

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 - March 2014					
Time	March 2 Transfiguration of Jesus	March 9 Lent 1	March 16 Lent 2	March 23 Lent 3	March 30 Lent 4
8.00 am	Ross Mackinnon Communion	Ross Mackinnon Communion	Ross Mackinnon Communion	Ross Mackinnon Communion	Rev Neil Peters Ross Mackinnon Communion
9.15 am	Rev Neil Peters Communion	Rev Neil Peters Belinda Clear	Rev Neil Peters	Rev Neil Peters Free Spirit	Alanee Hearnshaw
11.00 am	Rev Neil Peters Uniting Voices	Rev Neil Peters Alanee Hearnshaw	Rev Neil Peters Alison Clarkson Communion Uniting Voices	Rev Neil Peters	Rev Neil Peters
2.30 pm	-	-	-	Alison Clarkson Rev Neil Peters	-
4.30 pm	Belinda Clear	Belinda Clear	Belinda Clear	Belinda Clear	Belinda Clear
7.00 pm	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw
Lectionary	Exodus 24:12-18 Psalm 2 or Psalm 99 2 Peter 1:16-21 Matthew 17:1-9	Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11	Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 121 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17	Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42	1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 23 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41
Liturgical Colour	White	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple

Ash Wednesday Service - 7.30pm - Rev Neil Peters

FEBRUARY

2 February	<i>9.15am and 11am</i>	Rev Neil Peters first services at Glen Waverley Uniting Church
7-9 February	<i>All day</i>	Youth Retreat - Mt Martha
13 February	<i>7.30pm</i>	Asylum Seeker Information Session High Street Road Uniting Church

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MARCH

1 March	<i>8.30am - 1pm</i>	Book Sale
2 March	<i>All day</i>	COP Applications Opening
6 March	<i>10am</i>	Special Morning Tea at The Hub



Solar Panels

Our church is shortly to install solar panels as part of our effort to reduce our carbon footprint, as requested by the Synod. Here is an interesting story on how a North Carolina church in the US went about their installation of solar panels. It is a long URL, and to save typing, you may prefer to access it through the PSALTER (the new church wiki) HeadLines page (<http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/HeadLines>):

<http://cbfblog.com/2014/01/12/historic-n-c-church-begins-new-ministry-journey-with-solar-powered-facilities/>

John Hurst

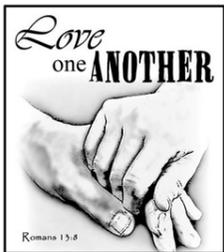
COP Applications Opening Soon!

Glen Waverley Uniting Church will shortly be offering the proceeds of the Annual Fete to Local, State, National and Global Community Projects.

Community Outreach Group accepts applications for Congregational Outreach Project (COP) grants from the 2014 Fete proceeds. Applications open on Sunday 2 March 2014.

To make an Application collect the documents from the Church Office OR download them from the Wiki at:

<http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/CopProjects2014>.



Someone needing a Visit or Pastoral Care?

If you hear of anyone who is in hospital, or at home unwell, and know they would appreciate a visit from one of our Ministry Team please contact either:- Jan Clear - 9803 6820, Alison Clarkson - 9560 3167 or Heather Hon in the church office - 9560 3580. If we don't know about - we can't follow it up.

So don't keep it to yourself - let us know - and we will be more than happy to make contact.

Book Sale

1000s of Secondhand Books



Glen Waverley
Uniting Church

cnr Kingsway & Bogong Ave

Saturday
1 March

8:30am-1:00pm

Enjoy a Devonshire Tea

Donations of books welcomed from February 24



Proceeds to support the work of Glen Waverley Uniting Church

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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.

Asylum Seekers in the Community: Is there a role for us?

At 7.30pm, Thursday February 13, Mohammed Isah, the program manager of the Asylum Seeker program at Lentara Uniting Care, will summarise the ASP program (previously run by Hotham Mission) and outline plans to give congregational members/concerned citizens a chance to reach out to asylum seekers living legally in the community, to give them a sense of belonging. All are welcome. Details on notice board.

Special Morning Tea at The Hub with Conversations around the Needs of Seniors in Monash.

On Thursday 6th March, 10am – 12noon, we will be having a special morning tea at The Hub which will include conversations led by Monash Council Positive Ageing Lifestyles' staff around various issues concerning the needs of our senior residents.

Monash Council is working towards becoming an “Age Friendly City” – seeking to improve the living experience of senior residents, and making Monash a place where older people are supported, connected and valued for their contribution to community and family life.

Come along to the The Hub, bring your friends, and join in the conversations while enjoying morning tea together.

