



Uniting Church in Australia
Glen Waverley Congregation
Monthly Bulletin – November 2011



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

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| 12 November: | 7.30 pm | 'Fun Night Fundraiser for Kenya' |
| 21 November: | 8.00 pm | Congregational Meeting
(including Church Council Elections) |
| 27 November: | 10.00 am | 20th Birthday of our Building
Luncheon following Combined Worship |
| 1 December: | 10.30 am | The Hub Special Morning Tea
(Church was opened on 1 December 1991) |
| 24 December: | 7.00 pm
11.00 pm | Family Christmas Eve Service
Christmas Eve Service |
| 25 December: | 8.30 am
10.00 am | Christmas Day Service
Christmas Day Service |



GWUC Year 12 Exams

Please pray for our Year 12 students as they prepare for their final exams and apply for tertiary education.

3 November:

English - Aaron Blakemore, Alec Dart, Tamsin Peters

Further Mathematics - Aaron Blakemore, Alec Dart, Tamsin Peters, Matthew Yates

7 November:

Further Mathematics - Aaron Blakemore, Alec Dart, Tamsin Peters, Matthew Yates

Psychology - Will Donnelly

8 November:

Mathematical Methods - Alec Dart, Matthew Yates

9 November:

Mathematical Methods - Alec Dart, Matthew Yates

10 November:

Literature - Tamsin Peters

11 November:

Drama - Will Donnelly

Accounting - Matthew Yates

15 November:

Physics - Alec Dart, Matthew Yates

16 November:

Music Performance - Aaron Blakemore, Will Donnelly, Tamsin Peters

Visual Communication and Design - Aaron Blakemore

17 November:

English Language - Will Donnelly, Matthew Yates

Thoughtful Flowers for 2012

If you would like to book “Thoughtful Flowers” in memory of a loved one,
or to commemorate a special occasion,
please contact the Church Office on 9560 3580.



COMMUNITY HUB

Our special morning tea for Seniors' Week was a great morning with over 70 people attending. There was a lot of talking amongst old friends and new acquaintances. The surprise entertainment by Alan and Max was enjoyed by all. Thank you to Alan, Max, The Hub volunteers and others who helped to make the morning such a success.

November and December are going to be busy months at The Hub.

Thursday November 17th – The Munch with a Bunch group are coming to The Hub for morning tea. Other people are also welcome to come this day.

Tuesday November 29th – Help your children or grandchildren to remember the real reason we celebrate Christmas. Come along to The Hub and let them dress up, be a part of the nativity story, and have their photo taken. Dress ups will be available to use for Mary, Joseph, shepherds, wise men and angels. Photos taken on this day between 10am and 2pm will be available for collection on Tuesday December 6th.

Thursday December 1st – Come and enjoy special cake for morning tea at The Hub celebrating the 20th anniversary of the opening of the church buildings.

Tuesday December 6th – Nativity photos to be collected.

Tuesday December 6th and Thursday December 8th - We will have Christmas cake and shortbread available to have with a cuppa at The Hub.

Next year we would love to be able to operate The Hub on a Wednesday as well as continuing on a Tuesday and a Thursday. To enable us to do this, we need volunteers who can help on a Wednesday, either from 10am – 12noon or 12noon – 2pm.

Will you help?

If you are able to welcome and show hospitality to the people who come into our church we would love to hear from you. We have a particular need in 2012 for Wednesday helpers.

Want to know more about The Hub?

Please contact Judith 98030373.

The Hub is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 10am - 2pm until December 8th this year. You are always welcome to drop in for a cuppa and a biscuit. We would love to see you.

Being a part of The Hub is one way that we can show God's love to the people in our community.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH GROUP

See our ever changing Notice Board for:-

- Outcomes of COP 2010 Grants:
- A newsletter from Cheryl
- Judy & Murray Lowe's visit to Baguia, East Timor
- Bobbie Rooks & Graeme Schober's visit to Ermera, East Timor
- Next Habitat's "Brush with Kindness" date
- Act for Peace / Christmas Bowl Information

Also, make sure you read the information on the Kenya Visit and support the 2011 team making this trip in December.

Lyn McDonald - 9560 9798

20th Birthday Special Celebration

When: Saturday 27 November at 10.00 am

Why: We have been worshipping in this building for 20 years

Service: Combined Worship. Guest Preacher Rev David Pargeter
(Commissioner for Mission Executive Director)
Uniting Voices will sing.

Lunch: Spit roast. \$20 for adults. \$5 for children.

Tickets: Tickets need to be purchased for lunch.

These will be on sale between services on 6 November, 13 November and 20 November. Tickets also available at the office.

Tickets must be purchased by 20 November for catering purposes.

