

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 2014						
Time	November 2 Pentecost 21	November 9 Pentecost 22	November 16 Pentecost 23	November 23 Pentecost 24	November 30 Advent 1	
8.00 am	Ross Mackinnon Communion	Ross Mackinnon Communion	Ross Mackinnon Communion	Rev Neil Peters Communion	Rev Neil Peters Communion	Ministry Team Combined Service followed by GWUC Lunch
9.15 am	Rev Neil Peters Belinda Clear Communion	Rev Neil Peters Alanee Hearnshaw	Rev Neil Peters Worship Team	Alanee Hearnshaw Worship Team	Alanee Hearnshaw Rev Neil Peters	
11.00 am	Rev Neil Peters	Alison Clarkson	Rev Neil Peters Communion	Alanee Hearnshaw Rev Neil Peters	Belinda Clear	
4.30 pm	Belinda Clear	Belinda Clear	Belinda Clear	Belinda Clear	Alanee Hearnshaw	
7.00 pm	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	
Lectionary	Joshua 3:7-17 Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Matthew 23:1-12	Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Psalm 78:1-7 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13	Judges 4:1-7 Psalm 123 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30	Ezekial 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 100 Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 23:31-46	Isaiah 64:1-9 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 1 Corinthians 13:9 Mark 13:24-37	
Liturgical Colour	Green	Green	Green	White	Purple	

OCTOBER

12 October

10:15am
6:00pm

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Growing Faith Reaching Community) Morning Tea
Evening Meal

18 October

8:30am

Annual Fete

19 October

Celebration Day - Fete & response slips

23 October

10:00am

Hub - Seniors Special Morning Tea

25 October

10:00am

Marriage Forum

25 October

2:30pm

Welsh Male Choirs Concert

26 October

2:30pm

A Celebration of Spring

NOVEMBER

30 November

10:00am

Combined Service & Christmas lunch



Growing Faith - Reaching Community Update

The Growing Faith - Reaching Community Task Group, decided that, rather than having a lunch, at which it could be hard to achieve a good attendance, we should do something special but quite different on Sunday, 12 October.

On that Sunday, we shall be holding a **High Morning Tea commencing at 10:15am**. This replaces the customary Morning Tea between the 9:15am service and the 11am service. Those members of the congregation who attend the 8am service are urged to join this event, after their coffee session. Also, on that day, there will be a "bring and share" **evening meal at 6pm** where those from the 4:30pm and 7pm services will be encouraged to come together. Some members of the congregation will speak briefly at each event. We strongly encourage you, if you are able, to be present for one or both of these special events.

Then, on the 19th October, there will be **Celebration Day**, where we shall celebrate the success of the Fete and make our response to the Growing Faith - Reaching Community program. Sunday October 19th is the day that we are asking you to bring your response slips, in an envelope marked "Mr Ken Hutchinson, Giving Recorder" to one of the services. During the services there will be a time of prayerful dedication and commitment following the collection of the envelopes.

The Task Group wishes to encourage members to think about the many ways that they are able to contribute to the life of our congregation. We are able to offer our time, energy, gifts and skills, prayer support and financial support. The Task Group is aware that giving has been trending downward in recent years. Whilst we do trim costs, where possible, that continuing trend will impact on the effectiveness of the ministry and mission of our congregation. We are well aware that not everybody is in a position to increase their giving. All financial contributions are gratefully received. We are, however, inviting members to prayerfully consider what they are able to give to support the vision for growing the ministry and mission of this congregation.

May God bless and guide our congregation into an exciting and fruitful future.

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Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Please visit the website (www.operationchristmaschild.org.au) if you would like to put together a box, or visit the Church Office to collect one. Please deliver completed boxes to the Church Office by Sunday 26 October.

For more information contact Kimberly Easton on 0410 708 824.

All Together All Right

Join us as Robin Mann introduces this latest book in the much-loved All Together series.

Saturday 11th October

7pm for a 7:30 start

Entry by donation

Supper served at 9pm

Brunswick Uniting Church,
212 Sydney Rd. (cnr. Merri St.)
Melways: 29G9



The Christian Church in the World

So much suffering, so much fear ... and "God cried".

