



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

PREACHING PLAN - February 2014

Time	February 2 Epiphany 4	February 9 Epiphany 5	February 16 Epiphany 6	February 23 Epiphany 7
8.00 am	Lois Hosking	Ross Mackinnon	Peter Baker	Neil Peters Ross Mackinnon
9.15 am	Neil Peters Communion	Neil Peters	Neil Peters Belinda Clear	Alanee Hearnshaw
11.00 am	Neil Peters	Neil Peters Alison Clarkson	Neil Peters Communion	Neil Peters
4.30 pm	Belinda Clear	Belinda Clear	Belinda Clear	Belinda Clear
7.00 pm	-	-	Bring A Plate Meal	Alanee Hearnshaw
Lectionary	Micah 6:1-8 Psalm 15 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 Matthew 5:1-12	Isaiah 58:1-9a(9b-12) Psalm 112:1-9(10) 1 Corinthians 2:1-12(13-16) Matthew 5:13-20	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 119:1-8 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Matthew 5:21-37	Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 Psalm 119:33-40 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23 Matthew 5:38-48
Liturgical Colour	Green	Green	Green	Green

JANUARY

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6-11 January	<i>All day</i>	NCYC
19 January	<i>10am</i>	Combined Worship followed by Ministry Team thanks followed by light luncheon
27 January	<i>8pm</i>	Church Information Session on Church Information Systems
30 January	<i>7.30pm</i>	Induction Service for Rev Neil Peters followed by supper
31 January - 2 February	<i>All day</i>	Youth Retreat
FEBRUARY		
2 February	<i>9.15am and 11am</i>	Rev Neil Peters first services at Glen Waverley Uniting Church



Welcome to Neil Peters!

We are all excited that our new minister, Neil Peters, arrives in January.

We can now confirm that Neil's Induction Service will take place at 7.30pm on Thursday 30 January at Glen Waverley Uniting Church.

You are warmly invited to come along and share in this special event. Please note the date in your diary now!



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Wanted!

Walkers and/or drivers are wanted to letterbox leaflets for our Book Fair on 1 March, 2014.

To promote the book fair in the community, it is proposed to letterbox a leaflet. Therefore we require 20 people who enjoy walking and/or driving, to deliver, after 16th February, to houses.

Any assistance, great or small, will be very much appreciated.

Names can either be added to the list on the Office counter, or given to Ian McMillan (phone) 9803 1813.

Mission Liaison Group - towards transport costs of sending charitable goods overseas:	\$2,000
Uniting World - midwives for Sth Sudan; child education, India; West Timor, business loans:	\$1,000
Frontier Services - towards night flying training for Centralian (Alice Springs) Patrol Padre:	\$5,000
High Street (Frankston) UC - to establish a maternal healthcare program in Nth India:	\$2,000
SHARE/Lentara UnitingCare - to assist the operations of Brimbank (Sunshine) 'Men's Shed':	\$4,000
SHARE/Uniting Church - NSW Bushfire Appeal:	\$5,000
SHARE/UnitingWorld Philippines Typhoon Appeal:	\$5,000
SHARE/UnitingCare Werribee Support and Housing - replenish food voucher supplies:	\$3,000
TOTAL:	\$37,200

This brings the total of grants approved since 1977 to \$686,175.
Allan J Clark - Convener, Sammy Stamp.

Post Script:-

For the year ending 12/12/2013 sales have now reached about \$48,322 (last year \$42,616).

We have now finished for 2013 and will commence normal operations on Thursday 6/2/2014, but trimming days will be held from Thursday 9/01/2014.

Thanks for your help during 2013 and Sammy Stamp wishes you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Any queries please ring me on 9557 1008.

Regards -

Allan J Clark - Convener.

2013 - Another Bumper Year for Sammy Stamp!

I am pleased to report that due to continued support of Church and non-church groups, individuals and businesses, scattered about Victoria, Tasmania and indeed, Australia, sales have reached a record of about \$47,228. As at 5/12/2013 (same week last year, \$42,006). We thank all involved. Acknowledgement of a new Victorian group (Sammy's Flippers) generous recent donation of over \$13,000 from their activities to our sales figure above is given with thanks.

Sales since 1977 to 5/12/2013 now total about \$704,410.

I also wish to thank the volunteers from our pool of about 40 persons who come in on a Thursday to trim, sort and sell the stamps received so that many worthy causes can be supported: average weekly attendance, about 21 persons.

I also thank members of Synod Staff, David Wang and Kym, David Pargeter and others in the finance department for the assistance given to help our work to continue. We also appreciate the SHARE team for their assistance.

During the year, I spoke to six groups (5 last year, 9 in 2011) including at Albury Uniting Church. Melva spoke at one, Leon at three, and Ray at two.

