

UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA 21 November 2010



WELCOME TO GLEN WAVERLEY UNITING CHURCH

If you are new to our congregation please fill in a Visitor Card so we may have the privilege of contacting you. Cards are available at the door, at the end of the pews, and on the Welcoming Table in the Foyer.

Please make yourself known to one of our members and join us for a 'cuppa'.

Vision Statement:

GWUC is a faithful, Christ-centred community that meets God and shares that unconditional love.meet god@anytime.with.us

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SUNDAY 21 November 8.00 am	Pentecost 6 Peter Baker			
9.00 am	Rev Greg Fry/Rev Ineke Gyles Choir: 'All things bright and beautiful'			
11.00 am	Rev Greg Fry (Holy Communion)			
4.30 pm	4.30 Worship & Kids Church Rev Ineke Gyles			
7.00 pm	Worship Alanee Hearnshaw			
<u>Lectionary</u>	Jeremiah 23: 1-6, Luke 1: 68-79 Colossians 1: 11-20, Luke 23: 33-43			
SUNDAY 28 November	Advent 1			
10.00 am	Combined Service Worship Band			
11.00 am	Advent Event 'Ready, Set, Christmas'			

Please pick up your Advent Letter from the Foyer and if possible deliver to anyone who might be absent or ill.



Today's 'Thoughtful Flowers' are given by Shanta Mohinadeen in loving memory of her dear parents Fredrick & Dorothy Sri Ananda, and her two organ donors.

AIM TO BE THERE!!!!

A General Meeting of the Congregation will be held at 8.00 pm on Monday 22 November 2010 in the Worship Centre to consider goals for Ministry, and financial and other matters for 2011. This is a particularly important time in our ministry, so please plan to be there.

Minutes of the previous Congregation Meeting are available from the Stewards Table.

Graeme Frecker

Chairman of the Congregation



There will be a wiki and web training session for church users who wish to become more familiar with these tools and their use in our church life. It is to be held in Room 2 at 8.00 pm on Tuesday 23 November 2010. Please bring your own laptop if you have one - there will be a few available for those who do not.



John Hurst, Chair, Church Council



Adult Group

Friday 3 December 2010 at the Mulgrave Country Club, 6.30 for 7.00 pm



"Enjoy Food and Fellowship"

Carvery Buffet - \$30

Booking and payment by 21 November!

Contact: Pat/Ross 9780 2691, Bobbie 9803 0379, Graeme 9561 1370



Christmas Alight is coming...

This program is important in helping primary and preschool school aged children of Glen Waverley and surrounding areas understand the REAL reason for Christmas, and being involved is a rewarding way to spread the word about Jesus

We are in need of assistance with craft and games groups, morning tea, and registrations. We also need budding actors and musicians!

If you are able to **help us** to continue with the tradition of excellence that Christmas Alight has established, **please** put your name on the lists in the foyer. We ask for your help from around 9.30 am-12 noon on Monday 20 December, and 9.30 am-1.00 pm on Tuesday the 21st (there is a BBQ lunch provided on Tuesday!) - on one or both of these days.

No experience necessary, although you do need a valid Working With Children Check.

Many, many thanks for your support,

Belinda Chung

0417 595 599

Flower Roster



As 2011 approaches, new Rosters must be prepared.

A regular and beautiful part of each week's worship is the flower arrangements that are prepared by volunteers.

Do YOU love flowers and would consider joining the Roster? Lessons can be arranged to inspire and assist you.

We desperately need some YOUNGER members of our church family to volunteer, as some older members are no longer available. You would be asked to take 4 turns each year, and money for the flowers is provided.

Please contact Margaret Frecker on 9560 4849 to have a chat about this and what it entails.

Blair Update

Blair (6) has now returned to his school having made a good recovery from the brain injury he had sustained in a fall.

Blair's parents, Uniting Care Community Options and the GWUC Welfare Committee sincerely thank people in our congregation who provided support in so many ways.