Christians Flee the Killing Fields in Iraq: Genocide is being perpetrated in Nineveh as Islamic jihadists purge the province of all who refuse to submit to Allah, cleansing the land of everything 'un-Islamic'. Mosul, Iraq's second largest city, has been totally ethnically and religiously cleansed. Qaraqosh, Iraq's largest Assyrian Christian city, has been totally purged. Archbishop Sako of the Chaldean Catholic Church reports that some 70,000 displaced Christians have arrived in Ankawa, an Assyrian district on the northern edge of Arbil in Iraqi Kurdistan, while a further 60,000 Christians have arrived from Dohuk, 80km north of Mosul. Others have travelled to Kirkuk and as far as Baghdad. Archbishop Sako says, "The churches are offering everything within their capacity," but the situation is dire. These churches are in desperate need of aid. Please pray for Iraq and its believers.

Praying for a Breakthrough in Ukraine

The United Nations High Commission on Refugees (UNHCR) reports that Ukraine now has 117,000 internally displaced people (IDPs), 87 percent of whom are from predominantly Russian eastern Ukraine. Furthermore, the UNHCR reports that masses of Ukrainians are fleeing into Russia, which estimates the figure to be 730,000. Jews are leaving for Israel. The refugees are fleeing Kiev's endless shelling and the advance of neo-Nazi Right Sector militants. The violence has escalated markedly in recent months and now has the characteristics of ethnic cleansing. Russia is pressing Kiev for an unconditional cease-fire ahead of talks. Western silence is shameful. May the Lord of the Breakthrough (2 Samuel 5:20) empower the Church to break through the historic ethnic hatreds and lead the way in peace and liberty.

From Religious Liberty Prayer Bulletin

"Christ was known to weep,
Christ too had cause to wonder,
Christ too had much to fear,
But God has promised to be our hiding place
and to surround us with songs of deliverance."

(Frontier Services Order of Service 2008 - Psalm 32)

A Letter to the Congregation, October 2014

Dear Friends,

On the last Saturday morning in September Church Council gathered at a local cafe for breakfast. We shared stories, listened and laughed. As I looked around an overwhelming sense of joy gripped me as I realised that we have all bonded to carry out the duties assigned to us as a Church Council. It is now twelve months since you elected the councillors and they would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the Congregation for their love and support over the past year. When we all strive to work together, build relationships and show love in all we do God is very near.

This sense of belonging, being connected and interconnected is what we must continually strive for as a Community of Faith. In a world where there is so much disconnection, to have a sense of place is a God-given gift. Robin Pope has eloquently reflected on this 'connectedness by belonging' in her editorial in the September New View. Robin speaks of people finding their home in a smaller group within the larger GWUC Faith Community. All people have an absolute longing to be connected, to belong, to be loved and accepted. In all our relationships within the Church may we continually strive to welcome, love and accept each other.

You will find a summary of the key points of the 'Organic Vision Document' in the September New View. In November a Congregation meeting will be held to ratify this document. You will be shortly notified of the date of the next Congregation meeting.

When you turn your calendar page to October you immediately realise that the end of the year is fast approaching. Please note the events, meetings and services on your calendar.

May God continue to keep and sustain you.

Blessings,
Helen Stewart (Chair of Church Council)



**SPECIAL MORNING TEA
DURING SENIORS' MONTH**

**Thursday 23rd October 2014
10.00 am to 12.00 noon**



**Come and share morning tea with our
seniors who help in 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**

Please add your name to the list on the Office Counter if you are able to come. We would love to see you there.

What are your thoughts, views and feelings about marriage?

You are invited to share your thoughts, views and feelings on marriage, and same sex relationships, at a discussion on **Saturday 25th October at 10am till 12noon** at Glen Waverley Uniting Church.

The Assembly of the Uniting Church in Australia (UCA) has commenced a process of consultation and listening to you, the members of the UCA.

To assist you in sharing your ideas, we plan to meet and discuss the key questions raised by Assembly in relation to marriage and changing community expectations. The full details of their project, and the specific questions, can be found at <http://assembly.uca.org.au/marriage>.

At this morning discussion, all of your thoughts on the questions will be recorded and sent to the Assembly team. This will not be a collated response from the Glen Waverley Uniting Church Congregation, but rather it will be a response from each and every one of you. The specific questions we will discuss can be found in the document labelled MarriageResponseForm.pdf. Copies of the forms will also be available at the discussion day.

Please come along and take this opportunity to be heard and to influence the UCA philosophy and theology.

