrewhosking@gmail.com](mailto:andrewhosking@gmail.com)

## Hot Cross Buns on Good Friday

Following the 9.15am service on Good Friday, 14th April, Hot Cross Buns and a cuppa will be available in the hall.

Please bring some Hot Cross Buns to share. Everyone welcome.

## Notice of Meeting - Leisure Time AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Glen Waverley Uniting Church Leisure Time will be held at the Church in Room 1 on Monday 3 April, 2017 at 2.30pm.

Copies of the agenda papers will be available from the Church Office in the week preceding the meeting.

Ken Hutchinson - Secretary

## Monthly Material Aid Offering

Due to the Lenten Appeal, there will be no Monthly Material Aid Offering for April.

Information about the Lenten Appeal is available on the Stewards Table.

## A Letter to the Congregation

Dear Friends,

Within the Christian calendar there are different seasons. These can be regarded as 'time gifts' for Christians. At Christmas we celebrate the birth of Christ. At Easter we celebrate the resurrection and at Pentecost the focus is on the giving of the Holy Spirit.

Lent is a sacred time to consider our lives and especially become centred on our discipleship to Christ. The Lenten season provides us with an opportunity to draw close to God. We could accept the gift of time and create a quiet place to experience the closeness of God. By inviting God into this quiet space we could truly experience what the Lenten season offers. We could quietly feel the presence of the Divine in what happens in our everyday life.

Pausing each day during Lent means intentionally committing to carving out time to do so. Put life on hold for just a few moments. Consider the circumstances that led up to the crucifixion of Jesus and the resurrection. Mark chronicled Jesus's last week on a day to day basis and it is of extraordinary importance for Christians. It is revelatory. Mark writes it simply:

'You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified:  
He has been raised.'

Desmond Tutu writes 'Each of us wants and needs to give ourselves space for quiet for it is in the stillness we come to know what our hearts long for: the Divine Presence alive in us.'

Holy Spirit, keep us firm in the reality of the freedom Christ has won for us.

Helen Stewart  
Chair of Church Council

## Assembly Appeal for Rebuilding the Church at Mapoon

This Assembly Appeal (highlighted in the March monthly bulletin) is still open. Leaflets are available on the Stewards Table if you would like to contribute. Donations can be directly given, left in the office or placed in the offering plate in an envelope marked "Mapoon".

Thanks to those who have already donated to support this worthwhile appeal.

TIME TO START TRAINING for  
THE 2nd ANNUAL WALK-A-THON  
APRIL 29th, 2017  
[STARTS AT 8.00AM]

4 walks of 5km each led by NEIL PETERS  
[with a break in between each 5km lap]



Children's events at the church  
including a small obstacle course  
and races.

We might even come up with an  
event for those who use  
'walkers'!

Sausage Sizzle

Refreshments

Tea/Coffee

If you are unable to walk come along anyway and share in the fun  
and cheer the walkers along.

Bring your dog along to share in the walk

Join in and help raise money for School Chaplaincy at Glen  
Waverley Secondary College, and to support their breakfast  
program. Also some of the money raised will support Lynn Peters in  
her SRI teaching at four Primary Schools.

**LET'S MAKE THIS A FUN EVENT  
AND GIVE NEIL LOTS OF SUPPORT**

**THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL AGES  
TO SHARE TOGETHER.**



**Glen Waverley Uniting Church  
& The Body Shop at The Glen**  
are hosting



**Australia's  
BIGGEST  
MORNING  
TEA**

*Every cup counts in the fight against cancer*

**ALL donations to the Cancer Council  
Come along, bring your family and  
friends, enjoy morning tea together  
and support the Cancer Council  
ALL WELCOME**

**Where: Glen Waverley Uniting Church**

**When: Thursday 25th May 2017**

**Time: 10 am to 12 noon**

*Please add your name to the list on the Office  
Counter if you are planning to attend. Thank you*

## Inclusive Community Report

**Prayer Support Group:** If you have a prayer request and you don't want it placed in the prayer book, we do have a prayer support group. All requests for prayer are kept confidential and are only passed on to group members. We don't need to know why you are requesting prayer, just a name is fine. If you need more information, contact Heather or Wendy in the office, during office hours, or Jan on 0419 589 175.

**Club 2017** will meet as normal today.

**A Light Lunch** will be held on Sunday 9 April, after the 11am service. Food provided. Join us, in the fellowship area.

**Star Making Day:** We will have another star making session on Tuesday 18 April (after Easter) from 10.30 to about 12.30. Hub volunteers will help us and morning tea will be served. We hope that you can join us.

**Newcomers Welcome:** We are very pleased to have you joining us. We have been pleased to receive a transfer from Heathmont for Mary and Jim Ebsworthy. Please make yourself known to them. Our Newcomers are meeting together this afternoon.

