

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 - November 2013					
Time	November 3 Pentecost 24	November 10 Pentecost 25	November 17 Pentecost 26	November 24 Christ the King, or The Reign of Christ	
8.00 am	Rev Brace Bateman Communion	Ross Mackinnon Communion	Ross Mackinnon Communion	Rev Evan Laidlaw Communion	
9.15 am	Alison Clarkson / Belinda Clear Communion	Alanee Hearnshaw	Rev Dr Warren Bartlett	Rev Dr Warren Bartlett Baptism	
11.00 am	Alison Clarkson	Alanee Hearnshaw	Rev Dr Warren Bartlett Communion		
4.30 pm	Belinda Clear	Belinda Clear	Belinda Clear	Belinda Clear	
7.00 pm	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Moderator Mr Dan Wootton Alanee Hearnshaw	
Lectionary	Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 Psalm 119:137-144 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 Luke 19:1-10	Haggai 1:15b - 2:9 Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 or Psalm 98 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 Luke 20:27-38	Isaiah 65:17-25 Isaiah 12 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Luke 1:68-79 Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43	
Liturgical Colour	Green	Green	Green	Green	White

SERVICE OF REMEMBERING
Tuesday 26 November - 7:30pm
Alison Clarkson

OCTOBER

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6 October	<i>2pm</i>	Pastoral Partners Training
12 October	<i>8.30am</i>	Annual Fete
17 October	<i>10am</i>	The Hub Senior's Morning Tea
27 October	<i>2.30pm</i>	Seniors Service
NOVEMBER		
5 November	<i>All Day</i>	Melbourne Cup Day - Office Closed
16/17 November	<i>All Day</i>	Synod Youth Leadership Training
DECEMBER		
1 December	<i>12 noon</i>	Family Christmas Lunch



BURWOOD HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH

Presents

FREE SPIRIT SINGING FOR SWAZILAND



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

Sunday 13th October 2013

2:00pm

Burwood Heights Uniting Church

Admission \$15.00 / \$12 concession
includes Afternoon Tea

Tickets available at the door or from
Chris 03 9884 0567

Proceeds support POSSIBLE DREAM INTERNATIONAL

2013 FUND RAISING EVENTS

To Support Our Church Mission
Programme & Activities

EVENT	ORGANISED BY	AMOUNT RAISED
Book Fair \$2,763.15 Morning Tea \$266.40	GOLD FISH / CHOIR	\$ 3,029.55
Pizza & Pasta Night	AQUA FISH	\$ 1,110.00
Asian Dinner	YELLOW & RED FISH	\$ 2,729.10
Pleasant Sunday Afternoon (Monash Chorale)	Uniting Voices	\$ 1,820.00
Craft Exhibition	Margaret Lemke & Faye Wagon	\$ 2,200.00
An Afternoon with Free Spirit	FREE SPIRIT	\$ 1,925.00
TOTAL AMOUNT RAISED (REVISED)		\$ 12,813.65



**SPECIAL MORNING TEA
DURING SENIORS' MONTH**

**Thursday 17th October 2013
10.00 am to 12.00 noon**



Come and share morning tea to thank our seniors who volunteer their time to help our community in so many different ways



**Bring your family and friends
ALL AGES WELCOME**

**Glen Waverley Uniting Church
cnr Bogong Avenue & Kingsway, Glen Waverley**

If you are planning to attend, please add your name to the list on the office counter. This will assist our volunteers with catering.
Many thanks.

Community Outreach Group Notifications for Fete 2013

- Cherish Exchange Foundation, Nakuru, Kenya
- The Glencoe Foundation (Australia) - Walk for Life
- Mission in Action - Kenya
- Friends of Baguia - East Timor
- Friends of Ermera - East Timor
- Pitjantjatjara Bible Translation Project (BTPP)
- Uniting Aged Care Strathdon
- Christian Religious Education teachers at Glenallen Special School
- Lentara Uniting Care Asylum Seeker Project (OEASSN)

As you will recall these are the chosen recipients of funding from the GWUC Fete 2013. Want to know more? Then attend Fete 2013 and there you will find a display of each organisation with information explaining the purposes being funded by your Fete and a little information about the communities that will be assisted.

Community Day

When: Friday 25 October 2013

Where: St Mark's Uniting Church, Chadstone
(cnr Edward & Burton Streets)

Time: Morning Tea at 10.00am. Service at 10.30am

Guest Speaker: Val Harvey

Enquiries: Nancy Burns 9802 4281



THE HUB

The Hub continues to be a busy place where we welcome and offer hospitality to people seeking company, people who come for a cuppa and a chat, people needing some time out in their busy day, and people wanting to practise talking in everyday English conversations.