If you have any questions about the discussions, please contact Rev Neil Peters or Helen Stewart.

Are you an Ebay Guru?

Sue Morgan has a collection of books which have been put aside at past fetes and booksales as being of potentially greater value than other books, yet failed to sell for a higher price at the event. Would you be willing to take these books and try selling them on ebay, gumtree or another online site? All proceeds will go to the fete.

Presbytery on Show.

The Presbytery of Port Phillip East are offering something new and exciting. All congregations, agencies and Uniting Church schools of the Presbytery are encouraged to have a display about who they are and what they offer for their members and to the community. Everyone is invited to attend. It is an opportunity to learn what other churches have done and they could learn from what we do at Glen Waverley. We will have a stand on the day.

Presbytery on Show will be held on Sunday October 26th 2:30pm to 5pm at Cornish College - 65 Riverbend Road Bangholme. It is also a chance to see this Uniting Church School.

Weekends away with "The GETAWAYS" – ALL WELCOME

"The Getaways" are members of our church family who enjoy spending a few days away a couple of times a year - camping, caravanning or cabining. The destinations are only a short distance from Glen Waverley.

The weekends are an opportunity to relax and chat and get to know our fellow campers better. Some bring craft to do, others may do a crossword or go for a walk. An afternoon 'nap' is a common pastime!

We come together for a shared meal on the Saturday evening. There are no other organised activities.

Come for a whole weekend or join us for a day!

More details: Joanne Boldiston 9561 7818 | 0438 413 964 | jboldiston@bigpond.com
or Margaret Lemke 9560 8710

2014 Spring Getaway - Daylesford

Thursday 23rd October to Tuesday 28th October 2014



Daylesford Victoria Caravan Park
Ballan-Daylesford Road, Daylesford

There is still plenty of availability - call the park on **5548 3821** and quote "The Getaways" to make your booking.

2015 Autumn Getaway - Inverloch

Thursday 19th March to Tuesday 24th March 2015

Advance Notice!

Big4 Inverloch Holiday Park
2 Cuttriss Street, Inverloch

Call the park on **1800 468 375** and quote "The Getaways" to make your booking.

A deposit of 1 nights accommodation is required to secure your booking.
Please note: A \$25 cancellation fee will be charged if the booking is cancelled up to 24 hours before arrival. *Minimum 2 night booking on weekends.*

Please let Joanne or Margaret know if you are coming so that you can be contacted with extra details about each weekend.

We would LOVE you to join us!
Happy Camping!

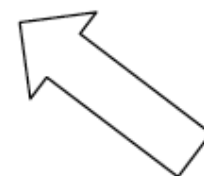


ALMOST HERE!

GRAND FETE

SATURDAY OCTOBER 18th, 2014

8.30am - 2.00pm



HAVE YOU?

- FILLED AND RETURNED YOUR \$2.00 BOXES
[place in specially marked bag in foyer]
- PUT YOUR NAME DOWN TO HELP ON A STALL
[add your name to the list on the office counter]
- ORDERED YOUR BEAC PREMIUM
[order form on office counter]
- SORTED OUT ALL THOSE PRE-LOVED ITEMS FOR OUR STALLS
[if pick up needed add details to the list on office counter]
- DECIDED TO COME ON THURSDAY 16th or FRIDAY 17th TO HELP WITH SET-UP
[just turn up - jobs for everyone] Coffee available all day!

LOTS TO DO - BE PART OF IT

BRING YOUR HAPPY FACE TO OUR HAPPY PLACE

FOR MORE INFORMATION TALK TO:

MURRAY LOWE - 9885 8513

SUE MORGAN - 9560 8024

CLIFF BAKER - 9802 8990

Glen Waverley Uniting Church Ministry to Seniors presents...

A Celebration of Spring



A special event for Seniors' Week
Music, Poetry,
Readings and
Afternoon Tea

SUNDAY 26 October 2014 at 2:30pm

Glen Waverley Uniting Church Crn Bogong & Kingsway Ave, G.W



LET ALL MEN SING Combined Concert Australian Welsh Male Choir



Melbourne Welsh Male Choir



prior to going to Canberra
to sing with the massed voices of
Male Choirs Association of Australia

2.30 pm Saturday 25th October

Glen Waverley Uniting Church

Cnr. Bogong Ave & Kingsway

Tickets \$20 9787 1233 (Eric)
9870 8891 (Phil)

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