Donations made in excess of that required during Blair's hospitalization will be directed towards his special educational needs.

Dorothy Lockhart, Welfare Committee

It has been brought to my attention that members of our church may wish to buy a 'Baby Box' as a gift for a friend or family member at an appropriate cost of \$25.

I am happy to do this, so please see Wendy and she will give you my details and then we can discuss your individual requirements for the 'Baby Box'.

Thanks always to my friends who help with the contents of my boxes. Any monies received will be used towards the provision of other 'Baby Boxes'. Fay Schroeter

Glen Waverley Uniting Church Book Club

Recently the Club unfortunately lost some men from amongst its members. In order to maintain a balance in the mixed membership, men are invited to join the Club which meets monthly on the first Wednesday at 8.00 pm. At this meeting, a book on loan, selected and read by the 15 members, is discussed, followed by a light supper.

Further information may be obtained by telephoning John Boucher 9560 8183, or Don Reid 9802 4609.

LOST PROPERTY!!!!!

Please check the 'Lost Property' Box in front of the Office to see whether anything belongs to you (or a friend).

Any articles not claimed will either be sent to Broadmeadows or thrown out.

DIARY DATES 2010

(Legend: R1-Room 1, R2-Room 2, R3-Room 3, R4-Room 4,

K-Kitchen, F-Fellowship Area, C-Church, H-Hall, V-Vestry, O-Outside Venue)

Monday 22 November

10.00 am Play Group R2 & 3

10.30 am Leisure Time R1, F & K

8.00 pm Congregation Meeting C

8.00 pm No Meditation Group O (this week only) (Contact: Bobbie Rooks 9803 0379)

8.00 pm Badminton H (Contact: Ian McMillan 9803 1813)

8.00 pm Young Adult Group O (Contact: Helen Boucher 8819 3714)

Tuesday 23 November

9.00 am Tennis - Ladies Social O (Contact: Eileen Scott 9800 4005)

10.00 am Play Group R2 & 3

10.00 am-2.00 pm Community Hub F Everyone welcome. Pop in for a cuppa and chat.

We'd love to see YOU! (Roster: Margaret & Graeme Frecker.

Barbara Thompson, Alison Barr)

8.00 pm Deo Volente R1

8.00 pm Encounter O (Contact: Lois Hosking 9560 1981)

Wednesday 24 November

10.00 am Play Group R2 & 3

8.00 pm WIKI Training Session R2

8.00 pm Young Adult Group O (Contact: Alanee Hearnshaw 0402 030 342)

8.00 pm Free Spirit C (Contact: Deb Leigh 0411 778 417)

Thursday 25 November

9.45 am Ladies Fitness Class H

10.00 am-2.00 pm Community Hub F Everyone welcome. Pop in for a cuppa and chat.

We'd love to see YOU! (Roster: Ross & Kaye Mackinnon

Judith Greenwood, David Morgan)

7.00 pm Band R3

8.00 pm Choir C (Contact: Barbara Hurst 9803 9346)

8.00 pm Badminton H (Contact: Ian McMillan 9803 1813)

Friday 26 November

10.00 am Ineke's Friday Morning Group R2

11.30 am Cooee Come along for a cuppa/chat/lunch/scrabble. BYO lunch.

Tea, coffee and biscuits provided. (Contact: Ailsa Stewart 9802 3229)

5.30 pm Uthies: 'Beach fun in the sun'

7.00 pm Youth: Bowling @ Knox Bowl \$17

Saturday 27 November

12.00 noon Elders & Church Council BBQ Lunch at Hastings

1.00 pm Social Tennis O (Contact: Graeme Pratt 9560 7991)

6.30 pm Chinese Church R1 & K

Sunday 28 November

9.00 am Kids Church Roster: Rebecca & Judith

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K-Kitchen, F-Fellowship Area, C-Church, H-Hall, V-Vestry, O-Outside Venue)

Monday 29 November

10.00 am Play Group R2 & 3 10.30 am Leisure Time Outing

8.00 pm Meditation Group O (Contact: Bobbie Rooks 9803 0379)