The number of requests for the Sammy Stamp DVD this year was 6 compared with 13 in 2012 and 26 in 2011. Perhaps most people have seen the DVD.

Below is the list of grants approved during 2013 totalling \$37,200 (last year \$39,705).

SHARE/UnitingCare Community Options - Tasmania	
Bushfires Appeal:	\$2,000
Glen Waverley Uniting Church - to help build a kitchen in Kenya to support street children:	\$2,000
SHARE/Uniting Care East Burwood Counselling - support for its service:	\$3,200
Leighmoor Uniting Church - assist in upgrading kitchen for their 'men's shed':	\$2,000
Supporting the Vanuatu Prevention of Blindness Project:	\$1,000

Inclusive Community Report

Members of the Inclusive Community committee would like to wish you a very happy new year. May we all be aware of God's love in our individual lives and in our church family as we share experiences together.

Welcome - Elwyn Pederson has joined our committee and we would like to welcome her. We look forward to working with her.

Morning Tea - On 22 December, we enjoyed morning tea together after the combined service. It was great that so many people were able to stay and share this special pre-Christmas time of fellowship.

Reminders - On Sunday 19 January, we will worship together at 10am and will have the opportunity to thank members of the Ministry Team who have led us so well during a very difficult year. This service will be followed by lunch. (Salad rolls, fruit salad-donation \$5 per person)

Induction Service - On Thursday 30 January, Rev. Neil Peters' Induction service will be held at GWUC. The service will commence at 7.30pm and will be followed by supper. We hope that you will be able to join us for these special services.

Diary Date - Munch with a Bunch. Our first lunch for 2014 will be at 12.30pm on Sunday 23 February at the Waverley RSL.

Questions ...

Ever wondered what is going on in the church? Need to know someone's phone number? When am I next rostered? Who has booked the church for next Wednesday night? The church computer systems have all this information, and it can be yours in a couple of clicks.

On Monday, 27 Jan 2014, we are running a **Church Information Session on the Church Information Systems.**

It will be in room 1 at 8pm, and we will explain to you what information is available, where it is kept, how it is looked after, and how you can access it. You will be introduced to the new PSALTER system, which everyone can use, even if you have no computer of your own. You will be amazed at what you can learn!

John Hurst and David Morgan

Church IT Group

Feedback on Justice and International Mission Unit work areas

September 2013

Each year the Justice and International Mission Unit is keen to get feedback from its supporters, that is you, about what issues you would like the Unit to resource you to take action on. An issue may be important, but you might believe the Unit is not the best organization to provide the resources to address the issue, or the Unit's resources are best directed to other issues. So please fill out the survey below and post it back to us at:

Justice and International Mission Unit
Uniting Church Centre
130 Little Collins Street
Melbourne, Victoria, 3000

The levels of response are:

- Do not support work on the issue;
- Not interested in the issue;
- Passive support – you are glad the Unit is working on the issue, but not willing to take action on the issue yourself;
- Minor support – you are willing to undertake minor actions in support of the issue, such as signing a petition or postcard;
- Moderate support – you are willing to take a higher level of support for the issue, such as writing a letter, attending a forum or rally on the issue or getting others to sign a petition;
- Strong support – you are willing to be very active on the issue, such as encouraging others to be active on the issue, willing to organize events in support of addressing the issue, or willing to visit your local MP on the issue.

Please tick the box that indicates your level of support for the issues below. You can indicate your support to be resourced on as many issues as you think you have energy for. Please note the survey goes over the page.

Existing Issues

Issue	Strong Support	Moderate Support	Minor Support	Passive Support	Not Interested	Do Not Support
1. Asylum Seekers and Refugees						
2. Combatting human trafficking and slavery						
3. Covenanting						
4. Poverty in Australia						
5. Overseas Poverty						
6. Mental Health Reform						
7. Support for people with disabilities						
8. Climate Change						
9. Alcohol Reform						
10. Fair Trade						
11. Gambling Reform						
12. Child Labour						
13. TAFE cuts in Victoria						
14. Ending the Persecution of Christians Overseas						

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15. Peace building in Israel - Palestine						
16. Nuclear Disarmament						
17. Peace Building in Afghanistan						
18. Criminal Justice Reform						

New Issues

Issue	Strong Support	Moderate Support	Minor Support	Passive Support	Not Interested	Do Not Support
1. Peace-building in Syria						
2. Domestic Violence						

State you are from (Please circle): Tasmania / Victoria





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On this occasion we would like to acknowledge their work and ask that if you would like to make a contribution to this, to please pass your donation to either Faye Wagon or Helen Stewart.

This service will be followed by a light lunch.

To make the task of catering a little easier, it would be appreciated if you would add your name to the list on the office counter to indicate your attendance at this lunch.

The cost of the lunch is \$5.00 per person and will be [make your own] salad rolls, fruit salad and jelly.

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