



Glen Waverley

Uniting Church

Welcome

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

SUNDAY PREACHING PLAN - August 2013

Time	August 4 Pentecost 11	August 11 Pentecost 12	August 18 Pentecost 13	August 25 Pentecost 14
8.00 am	Sharonne Price Ross Mackinnon Communion	David Spitteler Robin Pope / A Hearnshaw Communion	Lois Hosking Paul Bartlett Communion	Belinda Clear
9.15 am	Sharonne Price A Hearnshaw / A Clarkson Communion	David Spitteler Robin Pope / A Hearnshaw	Paul Bartlett Warren Bartlett	10am Combined Service Warren Bartlett Alison Clarkson
11.00 am	Sharonne Price Warren Bartlett	David Spitteler Robin Pope / A Hearnshaw	Paul Bartlett Warren Bartlett Communion	
2.30 pm	-	Senior Service Alison Clarkson	-	-
4.30 pm	Belinda Clear	Belinda Clear	Belinda Clear	Belinda Clear
7.00 pm	Alanee Hearnshaw	David Spitteler Alanee Hearnshaw	Youth & Young Adults	Youth & Young Adults
Lectionary	Hosea 11:1-11 Psalm 107:1-9, 43 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21	Isaiah 1:1,10-20 Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40	Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm, 80:1-2, 8-19 Hebrews 11:29- 12:2 Luke 12:49-56	Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6 Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17
Liturgical Colour	Green	Green	Green	Green

JULY

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

14 July	<i>12 noon</i>	Munch with a Bunch Lunch
21 July	<i>2 pm</i>	Exploring the role of Church Council
28 July	<i>12 noon</i>	Inclusive Community Morning Tea

AUGUST

2-4 August	<i>Various</i>	Pastoral Partners Weekend
11 August	<i>2.30 pm</i>	Senior Service
25 August	<i>2 pm</i>	An Afternoon With Free Spirit
29 August	<i>10 am</i>	Muffin Morning Tea



September NewView

Our next issue of NewView will be in September, but we need you to start thinking about it now! Our theme will be 'Your Story Must Be Told' and we look forward to hearing the varied and interesting stories people in our community have - but are probably unknown to most of us.

We hope that you will either:

1. tell us the names of those whose story you would like to know about (young people, older people), or
2. interview that person and send us the story to publish.

You might try a brief biography covering some (or all) of the following:

- where the person comes from and where educated;
- who/what have been the greatest influences on that person;
- what work the person has done and/or is currently doing;
- what interests the person has;
- how/why the person came to GWUC, and what involvement occurs here;
- where and why this person feels inspired to be engaged - what values are held;
- what this person hopes for personally and in GWUC's future directions.

If you can fit all this into about 500 words that would be great!

If you don't feel confident about writing this up yourself, let me know the name of the person whose story you would like to know about and I will try to organise a biographer for them. And if you would like to help with the writing, that would be fantastic! Contact Robin Pope after July 20 at popesr@aapt.net.au or Ph 9561 7021 so we can organise details.

Wiki Help

Did you know that you can find out any church member's email address (if they have one) from the wiki? To find our Barbara Hurst's email address, for example, just go to <http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/BarbHurst> Change BarbHurst to the name of the person you want.

GLEN WAVERLEY UNITING CHURCH

Presents

AN AFTERNOON WITH FREE SPIRIT



*Featuring contemporary,
sacred & secular music, jazz and
new comedy not to be missed!*

Sunday 25th August 2013

2:00pm

Glen Waverley Uniting Church

Corner Kingsway & Bogong Avenue, Glen Waverley 3150

Admission \$15.00 / \$12 concession

includes Afternoon Tea

**Tickets available from Church Office 03 9560 3580
or Vida (0411 246 254)**

Proceeds support our Church Programme & Activities

Inclusive Community

Morning Tea after the 11am service. We will provide morning tea after the 11 am service on Sunday 28 July.