8.00 pm Badminton H (Contact: Ian McMillan 9803 1813)
8.00 pm Young Adult Group O (Contact: Helen Boucher 8819 3714)

Tuesday 30 November

9.00 am Tennis - Ladies Social O (Contact: Eileen Scott 9800 4005)

10.00 am UCAF Executive V 10.00 am Play Group R2 & 3

10.00 am-2.00 pm Community Hub F Everyone welcome. Pop in for a cuppa and

chat. We'd love to see YOU! (Roster: Pamela McDonald, Doug Newberry,

Shirley Miller, Gwen Stone)

8.00 pm Deo Volente R1

Wednesday 1 December

10.00 am Playgroup R2 & 3

8.00 pm Young Adult Group O (Contact: Alanee Hearnshaw 0402 030 342)

8.00 pm Free Spirit C (Contact: Deb Leigh 0411 778 417)

8.00 pm Book Club O will meet at the home of Graeme & Dorothy Lockhart,

30 Winston Street Glen Waverley 9802 8461. Dinner will commence at 6.30 pm

preceding meeting.

Thursday 2 December

9.45 am Ladies Fitness Group H

10.00 am-2.00 pm Community Hub F Everyone welcome. Pop in for a cuppa and

chat. We'd love to see YOU! (Roster: Merle Robinson, David Morgan

Sue Morgan, Geraldine Fleming)

7.30 pm Band Practice R3

8.00 pm Choir C (Contact: Barbara Hurst 9803 9346) **8.00 pm Badminton H** (Contact: Ian McMillan 9803 1813)

Friday 3 December

10.00 am Ineke's Friday Morning Group R2

11.30 am Cooee Come along for a cuppa/chat/lunch/scrabble. BYO lunch.

Tea, coffee and biscuits provided. (Contact: Ailsa Stewart 9802 3229)

7.00 pm Youth: Small Groups (\$2)

Saturday 4 December

11.00 am Wedding

1.00 pm Social Tennis O (Contact: Graeme Pratt 9560 7991)

6.30 pm Chinese Church R1 & K

Sunday 5 December

9.00 am Kids Church Roster: Rebecca & Kerryn

Leisure Time Volunteers

Please pick up your Envelope from the table in the Foyer and Newsletter from the letter rack. Thank you!

Progress (core budget only)		Ministries & mission programs expenditure (rounded to nearest \$100)		Giving, fund raising, rent & other income (rounded to nearest \$100)	
as at		budget	actual	budget	actual
31 July 30 September Aug & Sept	yr to date yr to date 2 months	\$276,800 \$305,800	\$223,000 \$277,100 \$54,100	\$235,700 \$303,000	\$251,300 \$346,400 \$95,100



Retirement of Rev Ineke Gyles

The time has come! Our loss is Tom's gain. We will say farewell to Ineke at her final service on 30 January 2011. This service will be at 10.00 am followed by some 'Farewell Fun'.

<u>MEMORY BOOK</u> - as is the tradition at GWUC, we will make a Memory Book for Ineke and your contribution to this book is welcomed. Please take a page (or 2) from the box on the Office Counter and return it to Fay Wagon, Graeme Frecker (or the Church Office) when completed.

There will be other things happening - watch the Bulletin for further details.

<u>GIFT</u> - We want to recognise and thank Ineke for all that she has given to our Church Family, and welcome your contribution to a gift for her. Please leave with Faye Wagon, Graeme Frecker, or the Church Office.



Want to feel good once a month????

Join a winning team!

There are vacancies in our Leisure Time Team, especially serving meals to our guests. This is a wonderful chance to experience enjoyment and satisfaction as you bring pleasure to others in our community.

You need to be available only one Monday morning each month.

Fill out a Volunteer Form (outside the Office window), drop it in the Volunteer Box, and look forward to a rewarding year. Or talk to Margaret Fraser, Pam McDonald or Elwyn Pederson for more information.

