



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 - May 2014						
Time	May 4 Easter 3	May 11 Easter 4	May 18 Easter 5	May 25 Easter 6		
8.00 am	Alison Clarkson Communion Church Council Commissioning	Belinda Clear Communion	Peter Baker Communion	Rev Neil Peters Communion	Alanee Hearnshaw	Rev Neil Peters Communion
9.15 am	Rev Neil Peters Communion Church Council Commissioning	Rev Neil Peters	Rev Neil Peters Communion	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw
11.00 am	Rev Neil Peters Church Council Commissioning	Alison Clarkson	Rev Neil Peters Communion	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw
4.30 pm	Belinda Clear Church Council Commissioning	Belinda Clear	Belinda Clear	Belinda Clear	Belinda Clear	Belinda Clear
7.00 pm	Alanee Hearnshaw Church Council Commissioning	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw
Lectionary	Acts 2:1-4a, 36-41 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35	Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 23 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10	Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14	Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:8-20 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21		
Liturgical Colour	White	White	White	White	White	White

APRIL

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

7 April	<i>All day</i>	COP Applications Close
7 April	<i>2.30pm</i>	Leisure Time Annual General Meeting
13 April	<i>1.30pm</i>	Walk for Justice for Refugees
14-16 April	<i>7.30pm</i>	Reflections on the Easter Story
17 April	<i>8.00pm</i>	Maundy Thursday Service
18 April	<i>9.15am</i>	Good Friday Service
20 April	<i>10am</i>	Easter Sunday Service
MAY		
2 May	<i>6.30pm</i>	Community Fun Night
4 May	<i>7pm</i>	Monash Ecumenical Choral Service
22 May	<i>10am</i>	Australia's Biggest Morning Tea at The Hub



Recipe for a Happy Year!

Take 12 whole months. Clean them thoroughly of all bitterness, hate and jealousy. Make them just as fresh and clean as possible.

Now cut each month into 28, 30 or 31 different parts, but don't make up the whole batch at once. Prepare it one day at a time out of these ingredients:

Mix well into each day: one part of faith, one part of courage, one part of work.

Add to each day: one part of hope, faithfulness, generosity and kindness.

Blend with one part of prayer, one part of meditation and one good deed.

Season the whole with a dash of good spirits, a sprinkle of fun, a pinch of play and a cupful of good humour.

Pour all this into a vessel of love.

Cook thoroughly over radiant joy, garnish with a smile and serve with quietness, unselfishness and cheerfulness.

You're bound to have a happy year.

(from Clip Sheets, MedicCom)

Special Solar Offer to GWUC Members from Bright Solar

Bright Solar, who are installing the church solar system, have made the following offer to GWUC members.

If any member of GWUC installs a Bright Solar Electric system in their home, Bright will give you a \$200 discount on your negotiated price and give GWUC a \$200 donation.

If you wish to take up this offer, Warren Greenwood can provide a contact number for you.

[GWUC does not offer advice on solar electric systems - you will need to do your own research.]

The Christian Church in the World

There is no end to terror and oppression.

Christians Subjugated in Raqqa, Syria:

Since January 2014 the terror group ISIS has ruled the northern city of Raqqa. Sharia is enforced and the whole community lives in terror of ISIS's extreme violence. Recently 20 Christian leaders were taken captive and given three options: convert to Islam, submit to Islam as dhimmis (humiliated and subjugated under Islam) or 'face the sword'. The Christian leaders signed an agreement committing the Christian community to submission. Just as in the Middle Ages, Christians must now pay protection money (jizya) as mandated by the Qur'an (Sura 9:29). They must demonstrate respect for Islam and Muslims and abstain from all public expressions of Christianity and from renovating churches and monasteries. If they breach the agreement, ISIS will resume war against them. Please pray for Syria and its Christians.

Uzbekistan Church is Restricted and Oppressed:

After the Soviet Union collapsed in the early 1990s, Uzbekistan experienced an influx of missionaries from Western countries and South Korea who initiated considerable Church growth. However, following Islamic extremist terrorism in 1998, religious restrictions were imposed. Whilst targeted at the extremists, Christian groups were affected also. The regime oppressed believers severely. Missionaries were expelled and producing or possessing religious material incurs massive fines. Access to resources is a vast need. Meeting in homes is prohibited. Many churches meet secretly, unable to register. There is just one registered seminary which is allowed an annual intake of ten, thus restricting the education of Church leaders and members. Despite all the State oppression, the churches continue to worship and fulfil Christ's great commission to make disciples. Please pray for Uzbekistan and its Church.