Munch with a Bunch lunch will be held next Sunday, 14 July at the RSL. Please return your forms and money to Heather in the office by Wednesday July 10.

Pastoral Partners.

The Pastoral Team has been thinking about implementing the Pastoral Partners program for quite a while. This program was started by Sharonne Price (S.A. Synod) several years ago and is running successfully in many parishes throughout Australia. The congregation would be put into clusters consisting of 5 units (single people, families, youth, young adults) and a pastoral partner would look out for those in the cluster. There will be training for the people who offer to be pastoral partners. The program will not replace groups like F.I.S.H. and Adult Groups that are running at present.

We have invited Sharonne to visit us on the weekend of 2, 3 and 4 August. She will meet with the Ministry Team and Pastoral Team on Friday evening and people who may become pastoral partners on Saturday. She will also speak at morning services on 4 August and we will ask people from 4.30pm and 7pm to attend morning services.

If you are asked to attend the meetings on Saturday and to think about being a pastoral partner, please do not say “No” immediately. Attend the activities on Saturday and make a decision after we have heard Sharonne. (Enquiries Jan Clear)

“Impressions of Spring” Concert will be held at Glen Waverley Anglican Church at 2pm on Sunday 13 October. We are working with GWAC to organise this special event (one of Seniors’ month activities). There will be items and afternoon tea following the concert. More details later.

Organ Fund

Thanks to several recent donations, the Fund now stands at over \$13,300. Further donations can be accepted any time.

ASYLUM SEEKERS - FACTS V RHETORIC!

High Street Road Uniting Church

Tuesday July 30 at 8pm

Genuine facts and figures from Prof. Andrew Markus (Monash University) and Faris Mallouhi (LaTrobe University)

Speakers:

Andrew Markus heads the Scanlon Foundation research project at Monash University which deals with factual information about refugees and asylum seekers.

Faris Mallouhi is manager of the Centre for Dialogue, at La Trobe University and is intimately acquainted with the legal rights and obligations of asylum seekers, refugees and host governments.

Format:

The forum will be chaired by Dr. Paul Kirton and each speaker’s presentation will run for about 20 minutes followed by time for questions and answers.

There will be further time for informal discussion over tea and biscuits to conclude the program.

Venue:

The church is located at 482 High Street Road (cnr. Stewart St., Mel. 61, G12), is wheel-chair accessible and the event is open to all comers. Vehicular access to off-street parking is from High St. Rd – exit from rear of property to Stewart St.

A retiring donation will assist in defraying expenses

Congregational Meeting - Steering Committee Recommendations

On Monday night (1 Jul), the Congregation by agreement adopted the 9 recommendations from the Church Future Directions Steering Committee. These recommendations appear below.

The Steering Committee is excited by these new directions, but we don't want them to be called the "New Structures" or "Future Directions". They are indeed a step on our journey forward, but the philosophy behind them (particularly recommendations 1 & 2) is that we see our church as one that is based in loving and serving. The Steering Committee wants to characterize such an intentional reorientation with our own terminology, so we suggest it be called our "SALT pilgrimage". Why SALT? It stands for Serving And Loving Together, and reflects Jesus' parable about being the "salt of the earth".

You will hear a lot more about SALT in coming monthly bulletins as we work our way through implementing the decisions of the congregation. If you are interested in contributing your thoughts, let us hear them - both retrospective and prospective. But for now, let's put a human face on our vision. Here are some thoughts from two of the members of the Steering Committee, Belinda Chung and Mark Easton about the human hurts and hopes that we all share, even when our perspectives are different. We are the servants of Christ, after all.

John Hurst.

To me, Church should be a place where people love and support each other, where members look after each other in times of need and are able to discuss joys and concerns (large and small) in an open and safe way. I want my children to grow up in a such an environment - for their faith in God and in community to grow hand in hand in a trusting and kind place.