Dog to the World



Christmas Cards

now available from the Office.

Usual great assortment and supporting * Orana

* Ryder-Cheshire Foundation * Share

* Strathdon.

Shanta Mohinadeen would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank the Ministry Team and Church Family for their incredible care and prayer support extended to herself and her husband lkram which has immensely sustained them during the long, difficult and challenging period of their lives.





SUPPORTIVE CARE LINK SERVICE

Please contact **Laurel Muir 9560 1518** if you are aware of people needing the support provided through our Care Link Service.

GWUC Pastoral Team

The Pastoral Team was commissioned on Sunday 7 November. You will see them around helping the Ministry Team with pastoral care of the congregation. The team members are:

Beverly McGlead, Jan Clear, John Pooley, Jonathon Chong, Heather Hon, Jenny Vass, Pam Graham, Margaret Allan, Gail Irvine.

Role Description for the Pastoral Team:

- Assist the Ministry Team with pastoral situations that arise in the congregation.
- * At times be the first point of contact with pastoral issues.
- Meet monthly with the Ministry Team.
- * Undergo training in pastoral care.
- * Be commissioned for the role.
- * Have name badges so that they can be identified in the role.
- * This role is distinct from the Pastoral Visitors, who have a group of people they care for.
- * Personal information will only be shared with the Ministry Team as appropriate.
- Have a current Police Check.

ROSTERS - 2010

BIBLE READERS

November 21 9.00 am Jit Tan

> 11.00 am David Jackson

Graeme Frecker November 28 10.00 am

DOOR STEWARDS

November 21 9.00 am Jan Clear, George & Jenny Abraham

> 11.00 am Colin Yates. Mike Patterson

November 28 10.00 am John & Laurel Muir, Margaret Williams

ELDERS - COMMUNION STEWARDS

November 21 8.00 am Ian McMillan

> 11.00 am Herb Fleming, Shirley Harding, Bev Richardson

ELDERS DOOR VESTRY November 21 9.00 am Marjorie Bedford, Judy Lowe Alan Barnard

> 11.00 am Peter Barr, Graeme Frecker Joy Jackson

November 28 10.00 am Lois Hosking, Glenn Laub Geraldine Fleming

FINANCE STEWARDS

November 21 Neil & Fiona Leister 9.00 am 11.00 am Lou Joseph, Carmel Stork

November 28 10.00 am Peter Claridge, Winnie McGregor

FLOWERS

November 21 Shanta Mohinadeen

November 28 Anna Yeo

MORNING TEA

November 21 Rewa Feenaghty, Pam Graham, Lynne Boyer November 28 Jan Balson, Lindsay & Bev Brown, Pam Bunney

ORGANISTS

November 21 8.00 am Julie Trewin

9.00 am Robert Fleming

11.00 am **David Williams**

WELCOME TABLE

November 21 John & Frances La Fontaine November 28 Jan Clear, Judith Greenwood

CHOIR INFORMATION: http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/ChoirPage or phone 9803 9346

CLEANING - 27 November 2010

Area 1: Walter & Alex Skilton Area 2: Chris Krahn, Michael Patterson Area 3: David Simpson, Doug Newberry Lawns: Wolfgang Haala, Peter Swain

Breakfast, Morning Tea and Worship with the Moderator Sunday 5 December we are celebrating the visit of the Moderator to Glen Waverley Uniting Church.

You are invited to join us for breakfast, morning tea and combined morning worship at 11.00am with the Moderator of the Victorian and Tasmanian Synod, Isabel Thomas Dobson. There will be a Luncheon after the Service. Please bring a plate to share.



Breakfast will be available from 8.30am, followed by a morning tea for those who cannot make this early start. This will then give you an opportunity to join us at 11.00am to hear and worship with Isabel. Isabel believes every Christian is called to active discipleship, to live in ways which help others know God and to bring God's love and justice to all people and to all creation. Isabel longs for Uniting Church members to live out their faith with passion and confidence, and being willing to let go of old ways which are no longer serving us well.