Enquiries: Church Office 9560 3580

Come along and enjoy the celebrations!



Inclusive Community Report - October 2011.

We have had a busy month but we are looking forward to some special events that are coming up in the next few weeks.

Our “Munch with a Bunch” lunch was held on Sunday 23rd October at the RSL. Thirty-two people attended the lunch, which was great. If you have suggestions for lunch venues in 2012, please let us know.

The Community Hub and Inclusive Community committees organised the combined service and lunch on Sunday 30th October. We all enjoyed this special service and were glad that some people had time to eat lunch and share together, including our guest preacher, Rev. Hoon You and his family. Thank you everyone who provided food and/or took part in the service, in some way. Your contributions were greatly appreciated.

On Thursday 17th November, we will have morning tea at the Hub. We hope that you will join us. We have had many lovely morning teas at the Hub this year and we are looking forward to this one. This will be our last “Munch with a Bunch” function for this year. Wednesday morning teas haven’t been very successful. We would love you to give us some feedback about the best days for you. (We will be preparing the program for 2012, early in the new year.)

I would like to thank Angel Shea for translating our Welcome brochure into Chinese. There is a copy on the Inclusive Community notice board and some brochures in the rack on the Welcome Table.

On 27th November, we will celebrate the 20th birthday of our building. There will be a combined service at 10am and a spit roast lunch afterwards. Please note that we will be selling tickets for the lunch (\$20 for adults and \$5 for children) from 30th October and you must have a ticket to get lunch, on the 27th.

We will be preparing displays on Wednesday 9th November so please leave any photos, at the office, before that date.

There will also be a special morning tea at The Hub. Join with us Thursday 1st December at 10.30am for this morning tea.

(The first service in this building was on Sunday 1st December 1991.)

Jan Clear.

Fun Night

**Fundraiser for Kenya
Saturday 12 November, 7:30pm
Glen Waverley Uniting Church Hall**

**Families, young & old, singles, etc
all welcome.**

**No experience necessary.
Supper provided.**

Adults \$10 each, Families \$25



**All funds raised support the Kenya project
including food hampers,
school supplies and school shoes**



Our Christmas Gift

On Saturday 10 December, commencing at 7.00 pm at the Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre, The Salvation Army in partnership with The City of Melbourne are presenting “***Our Christmas Gift***”. It is a Christmas spectacular for the whole family.

You have the opportunity to attend this *free concert*. Make sure you pass the invite on to your friends and family members.

Make sure you watch the movie clip!

<http://www.salvationarmy.org.au/corps-info--and--resources/our-christmas-gift.html>

Tickets are free, however they are allocated seats which need to be booked online from 1st November.

Church Family Christmas Lunch



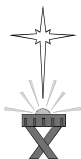
An invitation to all members of the Church Family, young and old, to a sit down Christmas meal together in the hall.



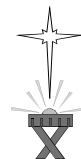
Sunday 11th December 2011

12.30pm to 2.00pm

The meal will consist of chicken (1/4 for adults and 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 4th December.
Any queries please call 98038373



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

Church Family Christmas Lunch

Sunday 11th December 2011 - 12.30pm to 2.00pm

Family Name -

Telephone No. -

No. of Adults - No. of Children -

Any special dietary needs? E.g. vegetarian, gluten free

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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 4th December.

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

PREACHING PLAN: December 2011

	December 4	December 11	December 18	December 24	December 25
TIME					
8:00am	Words of Comfort Rev Rosemary Carter	Hope Restored Ross MacKinnon	God with Us Rev Rosemary Carter	Sing with Joy	Sing with Joy
9:30am	Rev Greg Fry (Holy Communion) Worship Planning Team: Dean Mann & Belinda Clear	Rev Rosemary Carter Free Spirit Worship Planning Team: Warren & Judith Greenwood	Rev Greg Fry Worship Planning Team: Mirini Lang & Jan Clear		8:30 am Rev Greg Fry Free Spirit
11:00am	Rev Rosemary Carter	Seniors' Service Holy Communion Rev Greg Fry & Alison Clarkson Church Lunch	Rev Rosemary Carter Lessons & Carols Uniting Voices		10:00 am Rev Rosemary Carter Uniting Voices
4:30 pm	Rev Greg Fry	Rev Rosemary Carter	Rev Greg Fry		
7:00 pm	Alanee Hearnshaw	7:30 pm: All Age Carols		7pm: Greg Fry 11pm: Alanee Hearnshaw	
	Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 2 Peter 3:8-15a Mark 1:1-8	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 Psalm 126 or Luke 1:47-55 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 Luke 1:47-55 or Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38		Psalms 98 Isaiah 52:7-10 Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12) John 1:1-14