I believe that the proposals accepted by the congregation are a step in the right direction to ensuring that GWUC becomes this place - a baby step - as it is up to each one of us to become **more** loving, **more** trusting and **more** trustworthy. Many of us identify ourselves as loving, supporting people, but ALL of us need to be on the lookout to help and support each other to continue to grow in love for all. I am excited, and believe that my vision of Church is on track to becoming our reality at GWUC.

Thanks - Belinda Chung.

Change is always challenging particularly when the old ways have given us so much meaning. But change is a part of life and God is with us in the change, beckoning us on and supporting us in the journey.

If you look hard on the right you can see the teachers, also there for part of the time.

Wilson, the strong fundi, took to mixing the mud and what a great gooey, sticky mud mixture it was!



"What an interesting group of guys here.

On the left is Moses Kombo (Chairman of Cherish). Moses is an excellent manager but is not a hands-on practical person, but here he is 'having a go'. The grey hair, blue shirt man on the right is Pastor William, also prepared to have a go. He had a copy of Rob's instructions for the stove, days before this and was already "sold" on the idea.

He needs a new Kitchen at Kerry Children's, already has a copy of the drawings from me and here he is 'in the mud'. He borrowed the moulds and determinedly left site today saying he was going to make bricks tomorrow!

The dark guy 2nd from the left was one of the community guys, said he lived near the prison, was invited by Wilson, and Wilson is the last guy in the photo, half chopped off."

For further updates on details contact Judy Lowe who can add you to her mail out list for Lyn and Pam's contacts.



Andrew Hosking for Community Outreach Group.

Kenya 2013 Outreach (GWUC Members Style)

Many members of the church may have heard via the “grapevine” about the current status of Pam and Lyn’s Kenya trip. For those who may need to catch-up here is the latest information as the Bulletin goes to press.

The construction of the kitchen that was largely funded by donations from GWUC members has now been fully completed. This includes a concrete floor that the Cherish people have had to fund for themselves. During their stay, the tireless pair have been making some trips to create new and valuable links between various orphanages in the area.

One of these trips was to Kivuli about 3 hours drive from Nakuru. It is run by two young adults Dee and Dan Rutherford,” Aussies who are managers and probably the creators of Kivuli,” says Lyn.

Thanks go to Robert Latimer (Lyn’s friend from Nth Ringwood UCA), the creator of the plans for the Mud Brick Stove, Lyn has commenced building, in the Cherish kitchen, the new indoor stove is shown in the picture below.



I laid the first couple of bricks and then handed over to the other guys to lay bricks. I DIDN'T put on the rubber gloves as I wasn't going to suggest that there were any muzungu tricks.



One of the things that has struck the steering committee is how many people have not recognised the dissonance in the congregation. For many people, it is because they have not been involved in it and that is wonderful. However, to some degree that dissonance is a part of the wonderful, flawed human beings that all of us are. Because we are different people and have different experiences and groups that we associate with, we can pull in different directions to others. That is a part of who we are. Sometimes we are pulling so hard that no one can get anywhere. When we received the life and witness report, we had a chance to receive it humbly, to ask ourselves how are we contributing to the dissonance, to ask who is being hurt and feeling left out. We have had the opportunity to ask forgiveness as the gospel calls us to, to receive God's overflowing grace and to connect with others in love and find healing. Our challenge for the future is to be humble and loving, not good and correct; inclusive of others particularly those new amongst us, not just be comfortable with those we know; and be accepting of others differences and finding unity in our faith in Jesus Christ and the mission that God calls us to at GWUC.

Mark Easton.

Recommendations

The Steering Committee believes that for these proposals to be successful, they should be taken together. There is also a significant amount of work remaining to be done, which should be undertaken by the new Church Council.

Recommendation 0: That these recommendations be taken en bloc and voted upon as a single group. The new Church Council is to take responsibility for all subsequent management and implementation of these plans beyond 1 Sep 2013.

At the core of these recommendations is the need for the whole church community to “accept and affirm” each other in a spirit of love. Our first two recommendations address this need.