From Religious Liberty Prayer Bulletin

Entertainment Books

Entertainment Books are back! In print or as an iPhone or Android app!

At \$65 each, these are packed with 25-50% off or 2-for-1 vouchers for hundreds of restaurants, hotels, attractions, sports and leisure around Melbourne. From a great way to discover new dining places to the key to 5% off your groceries for the year (5% off Wish/Safeway gift cards).

A full listing of the vouchers is available at:

<http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/>, including a searchable map.

This is a great opportunity to support the work of the church and save some money at the same time. This year there is the option to buy an electronic version of the book on your smart-phone, saving you from having to remember to carry the book with you.

Pre-orders are now open (books available on April 6th) online at:

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/189g572> (home delivery available), at the table in the foyer between services, from the office during the week or by getting in contact with Kaye Morgan on 0403451390 /kayemorgan7@gmail.com.

Ministry Team and Office News

In 2014, Ministry Team Members will be having the following days off:

Rev Neil Peters and Belinda Clear - Friday

Alanee Hearnshaw and Alison Clarkson - Tuesday

If you are in need of a Ministry Team Member on these days, please contact the office.

As you know, we are delighted when you visit the office. To streamline things, however, we are asking that if you need to have more than 10 minutes in the office, you would please phone and make an appointment. It is hoped that the office will be free for the last hour of each day so that Heather can work on confidential tasks she has.

Invitation to the Congregation and Volunteers

You are invited to attend the Leisure Time Annual General Meeting. Afternoon tea will be served after the meeting.

Under the Constitution all Church members are eligible to attend and cast a vote so come along and participate. Agenda papers will be available from the Church Office from 31 March to 6 April 2014.

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Annual General Meeting

of the

Glen Waverley Uniting Church Leisure Time

will be held at the

Glen Waverley Uniting Church

on

Monday 7 April 2014, at 2.30pm

The Agenda includes:

- Annual Report
- Audited Annual Accounts
- Speaker: Jinju Oh from Monash Council
- Election of Committee Members
- Appointment of Auditor

Pam McDonald - Secretary

27 February, 2014.

Leisure Time Volunteer List

Volunteers ... if you have not received a 2014 List, please see (or phone) Pam McDonald on 9560 9798 and she will make sure you receive one.

Hot Cross Buns on Good Friday - Friday 18 April

Following the 9.15am service on Good Friday, tea, coffee and hot cross buns will be available in the hall. Please bring some hot cross buns to share.

Sarah & Josh's Wedding - Saturday 3 May

All are invited to attend the wedding of Sarah Lorimer and Josh Weiden at 2pm on 3 May, here at the church. Please come and share with them in their celebration.

Monash Ecumenical Choral Service - 4 May at 7pm

Free Spirit and Uniting Voices are both taking part in this annual service, held this year at St. Stephen's & St. Mary's Anglican Church, Mount Waverley, at 7pm. The service includes some congregational singing. All welcome.

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea at The Hub - Thursday 22 May

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea at The Hub, with all donations going to the Cancer Council, will be held on Thursday 22 May from 10am till 12noon.

Ministry to Seniors - Saturday 31 May

Please note that the Seniors' Seminar planned for April 5 has been postponed until Saturday 31 May.

Watch Senior's Notice Board for details and application forms.

Stamps

In the Office there is a cupboard door (right side) labelled "Used Stamps". Behind the door there's a plastic box - and it needs your used stamps!

Thanks - Joy and Dorothy.

Inclusive Community Report - April 2014

Prayer Chain: We have a group of people who have offered to form the prayer chain and Beverly McGlead will convene this group. We are very pleased that this is starting up again and thank those who have offered to help. If you would still like to be part of the chain, it isn't too late, just let Heather know. If you have a prayer request that you would like passed through the chain, please contact a member of the Ministry Team or Heather in the Church Office. All information is confidential.

Enquiries: Heather in the Church Office.

Pastoral Partners: On Sunday 16 March, we had our Pastoral workshop on Prayer and Helping others to cope with Grief and Loss. These sessions were both very worthwhile. In the next few weeks, we will begin matching those who have indicated that they would be interested in becoming Pastoral Partners with those who have requested a pastoral contact person and we have been unable to provide one. We will also contact newcomers. We will publish some literature about Pastoral Partners to remind you about the important features.