Inclusive Community Report - February 2014

Holidays are over and we begin a busy year as we enjoy exciting experiences together as members of the GWUC family and we get to know Neil, Lynne and their family.

Munch with a Bunch Programs: If you are part of this group you should have received your January-June program. If you don't have one please let Heather know and we'll make sure that you get one.

Morning Tea: There will be morning tea after the 11am service on Sunday 9 February. Please join us.

Lunch: Our first MWAB lunch for 2014 will be on Sunday 23 February at the RSL at 12.30pm. We would like you to pay Jan or the office by Sunday 16 February. (\$20)

Reminder: Pancake Day is on Tuesday 4 March. We will be selling pancakes from 11am -1pm. Come and have lunch with us.

Meeting: Our first Inclusive Community meeting for the year will be on Wednesday 5 February at 2.30pm in the outer vestry.

A Letter to the Congregation

Dear Friends,

A new year has begun, full of promise, and we know that once more the Lord has provided for us. Glen Waverley Uniting Church has been blessed with Neil accepting the call to come here and minister to us. The hymns he especially chose for his Induction reflected his deep commitment to continue to offer his life to Christ. The words of these hymns remain in our minds and being, long after they have been sung. “Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.”

I would especially like to thank Free Spirit and Uniting Voices for their musical contribution to the Induction Service.

We face the New Year with hope. Church Council have decided to set aside time during February for strategic planning. A number of recommendations put forward by the Future Directions Steering Committee will be discussed. A decision to go forward with some of these recommendations and dispense with others may be made. In all we do as a Church Council we seek to be obedient to God as we serve the Glen Waverley Uniting Church Community.

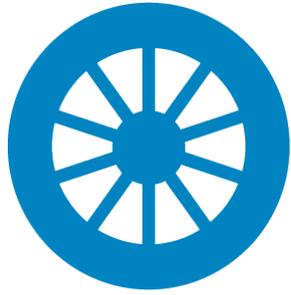
Take time today to think about the future God has planned for us. We ask God to sustain us in the year ahead and pray for eyes to see our own particular capacities and the contribution we could make to serve Christ. It is timely to ask for the grace to do whatever the Lord asks.

Blessings.

Helen Stewart - Chair of Church Council.

Hot Cross Bun Morning Tea at The Hub

On Thursday 3rd April, 10am – 12noon, we will be having our Hot Cross Bun Morning Tea at The Hub with all donations going to The Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. Staff from The Body Shop at The Glen will be joining us as we work together in this special community event. We look forward to seeing you, your family and your friends.



COMMUNITY HUB

The Community Hub Mission Group (CHMG) wishes the congregation a happy and healthy 2014, and welcomes all to participate in any of the following activities.

THE HUB

The Hub, a welcoming and friendly place for people of all ages, is starting again this week for 2014. Come and join us for a cuppa, a biscuit and a chat.

The Hub operates in the church foyer on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10am – 2pm, and Wednesdays 10am – 12noon, during school terms.

On Thursday 6th March, 10am – 12noon, we will have a special morning tea, which will include conversations led by Monash Council Positive Ageing Lifestyles' staff around various issues concerning the needs of our senior residents (see separate notice).

On Thursday 3rd April, 10am – 12noon, we will have our annual Hot Cross Bun Morning Tea, with all donations going to The Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

Call in at The Hub one day. We would love to see you.

COOEE

Cooee has already resumed for 2014. If you would like some company on Friday lunchtime, come along to Cooee. Bring your own lunch - a cuppa and biscuits will be provided. After lunch enjoy a few games together. Cooee members have recently enjoyed playing UNO and Scrabble.

Judith Greenwood

PLAYGROUP

2013 ended on a high note with crowds of children, parents and grandparents enjoying party food and welcoming Santa. Children moving on to Kinder and school were farewelled with our best wishes.

Our three established groups will recommence in the first week of February. Plans are underway to start a new fourth group, which will meet on Thursday mornings. This should reduce numbers to a more manageable level without turning families away.

Cupboards and equipment have been tidied in readiness for welcoming both old and new friends to our playgroup family.

Kaye Mackinnon

Leisure Time

Leisure Time will commence for the year on 3rd February. We know that our guests are very keen to meet again, with each other and our GWUC volunteers.

The Leisure Time committee is very grateful to all our regular helpers, and a few new ones, for their monthly assistance and allowing this outreach of friendship and hospitality to local isolated seniors to continue.

Please pray for a happy and safe year at Leisure Time for our guests and our helpers.

Margaret Fraser

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 98038373.