Our Muffin Morning at The Hub was a great success, and we now look forward to our Seniors' Morning Tea on Thursday 17th October, 10am to 12noon. Please come and support our Seniors, many of whom volunteer their time to help in our community in many different ways. All ages welcome.

A lunch and get-together will be held on Sunday 27th October at 12.30pm for all Hub Volunteers. Please bring a small plate of food to share.

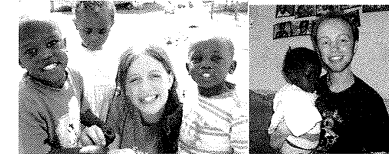
Come and join us during the week at The Hub for a cuppa, a biscuit and a chat. We operate on Tuesday and Thursday 10am - 2pm, and Wednesday 10am - 12noon during school terms, and would love to see you

COOEE

Friday at 12noon is the time when you are welcome to come to the church, BYO lunch, and enjoy the company of others at Cooe. Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided. You might like to stay for a game of Scrabble or UNO after lunch. All are welcome to attend.

Climb FOR Kenya

CONCERT



A pleasant afternoon of classical and contemporary music featuring Trio Archipalego (piano, french horn, soloist) and many other talented singers and musicians.

WHEN: Saturday 19th October

WHERE: Glen Waverley Uniting Church
Cnr Bogong Ave and Kingsway Glen Waverley

TIME: 2pm-4pm.

COST: Suggested donation of \$15 adult, \$10 child/concession, \$40 family- paid at the door.

Afternoon tea available for a small donation.

On the 5th of January 2014, Jacob and Bethany Davey will be part of **two teams of climbers** who will depart Australia to climb to the Uhuru peak of Mt Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, in an effort to raise funds for two children's homes in Kenya:



MISSION CHILDREN'S HOME

SULUHISHO
a net for society for all

Both organisations not only provide hope and a home to abandoned children but also work tirelessly in their local communities. www.climbforkenya.com.au

Enquiries: Debbie Brewster 0409 798 496

Jacob Davey 0421 929 603

Bethany Davey 0420 260 323

Inclusive Community Report

Munch with a Bunch - Thirty-five people enjoyed lunch at the Waverley RSL on Sunday 22 October. The food was very good and those who dine alone enjoyed the company of others. If you dine alone and feel that you have been left out, please talk to Jan.

Pastoral Partners - We are looking forward to the workshop on Sunday 6 October 2pm-4pm when Sue Clarkson will be our guest presenter. The topic will be "The Art of Pastoral Care". If you want to know more about the program please join us. The last workshop for this year will be on Sunday 17 November 2pm-4pm so put that date in your diary.

English Classes - Thursdays 11.15am-12.15pm. Thanks to the volunteer tutors who are helping us with these programs. We have 5 or 6 people who are attending regularly. The classes will resume on Thursday 10 October. If you would like to help with these classes, please talk to Jan.

The Senior's Seminar was held on Saturday 14 October. Participants enjoyed listening to interesting speakers and shared a delicious lunch together. Thanks Alison for organising this event.

Another Diary Date - Pleasant Sunday afternoon at Glen Waverley Anglican Church on Sunday 13 October at 2pm. There will be musical items, afternoon tea for a gold coin donation. We have organised this event with GWUCs Seniors Committee to celebrate Seniors' month in Monash so it would be great if you could attend.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 7 October at 10am in the Outer Vestry.

LEISURE TIME

Leisure Time regular normal Monday activities recently have been quite diverse, with a number of guest speakers, including Irene Marriott who told us of the early days in Glen Waverley. Other speakers talked about the Kenya visit, travel in Austria & Hungary, and some early Australian gold mining history. Craft, games, quizzes and musical items added to the variety.

We have also had outings to Morning Melodies, the Pinewood Theatre, whilst on September 30 we took buses to Darnum to visit the Musical Hall. Recently Leisure Time has purchased two wheelchairs to assist guests on outings.

Unfortunately winter ills and chills have affected Leisure Time Guest attendance, and we are seeking new members. Referrals from within or outside the congregation would be welcomed.

Finally, have you seen the new Leisure Time banner, which is now displayed on appropriate occasions?

PLAYGROUPS

Another busy and happy term has finished. Currently we are having a two week break, but each group is planning informal get-togethers at local parks during the holidays. All our groups are still full and there are about 12 people on the waiting list. Our dedicated team of leaders is full of energy and creative ideas for stimulating and entertaining the children.

A warmly-received recent initiative has been a lively and informative newsletter put together by Rebecca and Kerryn, two of our "Church" mums. They are planning to produce one each term.

Other recent highlights have been hearing about special festivals in India and Korea, and admiring the beautiful traditional costumes which children have worn to playgroup. We were delighted that some Leisure Time guests and some Hub visitors came to see these beautiful little children and meet their mothers.