Recommendation 1: All church groups, recognizing the importance of intentional worship, are encouraged to set aside time in group meetings to participate in a) deep personal reflection and sharing of concerns (10 minutes); b) interactive and reflective group bible study (10 minutes).

Recommendation 2: Every member of the congregation be encouraged to belong to a faith sharing and pastoral care group. Particular emphasis should be on developing cross age groups. Such groups would meet at a time to suit them and oversight would be through the Faith Development and Inclusive Mission Groups.

Recommendations (ctd ... 2)

The Steering Committee was asked specifically to look at how to reduce the size of Council in a "pastorally sensitive way", and to move to a Council where 50% of its members were under 55 years in age. This recommendation addresses that brief.

Recommendation 3: That the congregation proceed to call for nominations for the 10 elected members to the new church council, and that elections be held in time for the new council to take over responsibility from the existing church council from 1 Sep 2013. Existing Councillors will be asked to voluntarily stand down from the council, unless elected as councillors from 1 Sep 2013. A service of thanksgiving to be held early in Sep 2013 for those councillors voluntarily standing down.

Recommendation 3b: That congregation recognises that a generational change in church leadership is of great importance for the future vitality of GWUC and that active steps are made towards this goal.

Recommendation 3c: That the congregation notes that the Council will continue to include up to two co-opted members of the congregation, and encourages the Ministry Team to identify one of their number who shall be the designated Council member from the Ministry Team.

In addition, the Elders Council also needed to be reduced in size, and merged with the new Council.

Recommendation 4: That the congregation acknowledge the devoted service of the many elders called to serve at Glen Waverley since Union, and recognizing the need for a clear spiritual direction for the church, approve the new identity of 10 joint Elders and Councillors from 1 Sep 2013, and encourage all existing Elders to voluntarily stand down as elders (unless elected as new councillors and elders), and transfer their service roles to the new worship and pastoral task groups. A service of thanksgiving to be held early in Sep 2013 for those elders voluntarily standing down.

The existing Mission Groups are asked to take over much of the work that previously occupied Church Council. This recommendation formalizes the transfer of such responsibilities to the Mission Groups.

Recommendation 5: That the congregation adopt the new governance structure transferring day-to-day stewardship of church life to the four Mission Groups: Faith Development, Inclusive Community, Community Hub, and Outreach, including the formation of specific task teams within Mission Groups where needed.

Most of the work of the Mission Groups will be undertaken by small groups, of whom the members will be all members of the congregation, called according to their spiritual gifts.

Recommendations (ctd ... 3)

Recommendation 6: That the congregation calls upon all members to join in the activities of at least one Mission Group so that all members shall be seen as servants of the community.

There continues to be a need for the existing committees of Property, Finance and Communications.

Recommendation 7: That the congregation affirm the continuing need for the current responsibilities of each of the Property Committee, Finance Committee, and Communications Committee, and asks each of them to review their operations in the light of these new church structures, and any new directives from the new Church Council.

The Ministry Team will be expected to undertake a significant part of their ministry through the Mission Groups. They will also have an altered relationship with the Church Council to improve council-team liaison.

Recommendation 8: That the congregation requests the Ministry Team to identify amongst themselves their time allocation to each of the four Mission Groups, and to nominate the primary Ministry Team member for each Mission Group, and for the new Church Council.

Brace Bateman, Belinda Chung, Mark Easton, Margaret Fraser, John Hurst, Bronwyn Lowe.

Prayers for our new Church Structure

Following the meeting on Monday night we would like to ask for your continued prayers and discernment as we continue to build our Community of Love.

Please begin to prayerfully discern the vision which you have for the new Council, and who you believe God has called to this ministry.

An information session will be held at 2pm on Sunday 21 July to explore the role of the new Council. More information regarding Council nominations will be shared next week.

Warren Bartlett and Neil Skilton - Congregational Chair and Secretary.