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ALANEE HEARNSHAW ph: 0402 030 342

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Church Family Christmas Lunch



An invitation to all members of the Church Family, young and old, to a sit down Christmas meal together in the hall.



Sunday 12th December 2010 12.30pm to 2.00pm



The meal will consist of chicken (1/4 for adults an 1/8 for children) with potato, vegetables, gravy, dessert, soft drink, tea or coffee.



Bookings are essential as seating is limited.

Please fill in the form below and return to

Judith & Warren Greenwood, Laurel & John Muir,

or the church office by Sunday 5th December.

Any queries please call 98038373

Cost Adults \$10 & Children (Primary School) \$5

Church Family Christmas Lunch

Sunday 12th December 2010 - 12.30pm to 2.00pm

Family Name	
No. of Adults No. of Children	• •
Total money enclosed \$	

Please fill in this form and return it with your money to Warren & Judith Greenwood, Laurel & John Muir or the church office by Sunday 5th December.

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH GROUP – November 2010 Asylum Seeker Support

We are delighted to see the government commitment to move families with children out of detention. Hotham Mission ASP is part of the government working group facilitating this.

A petition to Federal Parliament asking for legislation protecting those who fall outside the UN Refugee Conventions is available for signing out side the office. It seeks to prevent people being returned to dangerous circumstances.

Hotham Mission ASP has again called for assistance in being able to offer their clients a gift (of something **new**) for Christmas, so they too can share the joy of this season. They have some specific suggestions: movie vouchers, lip gloss, nail polish, store vouchers (Target, Sportsgirl, Cotton On, Supre, JB Hi Fi etc), cd/dvd vouchers, sporting clothing, aftershave/shaving cream, USB memory sticks. Any donations need to be left at the office in the labelled box, by Tuesday December 14, so we can deliver them to Hotham in time for distribution.

The asylum seekers currently living in our manse will be shifting to other accommodation during the next month, so that GWUC can prepare for our new minister.

Kenya Outreach Group

Copies of the Africa 2009-2010 book are still available; see Rebecca & Peter in the foyer after the 9am services OR Wendy in the office during the week.

If you would like to make a direct donation to the Group's work this coming summer season, you can pay directly to their account BPay 50179, Account # 4215 2900 0181 3716. or see Kat Mann or Alanee Hearnshaw

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Community of Faith Report - November 2010

The popular Alpha course was held in GWUC in August in the home of Greg and Judy.

20 members and friends attended these 15 weeks sessions which included an Alpha weekend in Hastings, in the home of the Fry's

How well was the course received?

Here are the evaluations of some of the participants:

I find the Alpha course gives everyone who attended the sessions a good, clear and real view of the following questions:

Where does one find God?
One can find Him in the lives of each one of us.

How does God work his miracles to us today? He does in the shared individual testimonies - the experience, in prayers answered and in the change and the awareness of God's ways in our lives.

Most of the examples given by Nikki are "down to earth" truth hence making the sessions interesting.

Shalom! Jonathan

The Alpha Course has done me a lot of good. It has taught me to look at the Bible and Christianity in a different light. The simple but normal questions we ask concerning our Christian faith seem to reach our hearts and minds in more approachable answers in this modern and complicating world that we now live in. The Bible has been written decades ago and some of the things written do not apply comfortably in our time. In a big church surrounding we seldom talk or even smile and wish each other especially in the western society. Those who have problems making friends will often feel lonely and left out. In smaller groups of Bible Studies like this one we get to know each other better and will definitely wish each other in church or elsewhere when we meet again. I would like to attend short courses like this one in the future have been in this church. **Anna**

Just realised I have to make a short comment on the Alpha course and its benefits to me. On the whole I think the Alpha course is a very basic but very effective and inspirational approach to the teaching and understanding of the Christian faith.