**The Way of the Cross** will be held at Central Reserve at 11am on Good Friday. This event is organised by Glen Waverley Inter Church Council and we are represented on this council. Some of our members will be singing and presenting reflections. If you are free please join us.

**Pastoral Workshop:** We will be having a Pastoral Workshop on Sunday 30 April from 1.15pm-3.15pm. We will be inviting Pastoral partners and Pastoral Contact people but if you are interested in pastoral care and would like to join us, please let us know. We are asking people to bring their own lunches and we will provide tea, coffee and a treat.

**Munch With A Bunch** lunch will be held on Sunday 21 May in the hall.

Our next Inclusive Community Meeting will be held on Thursday 20 April at 2.30pm in Room 1. If you have suggestions for activities, please let us know.

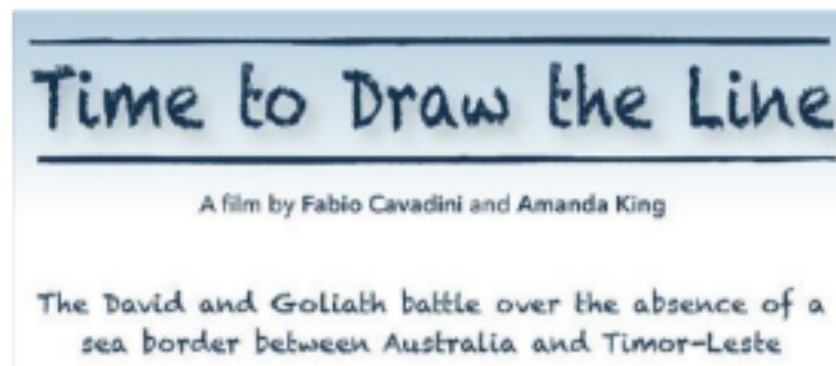
Jan Clear.

## Entertainment Books

We are again selling Entertainment Books to fundraise for our Youth and Young Adults programs. (It pays for extras like bus hire for SYG and helping to get us to NCYC).

Thank you so much to those who have already purchased a book and for everyone's ongoing support. You can order an entertainment book at [www.entertainment.com.au/orderbooks/189g572](http://www.entertainment.com.au/orderbooks/189g572) or you can get books from the Church Office. If you have ordered a book, please come in and collect it from the Church Office.

Thank you - Alanee.



Friends of Baguia is hosting a special one-time screening of the new film "Time To Draw the Line", Tuesday 2 May, 7pm at Palace Cinemas Como, South Yarra. This film presents the campaign for a fair go for East Timor and that nation's desire to settle its long running boundary dispute with Australia.

It is a great film to update yourself on this issue. Please come and join us!

To reserve your tickets, visit the Demand Film Event Page here: <https://tickets.demand.film/event/1539>

Or talk to Judy and Murray Lowe on 0407 501 855.



**SPECIAL SCREENING**

**5 PM, Saturday, 13 May 2017**

**St. John's Uniting Church,**

**37 Virginia Street,**

**Mount Waverley**

A film tribute to the people of West Papua and the director, Mark Worth

# LAND OF THE MORNING STAR

A light meal will be served before the film.  
Admission \$10 or a donation to the FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF WEST PAPUA.  
Contact: Faye 0402 85 3147  
Margery 9807 4084

## West Papua

We are invited to support the people of West Papua and to pray with them.

Jacob Rumbiak, the Foreign Affairs Minister of the Federal Republic of West Papua who resides in Melbourne, is currently visiting East Africa. The purpose of the trip is to engage the East Africa block of nations (Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Burundi, Rwanda) into supporting the Pacific Coalition for West Papua's quest to have West Papua reinserted on the UN Decolonisation List at the next General Assembly. Meetings have been arranged by African supporters with the Presidents of the five nations.

### Please support upcoming events.

On 20 March there will be a 5 STAR GREEN ENERGY tour of the Federal Republic of West Papua Office, 10 am to 12 noon followed by lunch by Dapur Sampari (Papua Kitchen). Suite 211/838 Collins St, Docklands (short walk from Southern Cross or tram stop 17)

WEST PAPUA OPEN DAY with lunch Saturday 22 April 1-3 pm (same address). Including book launch and guest speaker at the FRWP Office Docklands.

FILM SCREENING 'Land of Morning Star'. Come to this amazing documentary with original film footage of the story of West Papua. A remembrance of the director Mark Worth, journalist who suspiciously lost his life in 2004 just when the film was shown on the ABC. This impressive documentary will be shown at St John's Uniting Church 37 Virginia St, Mt Waverley on Saturday 13th May at 5pm. A light meal will be provided before screening. (Film 50 min). Cost 10 dollars or donation.

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