Enquiries: Contact Jan (9803 6820).

Community Fun Night - An Intergenerational Event: Friday 2 May. 6.30pm-9pm. Adult group are joining us and we will have tea and entertainment. Alanee and Belinda have organised the entertainment. Jan is selling tickets from this morning - \$5 adults, \$2 children. (We do need to know numbers for catering.) (Tickets will also be available in the office.) Enquiries: Contact Jan (9803 6820).

Munch with a Bunch: Our next lunch will be at the RSL on Sunday 27 April. Envelopes and details of booking arrangements will be out soon.

Pancake Day: Pancake Day was on Tuesday 4 March. We made \$250 for Uniting Care. Thank you for your support.

Morning Tea: There will be a light lunch after the 11am service on Sunday 13 April. Please join us.

Women's World Day of Prayer was held on Friday 7 March. The speakers, Mr and Mrs Dale were excellent and there was a real buzz in the Fellowship area during Morning Tea.

Medical Forms: Last year, we asked you to fill out a medical form and hand it to Heather, in the office. Some forms need updating so would you please see Heather in the office or fill out a form, if you have not done so before.

Meeting: Our next Inclusive Community meeting will be on Tuesday 29 April at 10.30am in the outer vestry.



**FRIDAY
MAY 2
6.30pm**

in the church hall

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO COME ALONG
FOR A GREAT NIGHT OF FUN**

“GETTING TO KNOW YOU”

This event [organised by the Inclusive Community] is for all ages - so we hope that a wide cross section of our church family will join in.

Tea will be served at 6.30 so that all the family can come.

Tea: Lasagne, Spaghetti Bolognese, Dessert.
Vegetarian & Gluten Free option will be available.

Tickets

Adults- \$5.00 : Children - \$2.00 available from
Jan Clear, Faye Wagon or the church office.

The Church Web Site is Changing - What and Why?

The church website lets the wider community know about our church and its predominant purpose is outreach. It is like an electronic brochure with content that is of interest to people beyond the congregation. Of course, its content is also useful for people within our congregation. Our web site has served us well for quite a few years, but the time has come to learn from our experience with it, preserve what is good, and update it so that it better serves our mission.

The Communications Committee has looked at our needs and what other churches do, and has developed a new design that you will see in the next few months.

This is a brief word picture of what you can expect.

Expect to see images of people on the home page that together both paints a picture of our church life as a whole and leads to information about the various activities that take place. (We will ask you before we include a photo of you that is easily recognisable).

Expect to find any content in three clicks or less.

Expect to see pages for each of the mission areas; these will be under the control of mission group leaders.

Expect to see a page where podcasts are available. Expect to see news and advertising of key events such as the fete, book sale and seasonal worship highlights.

If you are a group leader, you will be contacted soon with more information and a request for updated information for the new web site.

The Communications Committee is excited about this development. We hope that you will be too.

If you have any questions, please contact any member of the Communications Committee or John Snare on john.snare@bigpond.com or phone 9802 3170.

WALK for

JUSTICE

for

REFUGEES

PALM SUNDAY MARCH

2pm, April 13, State Library

corner Swanston & La Trobe Sts Melbourne

<https://www.facebook.com/events/576807879077076>



Walk for Justice for Refugees - Palm Sunday March on April 13.

The Uniting Church Moderator Dan Wootton is urging us to participate in the 'Walk for Justice for Refugees - Palm Sunday March' on April 13.

Rev Alistair Macrae from Wesley Uniting Church has invited participating UCA people to gather at 1.30pm at Wesley in Lonsdale Street, and 'process' down to the rally together ahead of the official 2pm start. Congregations are invited to bring banners of support with either their congregation's name or a message of refugee support, or to gather behind the Synod's banner which will also be prominent on the day.

Pair up with a mate and join the Glen Waverley UC contingent!

For further information please see an excerpt from the UCA March flyer and the Community Outreach Noticeboard.

Enquiries: Robin Pope, Heather Wilkins or Andrew Hosking.

We stand in solidarity with asylum seekers and refugees

- We believe that everyone has the right to a life that is free from persecution and life-threatening situations
- We seek to live in a society that is shaped by compassion and justice for all people including those seeking asylum in Australia
- We affirm the right of asylum seekers to live a dignified, meaningful and safe existence while their claims for protection are being processed
- We believe Australia can and should be more generous and provide resettlement and permanent protection to many more refugees and people seeking asylum