The benefits to me are:

- an increased awareness of God's presence in my life
- it makes me stronger in faith
- increased desire to read the bible
- opportunity for fellowship with church members. Phing

The Alpha course helps to sustain and reinforce one's faith journey. There was an opportunity for fellowship and for study of the bible. **Susan**

By preaching in everyday language that's easy to understand, and with humour and an interesting approach, Nicky Gumbel has put God's words in a nutshell. In an informal atmosphere, while enjoying a meal, the fellowship we experience is enriching. We're able to connect and express our views on many diverse topics. As we share, we encourage each other to grow in faith. **Anita**

Alpha invites us to commence a Christian journey and to be continually recommencing the journey through a new awareness of God.

We all have different ways of seeing the road ahead, we have gained a lot from hearing each other's view of the way.

Prayer is important...praying for others and the healing process.

Expressing, through prayer, gratitude for each day and the life we enjoy.

God gives us awareness of other people and their needs.

Having consciousness of God enhances the spiritual gifts.

The process of forgiveness allows forgiveness of others and of ourselves.

God's acceptance of us allows us to accept the shortcomings of others and ourselves.

While God does not prevent pain and suffering our spiritual gifts causes us to share the suffering of those around us.

The "Word of God" leads our spiritual growth.

Jesus knocks on the door but we must open it from inside. Colin

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

Last Monday evening one hundred members met and agreed unanimously to invite Rev. Rosemary Carter to join the ministry team at Glen Waverley. Rosemary will conclude her chaplaincy at Uniting Care Moreland Hall shortly and expects to begin her ministry with us on 1st February 2011.



Rosemary's husband Rev. David Carter ministers at Glen Iris Uniting Church. They have two adult children.

Rosemary has degrees in Theology and Social Work and is a registered nurse. Rosemary was ordained in 1996, after which she had two team ministry placements in Adelaide, South Australia.

During that time Rosemary was involved with the SA Council of Churches and the Synod of SA Social Justice Commission.

An office-bearer from a previous congregation said of Rev. Carter that "She places high importance on the preparation and delivery of worship, and she can lead both innovative and traditional styles. A strength is her pastoral leadership — she attends to people. Rosemary is a team player. She is consultative and works for consensus decisions."

Rev Carter told the Joint Nominating Committee that her relationship with God is central – she has confidence that she is loved, accepted and free. She believes that through the life and ministry of Jesus we see how to act and respond in ways that express God's love in the world, and is convinced that the Spirit witnesses through the prophets, Jesus and all people of faith throughout the ages.

We welcome Rosemary as she joins Greg and Alanee in team ministry and, with them, leads us in mission and service to the people of Glen Waverley.

Sunday 28th November 11am-2pm

Ready, Set...Christmas

FREE FREE FREE FREE FREE

Come along & help us start the Christmas countdown to Christmas!



Sunday 28th Nov 11am - 2pm

AT: Glen Waverley
Uniting Church
Cnr Bogong Ave and
Kingsway Glen
Waverley.

FREE:
Sausage sizzle
Tea, coffee, cordial,
cakes
Jumping Castle
Face painting
Games and activities
Live music

Sausage Sizzle





Special appearances by A1 & A2 our Christmas angels......
Under 5's come dressed as an angel & receive a special prize!



For more information Contact

Debbie Davey 0409 798 496

ELECTION OF CHURCH COUNCILLORS

UCA Regulations require the Congregation to form a Church Council "to build up the Congregation in faith and love, sustain members in hope, and lead the Congregation to a fuller participation in Christ's mission in the world."

Our Council is comprised by twenty-five elected members and our ministers ex officio. The term of office is from one year up to five years as the candidate decides. At the moment there are seven vacant positions on the Council.

Belinda Clear, John Muir, Belinda Chung, Geraldine Fleming, Meagan Lowe, Bev Richardson and Jit Tan have all been nominated for election to the Council. We thank them for their willingness to serve the church in this way.

The election to approve these seven members as Church Councillors will be held following all worship services on 28 November 2010. UCA Regulations require that each of the candidates must be approved by a majority of the members who vote in the election.

Graeme Frecker Chairman of the Congregation