If you would like to know more about any of these groups, or if you would like to help in any way, please contact Judith on 9803 8373.

A Letter to the Congregation

Dear Friends,

We are God's people living out God's Mission

During August all of the then current Elders and Councillors were given a choice, whether to continue on until the end of their terms or voluntarily stand down to enable the Church Council to be streamlined in line with Caroline Kitto's recommendations.

The following Elders elected to stay on as elders until the end of their term: Marjorie Bedford (term expires 2016) and Graeme Frecker (term expires 2014). We wish them every blessing as they continue their good work.

The following Elders elected to stand down with effect from 1 September 2013: John Battison, Jonathan Chong, Belinda Chung, Alison Clarkson, Belinda Clear, Jan Clear, Ken Devos, Margaret Duncan, Mark Easton, Geraldine Fleming, Margaret Fraser, Shirley Harding, Heather Hon, Lois Hosking, John Hurst, Gail Irvine, John Kenez, Barbara Krieger, Glenn Laub, Judy Lowe, Kaye MacKinnon, Ross MacKinnon, Beverly McGlead, Ian McMillan, Kaye Morgan, Sue Morgan, Laurel Muir, Doug Newberry, Gael O'Brien, Elwyn Pederson, Bev Richardson and Jit Tan.

The following Church Councillors elected to stand down with effect from 1 September 2013: Lynne Boyer, Belinda Chung, Alison Clarkson, Belinda Clear, Jan Clear, Yan Emms, Vida Foo, John Hurst, Ashley Irvine, Gail Irvine, Glenn Laub, Murray Lowe, Ross MacKinnon, Dean Mann, Beverly McGlead, David Morgan, John Muir, Doug Newberry, Bev Richardson, Kelly Skilton, Peter Stewart, Jit Tan, Margaret Williams.

The new Church Councillors and Elders are: Jacob Davey, Mark Easton, Vida Foo (Secretary), Herb Fleming, Katie Hunter, Ashley Irvine (Treasurer), Gail Irvine, Judy Lowe, Elwyn Pederson, Helen Stewart (Chair), plus ministers in placement.

We thank all present and past Elders and Councillors and recognise their endurance in tough times and their vital contribution to the work and life of this Uniting Church. They have been and continue to be a shining example of 'taking up the cross of Jesus.' May they continue to serve the Church as the Spirit leads.

As Chair of Council I have been meeting with Convenors of Groups and Committees to listen to stories and seek their direction as we forge a path ahead. What strikes me is their passion. This is heartening. I have also met with many members of the Congregation. In listening to stories what strikes me is what I would term 'sadness'. This can't be and must not be 'swept under the carpet.'

Trust has been broken !

A renewed commitment to Christ, prayer, worship and genuine communication is the way ahead for us. To restore trust is the task of every member of this Church Community. It is especially the task of Ministry Team and every member of Church Council. As we move into the future I urge members to direct their questions to Church Council and the Ministry Team. As Chair of Council I am keen to meet with each and every member of this Congregation. Please do not rely on rumours or innuendo! I welcome the opportunity of hearing each person's story for within each is the personal journey of faith and intertwined is our story here at Glen Waverley Uniting Church.

The New Church Councillors were elected at the August Congregational Meeting. They commenced duties on the 1st September. The initial meeting on 9th September was chaired by Rev Dr Warren Bartlett. The brief presented to the New Church Council by the Congregation places the emphasis on 'Spiritual Growth'. Council is mindful that administrative matters will still require attention, but as far as possible, we will be guided in these matters by Missional Groups, Property, Finance and Communication Committees and other members of the Congregation. Church Council members have accepted responsibility to provide Spiritual Leadership. However, as members belonging to a faith community we are all disciples following the example set by Jesus of Nazareth. All of us take part in the Spiritual growth of Glen Waverley Uniting Church. What must be accentuated is the pivotal role of the Faith Group in connecting Missional Activism with a Spiritual Wellspring. Discern your gifts by asking for God's guidance. Is Christ calling you? Pray and reflect on where the Holy Spirit leads.

Church Council meets again on 8th October. The minutes of meetings are available on the wiki and Heather Hon in the Church Office has a copy which you can access. The direction ahead is clearly visible within the business of Church Council.

Please know that the New Church Council gratefully acknowledges and recognises the dedicated endeavours of former Councillors and Elders who have so tirelessly led our Congregation. These people continue to be recognised for their faith in leading us over many, many years. United not only in name, but in journey. Never lose sight of the strength of this faith community. In God's love we have stood the test of time.

Go in faith to love and serve our Loving Lord

Helen Stewart
Chair of Council